LITERARY ITEMS.

Lawrence Kehoe has in press and will soon publish Lady Herbert's new work which has just appeared in London, entitled "Three Phases of Christian Love"—namely, Life of St. Monica, Life of Victorine de Galard, Life of Venerable Mère Devos.

Mr. Frank Moore's "Rebellion Record," the valuable history of the late conflict, is approaching its close. Mr. Moore is now engaged in reading his proofs, having almost completed his manuscript for the press, and in a few weeks we shall be able to congratulate him on reading the last page. It has been a herculean task—faithfully and impartially performed.

"Woodburn Grange," by William Howitt, is in press, from author's advance sheets, by T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

Marion Harland's "Sunnybank," published a few weeks since by Sheldon & Co., has reached a sale of more than twelve thousand copies.

The Third and Fourth Volumes of Janney's "History of the Friends," which have been delayed by causes connected with the war, are now in press, and will speedily be published by T. Ellwood Zell, Philadelphia.

A club has been formed in New-York for the issue of original works and reprints of rare, curious, and old American, English, French, and Latin books, in a superior style of typography. It is intended to enable amateur book-fanciers to procure at a moderate price, valuable works produced in the highest style of art, of which only a small number (120) of copies will be published, one hundred of which will be for sale, and the remainder for private distribution. The first issue will be a reprint of a celebrated English satire entitled, "Advice to the Officers of the British Army," the authorship of which is generally attributed to Captain Grose, a distinguished literary man of the last century. The volume will be accompanied with an introduction and original notes, and will be published in the month of February. Every lover of beautiful books will give his best wishes for the success of the plan; but it is to be hoped that the work will be an improvement, in some respects, on the Prospectus which is a model of elegant typography and of execrable punctuation.

M. Edmund About has just commenced a new novel, in the form of a *feuilleton* to the French paper published in Florence, called *L'Italie*.

A second edition of a Japanese-English dictionary has been published at Hong-Kong by a Japanese gentleman. The whole edition of 1,000 was sold within a few days of its publication.

M. Victor Hugo is said to be building a theater near his residence in Guernsey, where two unperformed plays by him—"Torquemada" and "La Grand'mère" are to see the footlights.

The third volume of Gen. Todleben's "History of the Siege of Sebastopol," and the third volume of Mr. Kinglake's "History of the French and British Alliance in the Crimea," will appear in the course of this year.

The Queen of England has accepted a copy of Sir John Bowring's translation of the Poems of Petöfi, the Hungarian author.

M. Renan has in the press a new edition of the "Life of Jesus," in which the author answers M. Veuillot's attack upon him, and develops his own theories with much less circumlocution than heretofore.

The Archdeacon of Cloyne has written two dissertations on the authorship of Genesis. He is an opponent of Dr. Colenso, but admits that the antiquity of man is probably much greater than was recently supposed.

A singular book has just been published by a Scotch Doctor of Medicine, named Stark. The writer endeavors to show that the teaching of our Lord as displayed in St. Luke's Gospel differs not only from modern churches, but also from the doctrines taught by Paul and the other Apostles. He does not, however, seem quite equal to the task which he has undertaken.

"L'Athéisme et le Péril Social" is the title of a work just published by the Bishop of Orleans, in reply to the numerous free-thinking books which have lately appeared in France. His lordship's production has received a very severe handling from the *Journal des Débats*, which says it is greatly disappointed at the insignificance and absurdity of the book, after the pomposity with which it has been announced by the clerical papers.

Prof. Unger, the eminent Viennese botanist and palæontologist has been recently examining the bricks used by the ancient Egyptians in the construction of the Pyramids, and more particularly those of the Pyramid of Dashour. He has discovered that the mud of which they were made contained not only a quantity of animal and vegetable matter, but also fragments of many manufactured substances, leading to the conclusion that Egypt enjoyed a high degree of civilization upward of 5,000 years ago.

A committee has been formed at Coburg for the erection of a monument to the memory of Fredrich Rückert, who spent the last 30 years of his life, with but few interruptions, near that town, on his little property, Neuses. A colossal bust has been contemplated, for which a model has been placed at the disposal of the Committee, which was executed in 1814 by the sculptor Herr Conrad of Hildbughausen, and which has been pronounced a faithful and excellent likeness by the relations and friends of the late poet.

The library of Luigi Manini, the last Doge of Venice, was to be sold by auction in that city in January. Although this last of Venice's Doges was entirely unequal to maintain the dignity of the Republic, he amassed a large library containing various works illustrative of the palmy days of Venetia. The catalogue of that portion of the library about to be sold enumerates 2,538 works, many of which are of great value.

The letters and correspondence of Gen. Ruthven, one of the most able officers in Charles I., are likely ere long to see the light. The preparation of these letters for the press has been intrusted to Mr. Macray; and the work will be printed for his Grace the Duke of Buccleuch, as his contribution to the Bannatyne Club.

