

instructive than the dry and dusty tomes over which mind and body have toiled and ached, but to be rightly read and properly appreciated the mind must first be trained by a systematic course of study.

Therefore, even if we think the knowledge we are acquiring may not prove of much practical benefit, we should, nevertheless, for the sake of our own personal enjoyment, cultivate our minds to the greatest possible extent. We need not fear that we will ever find ourselves, like Alexander of old, sighing for worlds to conquer. The domain of mind is too vast to be thus easily subdued. The farther we advance, the more difficulties we overcome, the more we realize the grand possibilities before us. Then let us press steadily on till we arrive as near the goal as a short life permits.

KAYOSHK.

Beauty is inexplicable ; it appears to us a dream, when we contemplate the works of great artists ; it is a hovering, floating, and glittering shadow whose outline eludes the grasp of definition.—*Goethe*.

Literary Notes.

A new "History of Ireland" is being written by Canon Bourke.

Three Japanese ladies attend Vassar College, one of whom is class leader.

It is announced that Leo xiii, intends to publish catalogues of the great Vatican Library.

There are over 7,000 Americans studying in the German Schools and Universities.

Anybody who wants the Autograph Manuscript of Dicken's Christmas Carols, can have it for \$1,500.

A life of Sir. John Franklin, the Arctic Explorer, is soon to be published in the "new Plutarch Series."

One of the most interesting volumes of student experience is *My College Days*, by Robert Tomes ; published by Harper & Brothers.

Leslie Stephens' *History of English Thought in the Eighteenth Century* has lately been re-issued in a Second American Edition

The name of the first book published in Greenland is "Kaladlit Okalluktualisut Kaladlisut Kabluuatudls." Perhaps some would like to read it? One copy has reached this country.

Mr. Froude was made Carlyle's literary executor, and he says that the papers left in his hands are extremely voluminous. They include several thousand lessons, his journals, memoirs of Mrs. Carlyle, etc.

Sir. E. S. Creasy's *Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World* is a book that every young student of history will do well to read, and the American Book Exchange makes it possible for every one to read it, by printing it for thirty five cents.

The first college paper ever started was at Dartmouth in 1800. It was called the *Gazette*, and is long since defunct. Among its first contributors was Daniel Webster.

Those who know say that Lord Beaconsfield has another finished novel laid away in his desk ready to be produced when the interest in Endymion begins to grow a little cold. "One political novel a year," he says, is enough.

"Uncle Tom's Cabin" has been translated into twenty languages, including Arabia, Armenian, Chinese, Japanese, Russian, and Welch. There are fourteen different German and four different French versions.

A Small Pronouncing Manual has been recently published by the Appletons, embracing about 3,500 words which are often mispronounced, and giving in each case the true pronunciation. "It ought to lie on the table of every man and woman who would pronounce words as they ought to be pronounced.

Personals.

Dr. Schurman will deliver the next lecture before our Society. Subject:—Carlyle as seer."

'81. W. F. Parker, is spending a few days at his home in Dartmouth, on account of illness.

'83. Fred Shand and his room-mate, W. C. Goucher, have also gone to their homes from a similar cause.

'81. C. L. Eaton, of Halifax, has been obliged to give up study again. His physician says that rest will restore his former good health.

'84. E. G. Sibley has also gone home unwell and will not return this year.

A. B. Shield, formerly a student of the Academy and known among us as "the artist," is studying at the Academy in Worcester, Mass.