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| NEW SERIES.

AN ONTARIO PARLIAMENTARY LIBRARY, AND THE GRANTS TO MECHANICS' INSTITUTES.

We are glad to see that the new Provincial Administration has proposed, and that the Parliament has endorsed the expenditure of a considerable amount for the purchase of books for the Legislative Library. This "new departure" from the parsimony of the late administration will be hailed with satisfaction; and, we doubt not, the liberal appropriation will bear fruit in the increased facilities and aids it will furnish to intelligent legislation. In the necessity for works of reference, in jurisprudence, constitutional history, and the science of government, as well as in the many important works in general literature bearing on questions frequently discassed in legislation, it is not a little surprising that the late Government, while having an ample exchequer, should have declined to make so necessary an expenditure as this. It is all the more anomalous, also, that the Library should have been so neglected when it is borne in mind that there is a large sum due the Province by the Dominion Government as its interest in the general library assumed by the Ottawa authorities at confederation, and that though this sum was not definitely adjusted and immediately available, yet it was certain, ultimately, to be placed to the credit of the Province and might have been drawn against, even if no special appropriation had been made.

The present appropriation, though, of course, voted specially in the interest of Legislators, will moreover be gratifying to the large professional and general reading public of the City who feel the want of an important and seasible reference library; and we trust that in the present foundation and prospective additions to the Parliamentary Library, the Capital of the Province will be relieved from the discredit of not possessing an available and well-equipped public library.

Another commendable appropriation, wisely proposed by the new Government, and which is creditable to their intelligence and liberality, is the increased and to Mechanics' Institute libraries, and the provision of material help to their funds should they be found to be properly managed, and conform, in the purchase of additions to their library, to the class of works the Government desire to aid them to acquire.

These Institutes perform good service to the State in many districts where they are intelligently and actively

conducted; and, as "popular educators," their influence must be important in the country.

A generous annual grant to these Institutions, with proper restrictions governing the investments for the library as to technical works, manuals of useful reference, histories, biographies, and important works of travel and research, &c., is most desirable, and must be productive of the highest benefit to the people. Moreover, aid, we may be permitted to say, in this direct manner, to the respective trustees of these libraries, and which shall leave them free to make their purchases in the class of works most serviceable to their wants, and abreast of the thought and culture of the times, will manifestly be more sensible than the grants for such investments as the intelligence (!) of the Education Department book-shop make, an i insist upon furnishing, nolens colens, to the School Boards of the Province! Heaven free the country from the continuance of this evil, and this libel on intelligent, modern and legitimate bookselling!

One word more regarding these Institutes. Let them be generously aided, and every facility given for their extension and development, coupled, as is being provided, with proper inspection and supervision; and while the Legislature is at present discussing the apportionment of the public funds—happily increasing in the Treasury beyond our wants—to enterprises of a material kind, regard should be had to the higher wants and intellectual necessities of the people.

OUR NATIVE SCHOOL BOOKS,

The long existent dissatisfaction with most of the Text Books authorized for use in the Schools of the Province is again breaking out in loud compleints from many quarters, though, lately, the adverse criticism of their merits has been specially directed against recent additions to the list. Nothing can be more unfortunate than that our Educational system should have the drawback of 'adifferent text-books; and, it is very much to be regretted that the body dignified with the title of "Council of Public Instruction," should be either so perfunctory in the performance of their high duties, or so committed to the employment of native talent, irrespective of the consideration of brains and capacity for the work. Desirable, in many respects, as it is that our schools

should possess an uniformity of class books in the various branches, yet we cannot help feeling that were the sanctioning power abrogated, and the teachers free to choose their own text-books, with the approval of superintendents, the schools would be better supplied; and the pupils would be sure to have in their hands the best treatises which modern scholarship and experience have prepared, or the competitive efforts of publisher or importer could procure.

Unfortunately the system under which our schoolbooks are written and a thorized is not such as either to insure the publication of good books, or to elici first-class native talent in the production of them. The truth is, the Education Office business is conducted very much on the principle of Mutual Co-operative Societies, and that within a very narrow ring; and writer and publisher is patronized according as he may, or may not, be within the favoured circle; or, in regard to the publisher, as he may be found plastic enough to yield to the enforced lapsing of his copy? right to the Department, without consideration, although he may have paid the author-protege of the Department handsomely for what he conceived to be a perpetual property. To expect, under such a system, that the country will be provided with the best possible school-books would be absurd. In the interest, then, of the country's educational wants, in the interest of the dissemination of really good textbooks, up to the standard of the times, and on behalf of the youth of the country, let there be a reform in the administration of the Education office, and a re-organization of the Council of Public Instruction. We presume the Educational authorities would stand aghast at the idea of a Bookseller, say, of intelligence and capacity, being appointed a colleague of the professional gentlemen on the board; but, it occurs to us, that the appointment of one or more members of the Book-trade, of business capacity, disinterested mercenarily, and of liberal views, would not be amiss. Though, perhaps ignorant of school economy, and a heathen in the ways of circumlocution and departmental red-tape, yet his varied bibliographical information, and practical acquaintance with the best school literature of the day, would be of service at the Council board; and, moreover, his presence would be likely to check-mate any absorption of "casual advantages," and any tendency to the formation of literary and educational rings. Accustom yourselves, my masters, to this thought, and let the mind linger on the probabilities of this suggestion being acted upon.

