LITERARY NOTES.

Among the brilliant group of actors who graced the English stage during the earlier half of the present century, by no means the least distinguished stands the tragedian, Charles Mayne Young. Esteemed as well for his great personal qualities as for his talents as an actor, he moved during the whole of a long and prosperous theatrical career in the very best society of the time, both literary and social. His life, by his son, the Rev. Julian Young, which is in the press and shortly to be published by Messrs. Macmillan & Co., will probably prove the most interesting addition to anecdotic literature which has appeared since the famous Diary of Henry Crabb Robinson.

Mr. W. Justin O'Driscoll has in preparation a Memoir of the late Daniel Maclise, R. A.

The death is announced of Jacob Venedey, well known in Germany as a writer on political and historical subjects.

Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough, has a volume of sermons on "Modern Infidelity" in preparation for the press.

Among recently published translations from the English into Russian, we notice one of the "Leviathan" of Hobbes, by Sergiphin.

Mr. Alexander J. Ellis has just finished the third part of his important work on "Early English Pronunciation, with especial reference to Shakespeare and Chaucer."

In the forthcoming translation of M. Taine's "History of English Literature" the references which were so carelessly given in the original have been revised and corrected with great care.

Willkomm and Lange's "Prodomus Florae Hispanicae," published at Stuttgart, is now brought down to the third part of the second volume, including the natural orders to the end of the Gamopetalæ or Corolliflorae.

Dr. W. B. Carpenter recently delivered his lecture, "On the Temperature and Life of the Deep Sea," at the Town Hall, Manchester, and it is reprinted as one of the penny series of "Science Lectures for the People."

Mr. Hosack's vindication of Mary Queen of Scots has met with more readers than are commonly found for works of controversy in these days, and in a second volume he proposes to develop his defense to the death of Mary.

"Recollections of the Public Career and Private Life of the late John Adolphus," the well-known barrister and historian, with extracts from his diaries, by his daughter, Mrs. Henderson, widow of the late Capt. Andrew Henderson, is announced for publication in London.

The North British Review, after a checkered existence of five-and-twenty years, ends with the current number. It was started by the Free Kirk, and died in the hands of the liberal Roman Catholics who conducted *The Home and Foreign Review* and the weekly newspaper, *The Chronicle*. Like the latter, it is said to have been killed by the hieroglyphs which adorned its pages.

Mr. Arthur Helps's forthcoming biography of "Hernando Cortes" will be dedicated to Mr. Carlyle. This is the fourth of a series of biographies of men who stand out as prominent actors in the discovery and conquest of the New World, of which Mr. Helps has long been known as the chronicler. The three lives already published are those of Columbus, Las Casas, and Pizarro.

M. Bienaymé has published in the *Comptes Rendus* a rectification of a catalogue of the articles written by Cauchy, the celebrated mathematician, formerly a member of the French Institute. Some of the articles attributed to Cauchy were written by Cournot. The list is of some importance, as Cauchy's works are under publication at the expense of the French Academy, according to a vote which was taken a few months before the war broke out.

Prof. Keim of Zurich, the first volume of whose work, "History of Jesus of Nazareth," was issued in 1867, has published a second volume, or rather the first part of the second volume, which carries the history no further than what he terms "the Galilean Spring-time," though it consists of 523 pages. The remaining portion of the volume, which will appear very soon, is devoted to "the Galilean conflicts." A third volume will be devoted to the Jerusalem period.

M. Firmin Maillard, who, some years ago, wrote a "History of the Parisian Press," has published an account of the new journals issued in Paris during the siege. The 4th of September was the signal for several enterprises of this sort. Among others, the *Patriote*, the *République*, the *Patrie en Danger*, the *Revanche*—which in its first number (up one ever new a second) announced that it was not to be purchased by numbers—and the *Combat*, the organ of M. Pyat.

Prof. Phillips is busily engaged at Oxford upon his new work on the "Physical Geography and Geology of the Thames Valley." This volume will contain numerous plates of fossils, illustrative of the various beds to be met with in the district, all of which are drawn by the learned Professor himself. In addition to these, the numerous drawings of the magnificent series of Cetaceo-saurian remains lately acquired by the Oxford Museum will cause this volume to be eagerly looked forward to by every geologist and palæontologist.

Among the Hunter MSS. in the Chapter Library of Dunkeld is one entered in the Catalogue as "*Bo. Characters*, by Edward Blunt; written probably about the year 1626." This has been just examined for the Early English Text Society, and proves to be a copy of forty-eight of the characters in Bishop Earle's "Microcosmography," transcribed by Ed. Blunt, and dated "December this 14th day, anno Domini 1627." Blunt wrote a Preface to the sixth edition of Bishop Earle's book in 1630. It is possible that Bishop Earle's contemporaries were wrong in ascribing the book to him, and that Blunt wrote it.

At the sitting of the 30th of January the French Academy learned the death of M. Gustav Lambert, who was engaged in preparing an expedition to the North Pole when war broke out, and who had been badly wounded at Montretant when fighting at the head of a company of National Guards which he commanded. M. Elie de Beaumont read a memoir sent four years ago by the enterprising intended explorer. Before leaving Paris for his last fight, he had sent to the Défense Nationale a memoir on the means of communication between Paris and the Provinces. This memoir will be published when peace shall be restored.

Some excitement has been created in literary circles in Spain by the announcement that a learned bibliophile, Don Fabian Hernandez de Santander, proposes to publish a new edition of "Don Quixote." Señor Hernandez states that he "has discovered the original of this immortal work, and avails himself of such discovery to reproduce it as Cervantes penned it, freed from the corruptions of copyists, commentators, and printers." The specimens given by Señor Hernandez of his emendations display much study and ingenuity, and indicate that the Santander edition will be one to raise the curiosity of all students of "the great book of the one-handed hero of Lepanto."

Freiherr Ludwig Von Hohenbuhel-Heufler has reprinted from the Proceedings of the Zoological and Botanical Society of Vienna an interesting contribution to botanical history, "Franz Von Mygind, der Freund Jacquins." Mygind was born at Broust, in Jutland, in 1710, and after his education at the University of Copenhagen, and a short stay at St. Petersburg, took up his residence at Vienna, and devoted his attention to botany. He speedily became an intimate friend of Jacquin's, and corresponded with the most eminent scientific men of the day, including Priestley, Sir Joseph Banks, L'Héritier, and Gouelin. He did great service in investigating the flora of Austria, paying the expense of two Alpine expeditions by Wulfen. He died in 1790.

The Home Secretary has intimated to Dr. Lyon Playfair, member for the Edinburgh University, that he will submit the name of Mr. Geikie, F.R.S., to the Queen as first professor in the new Chair of Geology in that University. This has been done at the express recommendation of Sir Roderick Murchison, who has given the sum of £6,000 to found the chair. In spite of her great mineral wealth, Scotland has no school of applied science like the State-supported establishments in London and Dublin. It is matter of congratulation that the first appointment to the first Chair of Geology established in Scotland should have been given to one whose position as Director of the Geological Survey in that part of the United Kingdom will enable him to act effectively in the teaching of the practical applications of geology.

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