

....*The Ladies' Home Journal* will begin in its next issue Mr. Howells's literary autobiography under the title, "My Literary Passions"; and Mr. Eugene Field contributes a poem, recently written, which is, the author affirms, his first love story.

....Thomas Whittaker will soon publish a popular work on the "Cathedrals of England," with illustrations. Each minister will be discussed by some clergyman officially attached to it; Westminster Abbey by Canon Farrar, Winchester Cathedral by Canon Benham, Gloucester by Dean Spence, etc.

....Among the contributions to the November *Cosmopolitan* are the first of the "Altrurian" traveler's letters after his visit to New York, giving his impressions of this country, by Mr. Howells, as well as other "American Notes" by another Altrurian, Mr. Walter Besant, and a new story by "Mark Twain."

....Mrs. Elizabeth Cady Stanton and her daughter, Mrs. Stanton-Blatch, of England, are engaged upon a book to be called "Babies: Their Past, Present and Future." Mrs. Stanton's intelligent interest in this subject is well known, while her daughter is a contributor to various educational publications. The book will be full of useful hints to mothers.

....The new *édition de luxe* of the "Standard Book of Common Prayer" is now ready, and will soon issue from the press of Theodore L. De Vinne & Co. The method of decoration and symbolism employed in this work was arranged by Mr. D. B. Updike, of Boston, who for the last twelve years has superintended much of the decorative printing done by Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co.

....The first number of *The Psychological Review*, a bi-monthly publication (Macmillan & Co.), will appear January 1st, 1894. It will contain the results of experimental investigations, constructive and critical articles, and reviews of important publications on psychology. Its editors will be Professor Baldwin (Princeton) and Professor Cattell (Columbia), assisted by Professor Binet, of the Sorbonne, Paris; Professor Stumpf (Munich), Professor Sully (London), and a number of distinguished American students.

....The Rev. G. W. Gwilliam, B.D., has recently published, with commentary and facsimiles, the text of five Syriac fragments which have lately been brought from Egypt, and are now in the Bodleian Library. They belong to the "Jerusalem" or "Palestinian" Syriac Version of the Scriptures; and the portions, a few verses of Numbers and of the Pauline Epistles, are distinct from those which are preserved in London and St. Petersburg. The handwriting is as old as the earliest specimens hitherto discovered. The work will be sent for one dollar, post free, on application to the editor, at Aston Upthorpe, Wallingford, England.

....The "*Sozial demokratische Zukunftsbilder*," which were published about two years ago by Eugene Richter, the well-known leader of the Liberal Party in the German Parliament, has reached an extraordinary circulation. Recently the two hundred and fifty thousandth edition was issued. In addition to this these sketches of what would be the results of a socialistic régime in State and family have appeared in fully forty journals and periodicals, among them also the *Review of Reviews*. Translations have been made into English, French, Italian, Norwegian, Dutch, Danish, Czech, Polish and other tongues. Literally millions have been reading this fascinating and instructive political brochure.

....A manuscript exchange agreement has been in operation between the leading European libraries for the past two years, and is proving of great benefit to scholars. The manuscripts are now sent directly from library to library without the intervention of the State authorities. The following States are included in this Library Association: Germany, Austria, Holland, Belgium, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden and Norway, and a number of leading libraries in England, Italy and Russia have also connected themselves with this Association. In France, Italy and Russia the consent of the political authorities must first be secured before a manuscript can be sent to another library.

....Germany is the paradise of literary specialists. In the *Bibliographischer Monatsbericht*, published by Gustav Fock, of Leipzig, who is chief publishers of brochures, etc., of this kind, there appeared from September, 1892 to August, 1893, no fewer

than 3,688 doctor-dissertations, inaugurals of university teachers, school programs, and similar publications devoted to special research by German scholars. The majority of these are not in the book trade. Classical Philology is represented by 327 numbers, Modern Philology by 248, Oriental Philology by 66, Theology by 43, Philosophy by 73, Pedagogics by 224, History by 155, Law by 220, Medicine by 1,377, Natural Sciences by 224, Exact Sciences by 225, Chemistry by 401, Fine Arts by 19, Music by 7, Forestry by 20, Miscellaneous by 33.

LITERARY NOTES.

GINN & Co. announce "The Beginnings of the English Romantic Movement," by William Lyon Phelps, A. M., Instructor at Yale University.

....Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons propose fitting up a fine new building on Fifth Avenue above East Twenty-first Street, which they expect to occupy some time during the coming year.

....The November *Atlantic Monthly* contains an article on "School Libraries," by Horace E. Scudder, and still another of special interest to teachers entitled "Spec-tacled Schoolboys," by Ernest Hart, the London Ophthalmologist.