LITERARY NOTES.

"The History of David Grieve" is the title of Mrs. Humphry Ward's new novel, and the book is reported to trace the practical application of the doctrines of Robert Elsmere in work among the poor of London. One of the old time bogeys of the opponents of international copyright melts into thin air in face of the statement that the Macmillans, the English firm which will publish the work here, will sell it at $1, a lower price than is generally asked for volumes (printed and bound in no better fashion) of strictly American fiction.

It is to be hoped that the now closer relations of the American and English publishing trades will lead to a needed improvement in the size of the type used by the Americans. Although it is much larger than it used to be, it is still in too many cases trying to the eyes and the temper and ugly in its smallness and closeness of line. A good deal of the reading in this country is done by people who are past their youth and their youthful freshness of vision, and it is worth while to consider their necessities. The example of the Macmillans may do something to convince their brother publishers that profits are still possible with thicker paper and larger type than some of them are in the habit of using.

Mrs. Grimwood, the young widow of the Englishman so cruelly murdered in Manipur, is about to bring out a book. Its title is "My Three Years in Manipur."

It may as well be said frankly that the opening instalment of the Kipling-Balestier novel in "The Century," is a disappointment. Of several faults which present themselves to the reader the most unpleasant is—that it isn't interesting. We must acknowledge, however, that it is unfair to criticise a serial while on its journey; we will hope that "The Naulahka" will improve, and that those who have turned regretfully from its beginning will be forced to revise their impressions.

The demand for the biography of Laurence Oliphant is still active in England. The work is in its seventh edition there.

The author of "Cape Cod Folks" may take comfort in learning that the experiences of divers Danish authors with their novels somewhat resemble hers. Dr. Schondorph, a well-known writer, not long ago gave a reading from one of his stories in a provincial town. A citizen professed to recognize in one of the characters of the author's selection—an old apple woman—such a striking likeness to his venerated mother, that his wounded feelings could be soothed only by legal proceedings. The author succeeded in compromising the matter by promising never to read that story again in that town. Another Danish novelist is having a still harder time with his antagonist, the Court being actually at work upon the case.

The famous English Browning Society gives as its reason for its approaching dissolution that "no more work of popularization is left for the society to do."

The translation by R. B. Haldane, M. P., of Hegel's "History of Philosophy" is just out in London.

If we may judge by "The Heart of a Maid," the recently published book by Rudyard Kipling's sister, the genius of that remarkable young man has not been shared by other members of his family. The story is very crude and "girly-girly."

Students will shortly find prepared for them a special map of Italy. It will contain only such places as are mentioned by Dante in his work or were visited by him in his exile.

Professor John Fiske is writing a biography of Theodore Parker to be included in the series of American Religious Leaders.

"The Mystic Guest" is the title of a theosophical novel by W. Kingsland, just announced in London. The Bishop of Colombo, it is said, has undertaken a work to be called "Buddhism, Primitive and Present, in Magadha and in Ceylon."

The fact that "Hawthorne. By James Russell Lowell" has been withdrawn from the list of announcements of the American Men of Letters series would seem to show that the monograph did not reach a point at which publication might be contemplated. Deep will be the regret of the lovers of Hawthorne and of Lowell.

Mr. H. E. Watts, the author of the latest translation of "Don Quixote," declares that England may fairly claim the chief honor for the recognition of Cervantes as one of the world's great writers. England was the first to welcome him in a translation.

"Such Stuff as Dreams are Made Of" is the title of the story which Mr. John Mead Howells has contributed to "Wide-Awake." This young gentleman is the clever son of a distinguished father, Mr. W. D. Howells.

What will that article which is now called "American humor" have to say for itself in the face of the assertion of Canon Ainger—biographer and lover of Charles Lamb—that it is not humor, but a kind of debased wit? He believes that it is the humanity in humor that marks it as true—that there must be real reverence for certain ideals in the humorist's mind.

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Cabin passage $50, $60, $80 and $100 (according to steamer). Second cabin $30 and $35. Steerage at low rates. A. M. UNDERHILL & CO., 35 Broadway.

HAMBURG-AMERICAN PACKET CO. EXPRESS SERVICE to London and Hamburg.
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CITY OF BERLIN.....Wednesday, November 4, 7 a. m.
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CITY OF NEW-YORK..Wednesday, November 25, 1 p. m.
From Pier 43, N. R., adjoining Christopher-st. Ferry.
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SARATOGA, Havana and Cardenas.....Wed., Nov. 4.
ORIZABA, Havana and Mexican Ports.....Sat., Nov. 7.
CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, Hav. & Matanzas.Wed., Nov. 11.
CITY OF WASHINGTON, Havana and Mexican Ports, Sat., Nov. 14.
SANTIAGO, Nassau, Santiago de Cuba and Cienfuegos.....Thurs., Nov. 5.
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Havel.Tues., Nov. 3, 7 a. m. | Spree..Tues., Nov. 17, 7 a.m.
Elder..Sat., Nov. 7, 9 a. m. | Aller..Sat., Nov. 21, 9 a. m.
Trave..Tues., Nov. 10, noon. | Lahn..Tues., Nov. 24, noon.
First cabin, $75 and upward a berth. Second cabin, $50 a berth. Steerage at lowest rates. Oelrichs & Co., 2 Bowl. Gr'n.

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SS. VALENCIA.....Saturday, November 7, 1:30 p. m.
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These American Steamships, specially built for the trade, have very superior accommodations for passengers. BOULTON, BLISS & DALLETT, General Managers, 71 Wall-st.
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S. S. KANSAS CITY.....Wednesday, Nov. 4, 3 P. M.
S. S. CHATTAHOOCHEE.....Friday, Nov. 6, 3 P. M.
S. S. NACOOCHEE.....Saturday, Nov. 7, 3 P. M.
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*Majestic....Nov. 4, 7 a. m. | *Majestic..Dec. 2, 5:30 a. m.
Germanic..Nov. 11, 10 a. m. | Germanic.Dec. 9, 11:30 a. m.
Teutonic..Nov. 18, 7 a. m. | Teutonic.Dec. 16, 5:30 a.m.
Britannic.Nov. 25, 8:30 a.m. | Britannic...Dec. 23, 11 a. m.
From White Star Dock, foot of West 10th-st.
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