

THE dry but irresistible humor of "Coffee and Repartee," by Mr. John Kendrick Bangs, will commend the little book to a wide circle of amusement seeking readers, and will remind many of them of the classic of breakfast-table literature, although the author's manner is sufficiently distinctive to protect him from the charge of imitation. The booklet appears in the "Black and White" series (Harpers), of which other volumes, also just issued, are as follows: "Giles Corey, Yeoman," a prose drama by Miss Mary E. Wilkins; "Whittier," a sketch by Mrs. James T. Fields; and "The Japanese Bride," a social study by Mr. Naomi Tamura.

A NEW and very attractive edition of Lord Lytton's novels (Little, Brown & Co.) is in process of publication, and will occupy forty volumes. The type is new, and the presswork is excellent. Each volume will have an original etching by Mr. Edmund H. Garrett. The volumes are of convenient size and bound in tastefully decorated covers. "The Caxtons," in two volumes, inaugurates this handsome edition, and from two to four volumes are promised monthly. Such an edition of Bulwer has long been needed, and will form a welcome accession to the shelves.

MAJOR Ross-of-Bladensburg, C.B., has written for the "Rulers of India" series (Macmillan) a life of the Marquess of Hastings, who was Governor-General of India from 1813 to 1823, and who is chiefly remembered for his suppression of the Maráthá revolt. The author's arrangement of matter is not very perspicuous, and his style is defective. We are told of one of the characters that "he went alone into the jungle much infested by tigers and disappeared." His disappearance, under these circumstances, is not surprising, but we wonder that he got into the jungle at all.

"CHARLES DARWIN: His Life Told in an Autobiographical Chapter and in a Selected Series of His Published Letters" (Appleton) is the cumbersome title of a work in which Mr. Francis Darwin has produced, in abbreviated single volume form, the larger "Life and Letters" of his illustrious father. He has omitted many of the strictly scientific letters, and added an account of his father's manner of working. Most of the matter that the general reader will find of interest has been preserved in this volume.

THE fifth and sixth volumes of the Dryburgh "Waverley" (Macmillan) give us "The Black Dwarf," "A Legend of Montrose," and "Old Mortality." Messrs. Walter Paget, Lockhart Bogle, and Frank Dadd are the respective illustrators of these novels. To the new popular edition of Mr. Black's novels have just been added "Sunrise," "White Wings," and "The Beautiful Wretch" (Harpers). Finally, the "American Notes" and "Pictures from Italy" have been put together into a volume of the new dollar edition of Dickens, an edition originally intended to comprise only the more popular novels, but which seems to be growing into a complete set (Macmillan).

THE "Select Writings and Letters of Gregory, Bishop of Nyassa" have been translated (and duly annotated), by Mr. William Moore and Mr. Henry Austin Wilson, for the "Select Library of Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers of the Christian Church" (Christian Literature Co). Dr. Philip Schaff and Dr. Henry Wace are the editors of this important collection of patristic theology, and the present volume is number five of the second series.