

The Critic.

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THERE seems to be a revival of interest in Sheridan. Dodd, Mead & Co. have an *édition-de-luxe* of his works in press, prepared by Mr. R. G. White; Mr. J. B. Matthews has written a Life of Sheridan, which Osgood & Co. will publish; the Harpers announce Mrs. Oliphant's 'Sheridan' in the English Men-of-Letters Series; and Mr. Henry Morley will open his Universal Library with an edition of the dramatist's writings.

The July *Harper's* will contain a paper on 'Political Honors in China,' by Wong Chin Foo, the editor of the *Chinese American*. There will be found much profitable reading for American Statesmen in this article. Mrs. Goodale, the mother of the talented Goodale girls, has a story in the same number.

Admiral Ammen, who treats of the naval operations on the Atlantic coast in Messrs. Scribner's Naval series, writes much of his book from personal experience, as he commanded the Seneca at the attack on Port Royal and in the operations on Tybee Island, the Monitor Patapsco in the attack on Fort McAllister and Fort Sumter, and the Mohican in both sieges of Fort Fisher.

The next volume in Putnam's Topics of the Time will contain papers on Gambetta, Swift, Wilberforce, George Sand and others.

Jeptha R. Simms, the historian of the Mohawk Valley, died on Thursday night at his home in Fort Plain, N. Y. Mr. Simms was born in Canterbury, Conn., Dec. 31, 1807. In 1845 he published 'The History of Schoharie County and the Border Wars of New York.' Later he published 'The American Spy,' a Revolutionary tale, and in 1850 'The Trappers of New York.' Recently he published a revised and enlarged edition of his first work, under the title of 'The Frontiersmen of New York.'

The *Athenæum* states that Mr. Jeaffreson's 'The Real Lord Byron' is attracting attention on the continent, long reviews of it having appeared in German and Russian papers.

Messrs. Harper have in press Dr. Schaff's 'Companion to the New Testament,' a critical examination of the Greek Testament, with a history of the various editions, and an appendix containing papers by other Biblical scholars.

An English translation of the 'Mahabharata' is about to be published in India, by Baboo Protap Chandra Roy.

It is rumored that the proprietors of a London morning paper propose to issue a half-penny sheet every hour, containing the latest telegrams, stock-exchange quotations, market reports, etc.

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons have transferred to Messrs. Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co. their large list of school textbooks, comprising Guyot's geographies and wall-maps; their standard series of readers, arithmetics, natural philosophies, chemistries, etc. Mr. Tucker, so pleasantly known in connection with the educational department of the Scribners, has been engaged by Messrs. Ivison & Co.

The death is announced of the Rev. Dr. Moses Nathan, one of the first and oldest Jewish preachers in England, and the first instructor in Hebrew of Prof. Marks. Dr. Nathan had spent many years as a minister of the English congregations in Jamaica and New Orleans.

'The Yellowstone National Park' will be explored with greater comfort if one carries in his pocket the manual for tourists which Mr. Henry J. Winser has prepared for the guidance of voyagers in that region. It is fully illustrated with cheap cuts, and contains an abundance of varied information. Messrs. Putnam are the publishers.

S. H. M. Byers, American Consul at Zurich, has been investigating the Swiss methods of cheese-making with special reference to the points on which our own producers are open to improvement, as regards both economy and quality, and has embodied the results of his research in an article on 'Alpine Dairies,' which will be published, with illustrations, in the July number of *Lippincott's*. Another article, in the same number, which will be of interest to agriculturists, as well as to general readers, is on 'British Landowners and American Competitors.' The author, Arthur Granville Bradley, son of the Dean of Westminster, who lived for several years in Virginia, writes from personal observation, presenting the fruits of an impartial study of the subject on both sides of the Atlantic.

Lippincott's Magazine for July will be published as a Midsummer Number, and will contain, among other attractions, a novelette in five chapters, entitled 'Moonshine and Marguerites,' by the popular author of 'Phyllis,' 'Molly Bawn,' 'Portia,' etc.

Gen. Phil. Sheridan has written on the 'Last Days of the Rebellion' for the July *North American*, relating also his personal experiences at the surrender of Gen. Lee. In the same number of the *Review*, President Seelye, of Amherst, discusses the subject of 'Dynamite as a Factor of Civilization.'

The Petersons have put forth a new addition of Zola's 'Au Bonheur des Dames,' entitled this time 'The Ladies' Paradise.'

E. F. Birmingham & Co. have reprinted in pamphlet-form the amusing skit at 'Co-education' contributed by Josephine Pollard to *The American Queen*. Walter Satterlee's clever illustrations are reproduced in colored ink.

Roumania now possesses an illustrated monthly magazine, *The Bucharest Salon*, published by J. Bettelheim. The first number contains contributions from Mite Kremnitz, Maioresu and others.

The symposium in the last number of *The North American Review* dealt with the stage: that in the forthcoming number will treat of the church. A 'Non-Church-Goer' writes on the alleged decline of church-going, setting forth the reasons of the assumed decline, and is answered by Rev. Dr. W. H. Ward, Congregationalist, Editor of the *Independent*; Rev. Dr. Pullman, Universalist; and the Rev. Dr. J. H. Rylance, Episcopalian. The two former deny the Non-Church-Goer's assertions in toto, while the latter admits that there is some ground for them.

A 'belles-lettres monthly for young people' has been started at Louisville, Ky., by Annie E. Wilson and Isabella M. Leyburn. Its title is *Electra*, its motto 'Elcelsior,' its cover colored, and its frontispiece—that of the May number, at least—a reproduction of the familiar picture of 'Irving and his Friends.'

An article by C. Burr Todd on 'New York Clubs,' giving the history and characteristic features of the most noteworthy, from the Union and the Century to the recently established Authors Club, will appear in the July *Lippincott's*.