

10 MR. BRYCE'S ESSAYS.

SOME NOTABLE EXAMPLES OF HISTORICAL INVESTIGATION.

STUDIES IN HISTORY AND JURISPRUDENCE.

By James Bryce, Octavo, pp. xxiii, 328. Oxford University Press.

In this very substantial volume—too substantial for comfort in reading—Mr. Bryce has gathered together a large number of essays composed at different times over a long series of years.

His comparison of the Roman Empire with the British is based on the Indian possessions of the latter. It is an admirable example of the thoroughness and logical quality of his work.

As to standards of administration, the comparison is all in England's favor; for, though she began with the corruption of Hastings, wholesome principles were soon established, and have never since been forgotten.

Mr. Bryce finds to be these: Rome perished from her difficulties with finance and the poverty of the cultivator; from the want of men and money; perhaps, also, from the want of wisdom.

One of the most interesting of Mr. Bryce's essays is his comparison of the forecasts made as to the American Government by two keen observers, Hamilton, in "The Federalist," and De Toqueville, in his "Democracy in America."

Others have silently melted into the blue; some still hang on the horizon. The republic fared far otherwise than Hamilton feared and hoped.

Two essays that are of immediate and peculiar interest deal respectively with the constitutions of the two South African republics and of the new Australian Commonwealth.

The Australian instrument is the true child of its era, the latest birth of the constitution with it, the American constitution seems old-fashioned, and parts of the Swiss constitution positively archaic.

In his opinion, the tendency in Australia is likely to be rather toward consolidation than toward a relaxation of the federal bond.

From the "Autobiography of Sir Walter Besant" (Dodd, Mead & Co.)

There were left with me Captain Conder and William Simpson, of "The Illustrated London News."

When it happens that both the federal constitution and the functions of the judiciary are often attacked in the country which was so extravagantly proud of both institutions half a century ago.

BOOKS AND AUTHORS.

CURRENT TALK OF THINGS PRESENT AND TO COME.

Messrs. Henry Holt & Co. will issue at once a lower priced edition for students of Professor Calvin Thomas's "Life and Works of Schiller," which has been highly praised.

An exhaustive study of Count Leo Tolstoy as "man, worker, philosopher, prophet and artist" has been made by Dimitri Merejkowski, the Russian novelist.

Dolf Wyllarde thus describes how her novel "The Story of Eden," recently published, came to be written, and her own experience as a writer:

"The Story of Eden" was the outcome of a visit to Africa in 1880 on account of illness.

Mark Twain's "Huckleberry Finn" will be produced on the stage next November, the first performance to be given at Hartford, Conn.

A reader of Hamlin Garland's "The Captain of the Gray Horse Troop" has written to inquire if the Indian sign language is indeed so ready a means of communication as it seems to Captain Curtis, the hero of Mr. Garland's new story.

William Watson's "Ode on the Coronation of Edward VII" will be published in a few days by John Lane, in a handsome little volume of about seventy pages.

Not so much a popular account of the new discoveries in astronomy as a comprehensive statement of how the science has been revolutionized in the last quarter of a century is contained in Herbert Hall Turner's book "Modern Astronomy," which E. P. Dutton & Co. are publishing.

Professor Turner tells a story about the Lick Observatory that does not exactly bear upon the progress of astronomy in one way, though it does in another.

Some enterprising gentlemen in another neighborhood, desiring to test the generality of the law that if a large telescope were built the value of land in the neighborhood would go up, announced a still larger telescope and ordered a 40-inch piece of glass for the lens.

The cult of the Stuarts may some time equal that of Napoleon if it continues to grow as it has of recent years.

"Well," I asked, for more was in his face. "And I know, I believe, all the caves of Moab, and they are all damp and earthy. There is not a dry cave in the country."

From The Philadelphia Press. "I suppose," said Mrs. Gable, whose husband had been dead scarcely a month, "if I were to go to that 5 o'clock tea it would cause a lot of talk."

until toward the end of the book she thought she saw trouble ahead for Shatterly. Then one morning she said to Mr. Shackleton, in a most earnest way and with evident feeling, "I hope you will excuse my saying this, Mr. Shackleton, but please don't let anything happen to Mr. Shatterly. If you can help it, please don't let any harm come to him."

Neltje Blanchan, known to her friends as Mrs. F. N. Doubleday, whose familiarity with the birds has been disclosed in various bird books bearing her name, has another one in preparation for early publication by Doubleday, Page & Co.

The Appletons are now publishing Reuben G. Thwaites's volume on "Father Marquette, the Explorer of the Mississippi," which will form the first volume of a series they are projecting, to be called "The Life Histories Series."

A neglected corner of economic study is explored in a book on "Savings and Savings Institutions" by James Henry Hamilton, published this week by the Macmillan Company.

Miss Ruth Putnam has just returned from Leyden, where she had been spending a number of months with Professor Blok, the Dutch historian, of whose "History of the Netherlands" she is the translator.

It was a signal honor to American scholarship a year ago when Professor William James, of Harvard University, was appointed to deliver the Gifford lectures at Edinburgh University.

A ROMANCE IN REAL LIFE.

WHAT FOLLOWED THE MARRIAGE OF THE EARL OF MARCH.

From "The Life and Letters of Lady Sarah Lennox" (Charles Scribner's Sons).

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