Another cause of complaint on the part of the public we have to refer to; and we desire to touch on the matter lightly, as in doing so we shall be bringing discredit on the Book-trade, and reflecting some-

what on the lustre of its enterprise: we refer to the difficulty the trade experience in getting supplies of the approved text-books from the native publishers of such, or, in the case of English books, of those who enjoy a monopoly in their importation. There is an evident lack of capacity in their production, which is not creditable to their publishers, and is the cause of much annoyance and loss to the trade. The proverb hath it "there cannot be too much of a good thing"; and if the commodity is good, as there seems occasion emphatically to allege, let there be an abundant supply.

LORD BROUGHAM'S AUTO-BIOGRAPHY.

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In the third and concluding volume of the "I ife and Times of Lord Brougham," just reprinted by the Messrs. Harper, we find the following touching apology for any imperfections found in the work:—"If I have imperfectly performed my work,—if I have appeared to dwell too diffusely on some subjects whilst others of equal importance have been passed over,—if many statements have been teebly, and some inaccurately, rendered.—let it be recollected that I began this attempt after I was 83 years of age, with enfeebled intellect, failing memory, and but shight materials by me to assist it. Above all, that there was not left one single friend or associate of my earlier days whose recollection might have aided mine. All are dead. I alone survived of those who had acted in the scenes I have here faintly endeavoured to trace."

HUMOUR AND SATIRE.

The functions of humour and satire are, in these days, varied and important; and in the economy of the reading world, both have their uses: the one sharpening the intellect in the zest and pungency which is given to the page; the other affording a play-ground in drollery and full, for the wearied mind to disport itself.

The part they play in contemporary literature is no inconsiderable one—satire as a weapon, the caustic fangs of which are needed to reach conceit, bigotry, sham, and ignorance; while humour, more genially, though often as effective, "shoots folly as it flies." The present month gives us a budget of works in both of these, a few of which we will notice:—MESSRS. CASSELL originate a magazine entitled, "The World of Wit and Rumour,"—selections in the broad fields of jokes, epigrams, comundrums and facetiæ.

MARE TWAIN'S "ROUGHING IT."

A new work by the author of the "Innecents Abroad" is announced as nearly ready, and in the preface the author says:—"Take it all around, there is quite a good deal of information in this book. I regret this very much, but really it could not be helped: information appears to stew out of me naturally, like the precious attar of roses out of the otter. I would it were otherwise, but the more I calk up the sources, and the tighter I get, the more I leak wisdom."

"LORD BANTAM," BY THE AUTHOR OF "GINX'S BABY."

A cheaper edition of this work has been issued by Messrs. Dawson Bros., of Montreal, by arrangement with the author, and of which the British Quarterly Review says:—"The whole story is recited with the rarest humour and the most telling sature, topics and persons of the present time being ever and anon significantly glanced at. * * * It is a book to laugh over, but a book to think over, too; for some of the gravest questions of the day are dealt with significantly."

"ST. ABE AND HIS SEVEN WIVES."

This "tale of Salt Lake City" is an amusing satire on Mormonism, published anonymously in London, and reprinted by Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. Of the work the Graphic says.—"Such vigorous, racy, determined satire has not been met with for many a long day. certainly not in verse. It is at once fresh and salt as the sea. * * * The humour is exquisite, and, as regards literary execution, the work is masterly."

LITERARY GOSSIP.

A SCRIPTURAL Drama, on the subject of "Jezebel and Elijah," is about to be given to the world, by Mr. Peter Bayne, the author of Hugh Miller's "Life and Times."— Two Scottish publishers are said to be preparing works for the press written by themselves, one, a "Late of Dr. Robert Chambers," by his brother; the other a "Political History of His Times," by Mr. Adam Black.—It is stated that Mr. Tennysen is engaged upon a poem on the subject of the Prince of Wales's illness.—Two new works, from the p-a of Professor H. Alleyne Nicholson, of Toronto University, are in press viz.—an "Introduction to the Study of Biology," and a "Monograph of the British Grapt diffice."—The remarkable article on "Mahomet" in the current number of the British Quarterly Review is stated by the Atheneum to be from the pen of Mr. E. A. Freeman, D.C.L.—A re-issue of the works of the his Lord Brougham is announced by Messis. A. & C. Black, who have lately acquired the copyright.—Lord Chief Justice Cockburn is announced as having proposed for the Academy a Two Scottish publishers are said to be preparing works is announced as having proposed for the Academy a series of critical articles summing up the whole of series of critical articles summing up the whole of the circumstantial evidence respecting the authorship of the "Letters of Junius," including that of handwriting, as lately brought forward by the Hon. E. Twisleton and Mr. Chabot.—Dean Stanley's recent Lectures, delivered in Edinburgh, on the "History of the Church of Scotland," are announced for publication.—The subject of the Bampton Lectures for 1871 is "Dissent in relation to the Church of England," by the Rev. G. H. Curteis.—A translation of the Head Quarters Staff Journals of the Georgia Arms is alsent to aversa enderse. Journals of the German Army is about to appear, embracing the operations of the German Armies in France, from Sedan to the end of the war, by Major Blume.

