

has been established for the purpose. Whenever knowledge comes, like most other things, to be regarded and valued according to its real utility and worth, it will be found that the branch we recommend will stand foremost in the course. It certainly seems reasonable to expect that they who are entrusted with the rearing, training, and educating of youth for the purposes of the world, and the business of life, must be anxious to have them well and early indoctrinated in those branches of knowledge which they are certain to have daily and hourly occasion for afterwards, and from the want of which they must often be exposed to doubt, perplexity and error.

Considerations of this kind make us hail with peculiar pleasure the publication of the work before us, which was greatly wanted, and which will therefore, we trust, meet with the support which it merits so well.

It is a very handsome volume—neatly printed, on excellent paper of Provincial manufacture—altogether a very good specimen of what can be done in the country; and creditable alike to the ability of the author, the enterprise of the publishers, the skill of the printers, and the taste of the binders. We hope that a second edition may be called for soon, and would rejoice to see other works of a similar kind emanating from the same pen and quarter.

THE ABBOTSFORD EDITION OF THE WAYERLY NOVELS.—PRICE 3/ EACH NO.

THE PEOPLES' EDITION OF THE WAYERLY NOVELS.—PRICE 9d EACH NO.

Edinburgh—Robert Cadell. Montreal—Armour & Ramsay.

THESE editions of the most popular works of fiction of our times, make their appearance with praiseworthy regularity—the former every fortnight, the latter every month, and we are glad to learn that the spirited attempt of the English publisher to protect his copyright against the invasions of the United States printers, by selling his own at such prices as to defy competition, is meeting with every success. We learn from enquiry that the subscribers to both editions are steadily on the increase, and further supplies had lately to be procured to meet the increasing demand. This augurs well for the taste of our reading public, and we trust the success which Mr. Cadell has met with, may induce other British publishers to offer their books in the Colony at reduced prices from those at which they are originally sold in England.

The Abbotsford edition has now reached its twelfth number, and the numerous steel engravings and wood-cuts with which it is liberally

embellished, have rather increased in beauty as well as in number, than suffered any decline. Indeed the plates are worth more than the price of subscription, and nothing but the enormously large sale which the work has experienced in Britain, could have enabled the publisher to issue it at the price mentioned at the head of this notice. An opinion on this point may be learned from the fact, that for the embellishments alone, the enormous sum of thirty thousand pounds sterling has been set aside.

The Peoples' Edition, as its name indicates, is of a more unpretending character than the preceding. It was produced in such a form, and sold at such a price as to enable every respectable mechanic or tradesman to make himself acquainted with the works of the Wizard of the North. In point of execution it is infinitely superior to any of the United States reprints, and has their merit of cheapness.

HISTORY OF CANADA.—BY M. BIBAUD.

WE understand that Mr. Bibaud has in press a second edition of his *History of Canada*, which has been thoroughly revised, corrected, and we might almost add, re-written, the history having been continued to the present time. Mr. Bibaud has devoted many years to this work, and as he is both able and industrious, it may be expected to contain a concise, impartial and well-written account of all that has happened of a public nature, since the discovery of the country. It is to be published in the French language, and the first volume may be expected to appear in the course of a few weeks.

A NOVELTY in literature, under the title of *Le Journal Scholastique*, which is to be published periodically, has been established in London. It is a self-interpreting French journal, said to be admirably adapted for the purposes both of instruction and amusement, and is of that attractive character, that the student, once induced to take it up, will not lay it down till he has read it through; and will thus, with the assistance of the excellent and copious etymological foot-notes, acquire a knowledge of the French idiom, and peculiar philology, that no other publication can furnish. It is edited by M. Giasson, the French master at King's College; and is published by Mr. Adams, 59, Fleet Street, London.

We have been under the necessity of postponing the publication of several contributions which were intended for this number, but which we will endeavour to find room for in October.