LITERARY NOTES.

Helme Lee and Hamilton Aïdé have each a novel in the press.

M. Michelet's feryid disquisition, "France before Europe," is about to appear in an English version, by Isa Blagden.

Mr. Arthur Helps has collected and revised his "Conversations on War and General Culture," for immediate publication.

Mr. Poynter is engaged in preparing for publication a series of designs to illustrate the "Endymion" of John Keats. These works will appear in photographic facsimiles from the original drawings.

Macmillan & Co. will shortly publish a "Narrative of the Red River Expedition," by Capt. Huyshe, who accompanied the expedition in the capacity of Private Secretary to the Commander, Col. Sir Garnet Wolsley.

A new volume of which the title has not yet been announced, by the Rev. Robert Collyer of Chicago, will be published early in May, by Horace B. Fuller, Boston. It is to be uniform in size and price with that author's "Nature and Life," of which nine editions have been printed.

Publishers and authors are not always natural enemies. When Marian Evans had completed "Adam Bede"—she was little known to fame then—she was very glad to sell it outright to the Blackwoods for £800. The novel had such a great success that the firm afterward gave her £1,000 additional.

Lacroix, the French publisher, has had the happy idea of producing a history of current events in France and other countries from the 1st of September, 1870, to the end of January in the present year, under the title of the "Journal des Deux Mondes;" the work is to consist of twelve parts, of which two have appeared.

The Leonard Scott Publishing Company have made arrangements to supply the place of *The North British Review* which has recently been discontinued, by *The British Quarterly*, an able and popular Review, the whole four numbers of which for the year 1871 will be furnished to subscribers without charge for the January number.

The first part of the new Italian "Archivio per l'Antropologia e la Etnologia" has appeared at Florence. Dr. Paolo Mantegazza edits the anthropological part of the book, and Dr. Felice Finzi the ethnological part. It contains an introductory essay on Anthropology and Ethnology, by Dr. F. Finzi, and several papers by Profs. Mantegazza, Giglioli, and others.

Wood & Holbrook, the publishers of *The Herald of Health*, and numerous works for invalids, have in press a new work on the Climates and Resorts for Invalids, Tourists, and Emigrants, including a carefully prepared estimate of Minnesota, its Climate, Resources, Air, Water, Soil, Scenery, etc.; with carefully prepared Notes on Florida, Nassau, Fayal, California, the Adirondacks, etc., by Ledyard Bill.

Messrs. Macmillan have in preparation an elaborate "Treatise on the Origin, Nature, and Uses of Wines," by Drs. Thudichum and Dupré. This book, which is the result of many years' labor on the part of the authors, both in the way of chemical analysis of the wines and personal inspection of vineyards, will contain accounts of the various methods of the cultivation of the grape and manufacture of the wines of all civilized countries of the world. It will be profusely and carefully illustrated.

Signor Francesco Trinchera read a short time ago, at a meeting of the Royal Society of Naples, a memoir of "The Life and Works of Count Luigi Cibrario," whose death recently took place. Among the different works of Count Cibrario the most esteemed are "Political Economy in the Middle Ages," printed in 1839; a work on "Slavery and Serfdom," in three volumes, published in 1861, and the historical work, entitled "Origin and Progress of the Institutions of the Monarchy of Savoy, and Constitution of the Kingdom of Italy."

A private letter from Greece gives some interesting notices of the reception in that country of the American Minister's Report on "Brigandage." "The 'Age' of Athens contains a translation of the American Minister's report on 'Brigandage in Greece,' accompanied by a long article full of grateful recognition of this first and only true and just history of the terrible massacre of last Spring. This affair has been deliberately misrepresented by the English press and the attempt made to implicate therein the Greek Government and people, whereas the brigands were Turks and Albanians to a man, even to the leader, and the only person proved guilty of connivance is a renegade Englishman. These and many other unpalatable truths were elicited during a prolonged legal investigation; yet such is the influence of dynastic prejudice that the only foreign minister who has done justice to the subject is the representative of your Government. Hence the letter of thanks addressed him by King George. The journal above mentioned concludes its article in these words: 'Heartfelt gratitude is due by us to this noble citizen of the Great Republic, and this reward will be for more precious to a gentleman like Mr. Tuckerman than all the decorations and superficial compliments which political reasons dictate.'"