ITEMS.

NATIVE.

Messrs. Hunter, Rose & Co. issue from their press two copyright English novels, by well-known authors, viz., "Poor Miss Finch." by Wilkie-Collins, and "Wil-frid Cumbernede," by George Mandonald. Both works have been appearing in serial form, but readers will be glad to possess them in the very handy and reason-able priced illustrated editions of the Toronto publishers.

Mr. Russell Wilkinson, at last, issues the new novel, "Hannah," by the author of ' John Halifax, Gentle-Happily, in Canada, there is no occasion to call in the aid of writers of fiction to prove the folly of legal restrictions upon "marriage with a deceased wife's sister," which is the burden of the book.

Messrs. Dawson Bros., of Montreal, issue a new pocket map of the Dominion, indicating the routes of the new railways, the free grant lands, &c., &c. It is beautifully engraved and tastefully coloured, and may be

had either mounted on rollers or in book shape, for the pocket or table. Their cheaper re-issue of "Lord Bantam," by the author of "G ux's Baby," should be noted by the trade.

important work to the Banking community, prepared by Messrs. J. F. Nott and H. P. Helm, viz., a Four per Cent per Annum Interest Table, from One Dollar to Ten Thousand Dollars, and from 1 to 368 days. Its main feature -accuracy -can be relied on, and the printing has

been done with care, and in a clear, hold type, by Messrs. Bell & Co., of the City Steam Press.

The same publishers have just issued an authorised reprint of "St. Abe and his Seven Wives," which, notwithstanding its rough Western colloquialism, will be appreciated for its intense fun and the clearness with which Mormon life is delineated. There is, also, throughout the book the evidence of high literary talent and much poetic power. Messrs. Adam, Stevenson & Co. have also just ready an interesting and suggestive work on the Labour Question, entitled "Thoughts on Paper Currency, and Lending on Interest as Affecting the Prosperity of Labour, Commerce and Manufactures," by W. Brown, Esq., of Montreal. For the contents of the work see advertisement.

ENGLISH.

Mesers. Macmillan & Co. issue "The Statesman's Year Book" for 1872. This is a valuable hand-book for poh-Book" for 1872. This is a valuable hand-book for poli-ticians a.d. therchants, embracing, as it does, a statistical and historical annual of the States of the civilized world. The same house have just published from the Charendon press the fourth volume of "Freeman's His-tory of the Norman Conquest of Lugland," which dis-cuses the reign of William the Conqueror. Lanfrey's "History of Napoleon," vol. 2, and "The Invasion of England" by Capt. Hozier, author of the "Seven Weeks" War," are among their amouncements.

Messrs. Longman & Co. announce a new work by Sir Edward Creasy on "The Imperial and Colonial Constitutions of the Britannic Empire"; a work by Mr. J. Matthews, of Toronto, entitled 'A Colonist on the Colonial Question"; and the Miscellaneous an ! Posthumous Works of the late Henry Thomas Buckle, author of the "History of Civilization."

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Messrs, Geo. Routledge & Sons, of London, in issuing a new Wholesale Catalogue, give the following statistics of the number of books manufactured by them within the period of six months, viz. that, from July to December, 1871, the issue of books printed by them was over one million and three quarters; and the number bound, one million and a half.

AMERICAN.

The religious instincts of the age are not such as to accept an unqualitied faith in God, but rather as to push enquiry and doubt to the full. The Messrs. Appleton of Somerset, entitled "Christian Theology and Modern Scop icism," in which his Grace condenses many of the objections which have been taken to parts of the Gospel story, avows that much of the narrative is mythical and legendary, and in ists that Christianity must not exact the old fashioned and unquestioned belief in the Bible stories. The same House recently reprinted Sir Henry Hollan's entertaining "Recollections of Past Life!" Lecky's "Leaders of Public Opinion in Ireland," and Sir John Lubbock's "Pre-Historic Times."

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. re-issue, from their New Alessis. Macmillan & Co. re-issue, from their New York branch, a cheaper edition of the Rev. S. Baring Gould's "Legends of the Old Testament Characters from the Talmud and other Sources," and an edition of "Through the Locking Glass and what Alice found there," by the author of "Alice's Adventures in Won-derland."

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The Department of Book Reviews will receive special

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