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[NEW SERIES.

OBITUARY.

NORMAN MACLEOD.

THE only man who could speak fully and well of the deceased has done so nobly, in the *Contemporary Review* for this month. Alexander Strahan, projector and co-editor of *Good Words*—friend, intimate, and to use his own expression, comrade of Macleod, has, in paying a feeling tribute of respect to his friend, given a portrait such as has been rarely seen—one that is in itself a study. *Good Words* also contains an "In Memoriam" from the pen of Deaa Stanley.

JONATHAN BAGSTER.

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. Jonathan Bagster, the senior member of the firm of Samuel Bagster and Sons. This gentleman, by his efforts and enterprise as a publisher, was well known to all who have made Biblical literature the object of study. He was the son of the late Mr. Samuel Bagster, the founder of the firm, and the originator of the scheme of Polyglot Bibles, with which the name is identified.

THE BRITISH BOOK TRADE.

THE book trade of Great Britain does not appear to make the same progress as the other industries of that country. In 1860, the export of books from the United Kingdom reached the amount of almost a half million pounds sterling, and in 1870 not more than £630,855. The import of books from abroad is even more unfortunate. The value of this in 1860 amounted to something over £100,000, and in 1870 it showed the insignificant increase of £18,871. 1870 was, however, no average year, since in that year the export of books from the United Kingdom was about £46,000 less than in 1869, and the import shows a falling off of £16,000. The value of British books exported to France fell from £27,085 in 1860, to £18,733 in 1870, and the export to Holland from £12,377 to £7,989. The export to Germany in 1870 amounted to £17,073 and to Belgium to £8,346; in both cases somewhat higher than in 1869. Though the British colonies were affected little or not at all by the European war, the export of books to them in 1870, figure up with a considerable diminution compared to that of 1869. The greatest consumer of British books is the United States, which is credited upon the list with an amount of over £205,000. As regards the imports of books, that from France fell from £48,509 in 1869 to £31,955 in 1870; that from Hamburg fell from £41,150 to £30,908, and the import from Bremen, from £4,126 to £3,885. The imports from Holland, Belgium and the United States show on the contrary a considerable in-

crease. The German Book trade in 1870 produced 10,558, and in 1871 20,889 new literary works. Of these, theology, upon which in the two years 2,832 works were written, has the lion's share; next follows jurisprudence with 2,066 works; sixteen hundred and eighty works were devoted to Belles-Lettres.

A VALUABLE SCHOOL.

A GERMAN letter in the *Trade Circular* gives a most interesting account of the schools for printers which are established in Stuttgart, and throughout Germany, designed to instruct apprentices in the theory and practice not only of printing, but to impart a general knowledge of foreign languages, and an accurate acquaintance with the types of all languages. The superiority of the German printers is such that many English books are sent to Germany to be set up, although they are returned to England for binding. More interesting still is the report of the bookseller's school at Leipsic, whose purpose is to thoroughly train young men for their trade by attending to the literary, as well as the practical side of the business. A three years' course is marked out, embracing the study of all the prominent languages, ancient and modern, and their literature, mathematics, geography, commerce, history, natural sciences, drawing and writing, aesthetics, bibliography, statistics, business management, etc.

COVERS FOR BINDING.

THE publishers have issued a handsome cloth case for binding the first volume of "THE CANADIAN MONTHLY" ending with the June number. The cost will be 40c., or by post free for 50c. City subscribers can have their volumes bound, including case, for 75c. The publishers will issue gratuitously with the Sept. number an elegant tinted duplicate title-page, preserving the emblematic character of the magazine cover. Subscribers had better, therefore, wait receipt of this before binding the volume.—Let our friends help us in extending the circulation with the new volume.

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BRITISH.

Mr. Holyoake is about to write "The History of the Co-Operative Movement.

A new story, by Mr. Wilkie Collins, will shortly be commenced in *Temple Bar*.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy, author of the "The Lays of Marie de France," will shortly produce a new volume of poems and songs.

The author of that wonderfully successful child's book: "Alice in Wonderland," and of the equally popular one published this year, called "Through the Looking-Glass," who writes under the name of "Lewis Carroll," is Canon Lightfoot, of Christ Church, Oxford.

Sampson, Low & Co., London, have just issued their English catalogue of books for 1871, containing a complete list of all the books published in Great Britain and Ireland in the year 1871, with their sizes, prices and publishers' names; also of the principal books published in the United States.

Mr. Austing (of the *Clifton Chronicle*), the Nestor of Reporters in the West of England, is publishing his "Anecdote," a volume of pleasant, and now and then piquant, chit-chat about newspapers and newspaper men 80 years ago.

Mr. Alfred Tennyson has given the library edition of his works to the Strasbourgh Municipal Library. Presents of books have also been received from the Surtees Society, Messrs. Macmillan & Co., Messrs. Strahan & Co., Messrs. Hatchette & Co., &c.

A curious and interesting manuscript volume has been presented to the Grampian Club for publication by Lord Houghton. It is the commonplace book of James Boswell, the friend and biographer of Dr. Johnson, and is in Boswell's own handwriting.

Mr. William Tallack, secretary of the Howard Association, will write an essay for the forthcoming Prison Congress, on "The Defects of the Criminal Administration and Penal Legislation of the United Kingdom, with Remedial Suggestions."

Syed Ahmed Khan Bahadur is about to start a "Translation Company (Limited)," with a capital of Rs.5,000, in shares of Rs.100 each. The object of the company is to translate standard English works into the vernacular.

AMERICAN.

Mr. Bret Harte has, it is reported, an engagement with the *Atlantic Monthly* to write an article a month, and he gets for this \$10,000.

Now that Dr. Livingstone has been found, says *Every Saturday*, could not some arrangement be made to prevent him from getting lost again?

Appletons' "Hand-Book of Travel," for the Northern and Eastern States, is of great value to the tourist, and to all who may be seeking for new spots where to spend their summer vacation. It has been revised for the present summer, and information brought down as nearly as possible to the moment.

The French correspondent of the *American Weekly Trade Circular* says that the Abbé has not yet resumed the printing part of his enormous business. The workshops and stores were burned down a few years ago, and the stereotype plates formed a molten mass of 500,000 kilos. The Abbé claimed the full value of the stereotypes, but the eighteen insurance companies of whom he claimed united in their resistance, saying that as the plates had been used they could only be valued as metal; but the Abbé persevered in his claim for 5,171,000 francs, and has at length recovered.

FOREIGN.

A metrical translation of Goldsmith's "Deserted Village" into Armenian has been published at Venice.

Louisa Muhlbach is writing an historical novel about certain incidents in the life of the Turkish Sultan Abdul-Medjid.

Ungerer's process of preparing wood-pulp by chemical means is to be introduced into Italy through a company without delay.

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