The library of the late historian, Dr. Lappenberg of Hamburg, will be sold by public auction, at Leipsic, on the 28th of this month. The catalogue comprises 6,105 numbers, and contains a great variety of the most important works of German, English, and Scandinavian literature. The writings in the Low German dialect are very numerous, and, among them, those referring to the fables of Reynard the Fox, and Tyll Owighass may be called next to complete. English history is largely represented, as well as the *Hansbergensia*, and the Goethe and Schiller literature.

European or rather universal mythology is just now attracting a good deal of attention. In a recent work by Mr. W. Henderson and Mr. Baring Gould, there is an apparently authentic statement that as late as 1678 bulls were sacrificed on the island of Innis Maree in Lech Maree. This was, we may suppose, only a relic of the sacrifices once paid in the same spot to the Celtic god "Mourie." Nevertheless, as the book informs us, the family of Mackenzie were cited before the Presbytery for sacrificing a bull "in ane heathenish manner." It is said that both in the County of Moray and in Cornwall individual cattle have, within the memory of men now living, been sacrificed to save the herd from a threatened or present sickness. In Moray the propitiatory victim was buried alive.

Among Messrs. Hurst & Blackett's announcements for the new year are the following works: "New America," by W. Hepworth Dixon, 2 vols., with illustrations from photographs; "Two Marriages," by the author of "John Halifax;" "A Trip to the Tropics," by the Marquis of Lorne; "A Lady's Ramble in Bohemia in 1866," by Miss Eden; "Life in a French Château," by Hubert E. H. Jerningham, esq.; "Sybil's Second Love," by Julia Kavanagh; "Nooks and Corners of Old France," by the Rev. G. M. Musgrave; "Our Peculiarities," by Mary Viscountess Combermere; and "Wild Life among the Pacific Islanders," by E. H. Lamont, esq.

The Russian "Publishers' Circular, the Kuizhnuiy Vlestnik, or Book Intelligencer," has, in one of its numbers for 1866, a curious table of the number of volumes published at different places in Russia in the years 1863 and 1864. The grand total is 1,652 volumes in 1863, and 1,836 volumes in the following year. The number of places of publication was 41 in the first year, beginning with St. Petersburg, and ending with Kiakhta, the trading town on the Chinese frontier, and 46 in the second; and in that year we regret to say Kiakhta, which only published one volume in 1863, appears to have emitted nothing. St. Petersburg is the great literary center, furnishing 951 and 1,097 volumes in the successive years; Moscow follows, with 430 in the first year and 432—a decrease—in the second; Odessa, Kiev, Kharkov, Tiflis, &c., follow at very respectful distances, and the remaining towns—Irkutsk, Astrakhan, Archangel, &c.—figure in general for two or three works respectively; but St. Petersburg is, as we learn from another article, the place of publication of no less than 143 periodicals, Moscow of 31, while the rest of the Empire furnishes 158, many of which are, however, vehicles of local intelligence, described by the "Kuizhnuiy Vlestnik" as mere waste paper. The St. Petersburg periodicals are of a very different character, many of them surpassing any English periodical in extent and furnishing mere matter in a monthly number than any English review in its quarterly issue. It is in these scientific periodicals that nearly everything of importance in Russian literature makes its first appearance, and a translated selection from their principal articles would form the best means of introducing the mind of modern Russia to the English public.

The last of "the Taylors of Ongar" has gone to her rest. On the 20th of Dec. died, at Nottingham, in her 85th year, the widow of the late Rev. Joseph Gilbert, but who was better known in literature as Anne Taylor of Ongar. Anne Taylor was a member of an essentially literary family. She was the daughter of the Rev. Isaac Taylor, of Ongar, whose wife was the author of works that were popular in the last century. Her uncle, Charles Taylor, was the learned editor of *Calmet*. Her brother Isaac was the well-known author of the "Natural History of Enthusiasm," and numerous other philosophical and religious works. Her second brother, Jeffrey, was the author of many anonymous productions, the chief perhaps of which was "The Apostolic Age in Britain." Her sister Jane shared with her the authorship of a very celebrated little work, older than the century in which it still lives, "Original Poems for Infant Minds." One peculiarity respecting this work is, that while poetry much more portentous, but once popular, has perished, these original poems continue to be republished. From the period of their first appearance down to the present year they contributed a handsome annuity to the authors—of late years to the survivor of the two. This work was among the first on which Anne Taylor was engaged, and her last labor was devoted to the emendation of a verse in the most popular poem of the whole collection, "My Mother." Anne Taylor married, in 1813, the Rev. Joseph Gilbert, author of "The Christian Atonement, its Basis, Nature, and Bearings," and member of a Lincolnshire family that contributed two officers to Captain Cook's expeditions, one of whom has left in manuscript his account of the voyage of the Resolution of Discovery (1776-1780) in search of a North-West passage. Few whole families have so completely belonged to literature as that of the aged lady of whose death we make record. The daytime of her life was one of varied and useful labor; with labor, rest, and recreation heartily enjoyed, and an exercise of abounding hospitality in as pious and gay a home as ever illustrated the bright cheerfulness of a religious and intellectual life. The evening of such a life was, most appropriately, the calm evening of a long day of sunshine and of shade, blending so quietly with the night that it was hardly possible to say when the one ended or the other began. In the loving memories of her family and friends Annie Taylor will *not* die.

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