

Literary Labor.

great deal of brilliant work has been done at a dash, and is still done. By the note "The Corsair" in ten days, at the rate of two hundred lines a day, and it is so written, and it is so published it hardly with a correction, the *pe de Vega* wrote three hundred dramas for the stage in one hundred days, on the principle upon which an athlete now and then walks one hundred miles one hundred hours; and it has been reckoned that the average amount of his work was nine hundred lines a day.

Voltaire wrote "Zaire" in three weeks, and "Olympie" in six days; Dryden wrote his "Ode to St Cecilia" in three days. The finest of Elizabeth Barrett Browning's poems, "The Lady Geraldine's Burial," was the work of twelve hours. It was written to com-

to the original two volumes of her poetry, and to send out with her poems to America. But as a rule the best work is to be done at a dash in this style. "What do you think of 'Olympie'?" Voltaire asked of one of his friends "after" that work was published; "I wrote it in six days," "You could not have rested on the twentieth day," was the answer, and the answer was wise as well as witty. Shakespeare was not one of those slapdash writers, and Shakespeare, with his thirty-four plays, has conquered the world. Dickens, when he intended to write a Christmas story, shut himself up six weeks, lived the life of a hermit, and came out looking as haggard as a murderer.

Tom Moore, with all his effervescence and sparkle, thought it quick work if he did seventy lines to "Lalla Rookh" in a week, although living out of the world in a writing-box in the Peak. Planche, too, induced his burlesques at an equally low rate, making ten or dozen lines of good work. The author of "Caste" did "School" was one of the slowest of workmen.

Even Albany Fonblanque often wrote series articles in the Examiner six times over before he thought them fit to go to press—and sometimes ten times over. George Meredith's "The Sign of the Cross," by George Meredith Dixon, it is said, wrote and wrote his "Two Queens" eight weeks. "Eothen," was rewritten three or six times and kept in his

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Astronomical Observations.

Mars is the warlike planet. It is odd therefore, to find that "Mars is retrograde when in opposition," which implies that if a man were born under the influence of the planet Mars he would run away in battle.

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black spot. The moral for all Veuses evident.

Jupiter's satellites revolve about him at different distances, and are subject to being eclipsed.

Jupiter is a noble planet, but what a lot of snobs his satellites must be!

Saturn shines with a pale dead light. Compared with Jupiter, he is nowhere. Let it be trouble the number of satellites that Jupiter has. This is accounted for by the exclusiveness of the circle in which Jupiter moves. If Jupiter's satellites are snobs, Saturn's are both snobs and idiots. His Royal Highness's lack Stars has more toadies about him than has his Royal Highness himself.

NEWS FROM POINTS AROUND.

MAYSVILLE.—Sheriff Price arrested a rump here last evening who had committed rape on a young girl 10 years old.

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GREENSBURG, IND.—The new Engineer is doing little in the way of improving a city.

The auction at Doggals has about finished up.

Slag dance at the City Hall this evening—a good time for the lads.

HAMILTON.—It is rumored that Jacob Hamilton, an old newspaper man, is about to publish a new paper in Hamilton.

Snake's friends are legion he will doubtless meet with the encouragement he deserves.

The ladies of the United Presbyterian

The church congregation met at the parsonage yesterday afternoon to make arrangements in regard to having a church social and a supper, the proceeds of which are to be used in refitting and improving their Sabbath-school rooms.

The County Commissioners held another session yesterday and completed their work of examining and comparing the various orders submitted during Auditor Peck's administration.

The Supreme Court decided against andiever & Symmes in the manuscript matter, much to the joy of Wallace's friends, who have been watching the matter with a great degree of interest, the next thing on the programme now will be a suit brought by the above named attorneys against the county for

The payment of the fee claimed.
There was a large and fashionable
gathering at the residence of Joe E.
wens, Esq., last evening. The party
was given in honor of the return to his
country of Joe Owens, son of the for-
named gentleman, who now claims
his as his home. The affair was gotten
up in grand style and greatly enjoyed by
who participated.
The young ladies were richly dressed,
and all looked exceedingly charming.
We would like to say who by many was
ought to be the belle of the evening,
but will refrain lest we might by chance
do injustice to some fair one, and a
card in the Enquirer be the conse-
quence, calling into question our good
taste and judgment in the matter.

A VONDALE.—The concert and lecture at St. Andrew's Church to-night promises to be a brilliant affair.

St. Andrew's Church, which will be occupied this evening for the first time, cost \$5,000. The Building Committee, consisting of Messrs. P. O'Donnell, John Cronin and M. E. Cummings, have

ney. We have heard that persons using property impose themselves upon the city by receiving portions of this money.

Yesterday, the jury in the case of Jackson D. Williams against W. H. Henrich returned a verdict for the plaintiff of \$100 and costs, for destroying the hemp making machine belonging to the inventor, Williams.

Since the advent of THE STAR into Lexington the locals of the city papers have an easy way of getting the news for their sheets by clipping from this column.

None of the Lexington papers have noted a line against the poor quality of what our citizens have to pay double for.

The general division of the Baptist Con-

The formal division of the Baptist congregations of this city for the purpose of organizing another church in the eastern part of the city took place on Wednesday evening at a meeting of the members of the Baptist Church on South street.