

Literary and Educational Notes.

Mrs. Fawcett has been lecturing to women at Oxford, on Political Economy.

The University of Cambridge lately conferred an L.L.D. on the poet Browning.

Dr. Cramp's *History of the Baptists* has been translated and published in the German language.

Sixty-three young women presented themselves at the Midsummer Matriculation Examination at London University..

No students, except College graduates, are henceforth to be received at Andover Theological Seminary without rigid examinations.

Miss Abby Judson, daughter of Rev. Dr Adoniram Judson, was to open a school for young ladies the second week of last month in Minneapolis, Minn.

Copies of the *Contemporary Review* and *Nineteenth Century* in large square octavo type, may now be had for twenty cents each at any bookstore.

Rev. J. H. Castle, D.D., of Toronto, has been made President of the Institution at Woodstock, Ont., in place of Prof. Crawford who has resigned the position.

The Life and Work of St. Paul, by F. W. Farrar, D.D., is soon to appear. His *Life of Christ* is sufficient to commend this new work. Mr. Mudie has already subscribed for 1,000 copies.

Faith and Rationalism is the title of a small work lately written by Dr. Fisher of Yale College. It is considered as "a fresh and lucid discussion of the claims of reason and faith."

Robert Burns, by Principal Sharp; *Edmund Spenser*, by R. W. Church; and *W. M. Thackeray*, by Anthony Trollope, are the three latest editions to the reprint of Morley's series on "English Men of Letters."

The Harper's have added *Othello* to Rolfe's annotated edition. *King Richard the Second*, with explanatory and critical notes by Rev. H. N. Hudson, has been published by Ginn & Heath, Boston.

Mr. George Munroe, a native of Pictou Co., N. S., and now publisher of the *Seaside Library*, has recently endowed a professorship of Physics at Dalhousie College, N. S., with the sum of \$2000, per annum. For about twenty years he has been in New York City, and has made a fortune in publishing cheap literature.

Scientific Notes.

Preparations are being made by the French Government leading to the construction of a tunnel through Mont Blanc.

The North East Passage has at last been accomplished by the *Vega*. This vessel sailed from Gathenburg, July 14th, 1878, and arrived at Yokohama September 2nd, 1879.

M. Bourbonnel, of Dijon, is said to have discovered two natural substances, inexhaustable in nature, by means of which fire may be kindled and maintained, free from smoke, dust, etc., at about one tenth the cost of ordinary fuel. It is not stated what the substances are.

A French engineer, M. Verard, de St. Anne, has devised a scheme for building a viaduct across the English channel. Cost, about \$70,000,000, which will be raised by the aid of English capitalists.

A new gum akin to Gutta Percha and rubber, called *Bellata*, has been obtained from a tree in the regions of the Amazon. It is tougher and more pliant than gutta percha, and resembles it in appearance. It is soluble in benzine, carbon disulphide, and warm turpentine. It melts at 118 degrees centigrade, and may be electrified by friction.