

During the years from 1891 to 1897

*The closing years
of the 19th century.*

Mrs. Elizabeth Wormeley Latimer
gave to the public six ample volumes

on the history of the different nations of Europe
during the nineteenth century. The volumes were
reviewed at length in our columns, and a favorable
judgment was pronounced upon them as being of
much interest and usefulness to the general reading
public. Mrs. Latimer makes no pretensions to
historical research and disclaims technical training.
But through a long life she has mingled in the best
social circles of Europe, and has thus been able to

tell the story of Europe during the century largely from the inside, and with the grace that comes from such social experience. She has now issued a volume made up of supplements to these books, with the title "The Last Years of the Nineteenth Century" (McClurg). From the nature of her task the author has not been able to invest these brief supplements with the charm of the original chatty volumes. They have been compiled from newspapers and magazines, and from the notebooks of Richard Harding Davis, G. W. Stevens, and others, thus lacking freshness as well as the personal element. The volume is, however, of value for reference where the facts are undisputed, and some parts of it are full of interest for the story they tell, especially the account of Lord Kitchener's Soudan campaign. There is quite a complete narrative of the Boer war. Altogether, the book is a valuable one, and we are glad Mrs. Latimer has added it to her series.