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1,000 Alabama 5s, Bonds 102	300 West Un Tele. 81½	2,000 ..... 85½
10,000 New York Stat B'y l'n ..... reg. 103	500 81	100 Chic & Nor We Pref 86
1,000 N Y St 7s, By Loan ..... con. 109	700 ..... bet call. 81½	200 ..... s. c. 85½
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2,000 ..... 95½	50 Amer Merch Un 47½	bet call. 106
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4,000 U. S. 5-20 Con '64 112	50,000 U S 5's 10-40 Reg 105½	
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20,000 U S. 5-20 Con, '65 n 110½	1,500 ..... 106½	
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Sales of Government Bonds.

9,000 San Ca'ds n Jan and Jul 65½	100 Erie Railway 20½	200 Chi & No West Railroad 85½
10,000 65	100 ..... 20½	100 New Jersey Ce Railroad Co. 105½
20,000 ..... 65½	100 ..... bet call. 21	300 Pittsburg & Rock Island 114
10,000 65	100 Lak Sho & Mic. Railroad 109½	100 ..... bet call. 114
1,000 Missouri 6s 92	200 ..... b. c. 109½	100 Milw & St Paul Railroad 60½
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100 Pac Mail Steamship Company 42½	700 ..... 77½	200 Ohio & Miss'pi Railroad 47
100 Adams Expre 72½	200 ..... 77½	200 Cal Cin & Ind Central 22
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50 Mich Central Railroad 122½	200 C. C. C. & Indianapolis R 75	
	100 75	

SATURDAY, March 25—P. M.

The stock market has been strong since the opening, save a momentary reaction early in the day, and active and excited in certain prominent favorites. The cliques have doubtless been free purchasers whenever the prices wavered in the slightest, and thus established a very strong tone to the market and advanced certain specialties. The expectation that money would be active and that an exceedingly unfavorable bank statement would be the result of the bank movement this week is believed to have deterred operators in many instances from engaging in important ventures. The removal of this apprehension brought this class again into the speculative arena, and prices have, therefore, felt the additional impetus rendered by so important an accession. The market is certainly under the control of a few strong parties, and unless something now unforeseen operates to their disadvantage, there are at present no indications of a speedy break or permanently lower quotations, until a vigorous attempt be made to realize the sharp advance by a transfer of stocks to other shoulders. The most buoyant features to-day were Lake Shore, North-West, St. Paul, and Wabash. The first named sold up to 101½, and the expectation that there will be no unusually active demand for proxies at the next election (the transfer-books close on the 3d prox.) gives a feeling of more security to the anxious shorts. The recent activity and buoyancy in this stock have been at different times explained in various ways by the wise ones of the street; and whatever may have been the real cause, the Vanderbilt clique have taken pains to quietly circulate the statement that an extra scrip dividend of $5,000,000 (about 14 per cent) is to be made, which will increase the capital stock to $40,000,000, and that the road is then to be leased to the New-York Central, which corporation is to guarantee seven per cent to the stockholders of the Lake Shore. Whether this will be done or not remains to be seen; but there is no doubt whatever that at present the Central clique desire the public to believe that such is the programme. The rise in the common stock of the Chicago and North-Western Railway, and the steadiness of the preferred stock, is probably due to the pervading confidence among purchasers at least, that the Company's next annual statement will show largely increased net earnings, and that the dividends on the two classes of stock will be the same. Hence they are gradually approaching each other in price. In other shares no new features were apparent. Rock Island met with quite a rebuff early in the day, and was forced back to 114, but subsequently the price was vigorously pushed up to 114½. This Company announced a 4 per cent dividend payable on the 17th of April. Ohio and Mississippi was firmer, and notwithstanding the mysterious whisperings about it, advanced from 46½ to 47½, though its peculiar movements are thought to betray the existence of an African in the fence. New-York Central, stock and scrip, and Reading, were strong on small dealings. Erie reacted from 21½ to 20½. Union Pacific was pressed back to 22½, but later reacted. Investment securities were strong and miscellaneous shares dull, while Adams Express rose to 72½, and United States to 48. The following table shows the highest and lowest prices of active stocks made to-day:

	Highest.	Lowest.		Highest.	Lowest.
N. Y. Cen'l & Hud. Con.	95½	94½	Mil. and St. Paul Pref.	80	78½
N. Y. Cen'l & Hud. Cer.	97½	97½	Ohio and Mississippi	47½	46½
Erie	20½	20	Union Pacific	22½	22½
Reading	102½	102	C. C. and Ind. Central	23	21½
Lake Shore	101½	101	Hannibal and St. Joseph	88½	87
Wabash	87½	86½	Han. and St. Jo. Pref.	95½	95
Pittsburgh	115½	113	Western Un. Telegraph	78	77½
North-Western	84½	83½	Pacific Mail	43½	43
North-Western Pref.	86½	85½	Quicksilver	11½	10½
Rock Island	114½	114	Adams Express	72½	72
Milwaukee and St. Paul	61½	60½	United States Express	48	47
Do. Preferred	80	78½			

Coleman Benedict's closing quotations were:

	Offered.	Asked.		Offered.	Asked.
Gold	110½	111	Reading	102	102½
Western Union Tel.	81½	82	Lake Shore & Mich S.	101½	101½
Mariposa	8½	—	Pittsburgh	113	114
Mariposa Pref.	9½	—	New-Jersey Central	105	106
Quicksilver	11½	11½	North-Western	83½	83½
Quicksilver Pref.	16½	—	N. West. Pref.	86	86½
Adams Express	72½	73	Rock Island	114	114½
Wells, Fargo Ex.	49½	41	St. Paul	61½	61½
Am. Merchants' Ex.	46	47	St. Paul Pref.	80	80½
United States Ex.	46½	47½	Toledo and Wabash	35½	36
Pacific Mail	43½	43½	Toledo & Wabash Pref.	79	80
Union Pacific	22½	23	Fort Wayne	104	106
N. Y. C. and Hudson	95	95½	Ohio & Miss.	46½	47½
N. Y. C. and H. Con. s.	97½	97½	Chicago and Alton	—	115
Erie	20½	21	Chicago & Alton Pref.	116½	—
Harlem	129	129½	Boston Hart. & Erie	1½	1½

The subjoined table shows the highest and lowest prices of active stocks, United States securities, and gold, made during the week, as well as the closing prices of each at the undermentioned dates:

	—For the Week.— Highest.	Lowest.	—Close's Prices.— March 18.	March 25.
U. S. 6s, coupon 1881	115½	115½	115½	115½
U. S. 5-20s, coupon 1862	112½	112½	112½	112½
U. S. 5-20s, coupon 1864	112½	111½	112½	112
U. S. 5-20s, coupon, 1865	112½	111½	112½	112
U. S. 5-20s, coupon 1865, new	111½	111½	111	110½
U. S. 5-20s, coupon, 1867	111	110½	111	110½
U. S. 5-20s, coupon, 1868	111½	110½	111½	110½
U. S. 10-40s, coupon	109	108½	109	108½
U. S. Currency 6s (Pacifics)	114	113½	114½	113½
N. Y. Central & Hudson Cons'd	99½	98½	99½	98
N. Y. Central & Hudson Certificate's	96½	94½	96½	97
Harlem	130	129½	129	129½
Erie	20½	19	20½	20½
Reading	102½	101½	102½	102½
Lake Shore	101½	99½	101	101½
Wabash	87½	84½	84½	87½
Pittsburgh	114½	112	114½	114
North-Western	84½	79½	79½	80½
Do. Preferred	86½	83	83½	86½
Rock Island	114½	113	114	114½
Milwaukee & St. Paul	61½	58½	59½	61½
Do. Preferred	80	76	77	80
Ohio & Mississippi	47½	46	47½	47½
C., C. and I. C.	23	20½	21½	22½
Union Pacific	27	22½	22½	27
Hannibal and St. Joseph	87½	87	87	87½
Do. Preferred	95½	95	95	95½
Western Union Telegraph	79	76½	77½	77½
Pacific Mail	44	42½	43½	43½
Adams Express	72½	69	69	72½
Gold	111½	110½	110½	110½

The gold market has been without activity or animation, and in tone barely steady, all the sales having been made at 110½ to 110¾. Some of the importing merchants seem to think that gold will be lower, and consequently hesitate about making remittances to Europe at present rates, believing that the subscriptions to the new Government loan, if made chiefly at home, will involve extra purchases of 5-20s by the Secretary for conversion by the sale of gold, and, if made through his agents abroad, will create an extra supply of exchange on London, and therefore cheapen gold. The rates paid for carrying gold to-day were 2, 1½, 1, and 3 per cent. The operations of the Gold Exchange Bank were as follows: Gold cleared, $40,058,000; gold balances, $2,069,542; currency balances, $2,985,061.

The following were the quotations:

10:00 ..... 110½	11:00 ..... 110¾	1:00 ..... 110½	2:00 ..... 110½
10:30 ..... 110½	12:00 ..... 110½	1:30 ..... 110½	3:00 ..... 110½
11:00 ..... 110½	12:30 ..... 110½	2:00 ..... 110½	3:30 ..... 110½
	4:00 ..... 110½		

The transactions at the U. S. Treasury were:

Gold receipts	$997,561 29	Currency payments	$249 70
Gold payments	1,029,306 21	Currency balance	2,985,061 15
Gold balance	65,510,009 70	Customs	607,000 00
Currency receipts	$234 34		

$1,734,000 canceled gold notes sent to Washington, D. C.

Foreign exchange was dull as usual on Saturday, and the following were the quotations nominally:

	Sixty Days.	Three Days.
Prime bankers' sterling bills on London.	109½@109¾	110¼@110½
Good bankers' do.	109½@109¾	110¼@110½
Prime commercial sterling do.	109½@109¾	—@—
Antwerp	5.12½@5.13¾	5.00¾@5.00⅞
Swiss	5.12½@5.13¾	5.00¾@5.00⅞
Amsterdam	40½@41	41½@41¾
Hamburg	36½@36¾	36½@36¾
Frankfort	40½@41	41½@41¾
Bremen	79½@79¾	79½@80
Prussian thalers	71½@71¾	72½@72¾

The week closed on an easy money market, all apprehensions of stringency having vanished, since the recent call of the Controller of the Currency leaves no doubt that the Secretary of the Treasury will use his influence to keep the market from a hardening tone. The bulk of business to-day was done at 4 per cent, though a large number of transactions were at 3 and 5, discounts ranging at 6@7 per cent. The bank statement, if it was our only criterion, would indicate a closer working of money as apparent in the future, were it not for other considerations mentioned heretofore. While the loans have been contracted and the deposits reduced, yet the falling off in legal tenders and specie has brought down the lawful money held by the banks in excess of the required 25 per cent, to $10,470,900, a decrease of $2,178,686. The condition of the banks appears in the analysis below. The decrease in specie is, as usual, accounted for by the Treasury movements. The receipts for Customs were very large, amounting to $4,113,314 28, and the specie shipments $1,531,579, while the Treasury disbursed on account of interest $258,711 97, and in the regular weekly sale $7,000,000. The Treasury, during the coming week, will buy $2,000,000 bonds on Wednesday, and sell $1,000,000 gold on Thursday, which will close the March programme. The following shows the condition of the banks at the dates undermentioned:

	March 18.	March 25.	Differences.
Loans	$392,270,404	$391,114,320	Dec. $1,092,084
Specie	22,603,145	19,617,097	Dec. 2,986,048
Circulation	31,005,215	31,053,393	Dec. 48,177
Deposits	229,945,643	225,774,542	Dec. 4,171,101
Legal tenders	55,624,615	55,103,468	Dec. 521,147

The relation existing between the total reserve of the banks and the total liabilities is as herein below set forth:

	March 18.	March 25.	
Specie	$22,603,145	$19,617,097	Dec. $2,986,048
Legal tenders	55,624,615	55,103,468	Dec. 521,147
Total reserve	$78,227,760	$74,720,565	Dec. $3,507,195
Deposits	229,945,643	225,774,542	Dec. 4,171,101
Circulation	31,005,215	31,053,393	Dec. 47,817
Total liabilities	$260,950,858	$256,827,935	Dec. $4,122,923
25 per cent reserve	$65,237,714	$64,206,983	
Excess over legal reserve	$12,649,978