

## LITERARY NOTES.

Mr. NUTT is soon to publish a volume of Mr. Bliss Carman's poems in London.

....*The Cosmopolitan* set the fashion of low rates, and now *The Forum*, beginning with the December number, is reducing its prices from \$5 to \$3 a year, from 50 cents to 25 cents a copy.

....H. C. Chatfield Taylor, author of "With Edge Tools," has just completed his second novel, "An American Peeress," which will be published by A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago.

....Armstrong & Son republish this year the nineteenth thousand of the late Dr. J. P. Thompson's "Home Worship," with special chapters by Bishop Simpson and the Rev. Dr. John Hall, Dr. Wm. M. Taylor and Dr. Geo. D. Boardman.

....The January *Harper's Magazine* will contain an illustrated article on recent discoveries in Egypt and Chaldea by Mr. W. St. Chad Boscawen. Mr. George Du Maurier's new novel "Trilby," which deals with art student life in Paris forty years ago, will begin in the same issue.

....*Meehan's Monthly* for December announces that in line with former suggestions of its own, the State of New York, under the lead of Professor Peck, the State Botanist, is about to issue charts for the use of schools, libraries, etc., showing the edible and the noxious species of fungus.

....With 1893 *Littell's Living Age* closes its fiftieth year. In addition to its well-chosen selections from British magazines, during the coming year the *Living Age* will publish copyrighted translations of noted French and German authors, beginning with "Manet Andrey," a Picture of Life during the Reign of Terror, by Paul Perret.

....Charles L. Webster & Co. announce a new subscription book, quarto, "Scenes and Scenery of the Bible Lands," to be published in twelve Parts, containing two hundred photogravures from photographs taken in Bible lands by Adrian Bonfils, and illustrating the countries as they appear to-day. The pictures are chronologically arranged with Scripture references, and the text is designed to describe each view according to the most recent discoveries.

....*McClure's Magazine* for December contains an account of a visit to Archdeacon Farrar by Arthur Warren, the frontispiece being a portrait of the Archdeacon; an illustrated article by Professor Drummond on the Boys' Brigade, entitled "Manliness in Boys—By a New Process," and reprints Mrs. Oliphant's delightful and popular story of the Seen and Unseen, "A Visitor and his Opinions." The "Human Documents" of this number are portraits of William T. Stead, Whitelaw Reid and Governor McKinley.

....The establishment of a Jewish Central National Library, which has been in contemplation for a number of years, is now to be effected. A beginning in this direction has been made by the "Shaar Zion" Library in Jaffa, in Palestine, which already possesses 2,127 volumes. To these will now be added the collections left by the brothers Gordon, one of whom was the well-known Jewish poet; as also the library of Dr. Chasonowitz, of Bialystock, and others. These "Zionites" of Jaffa use only the Hebrew language in their schools and literary work.

....Dr. A. Conan Doyle, having seen reviews in American papers of "My Friend the Murderer," sends to *The Critic* a protest against the republishing of his early stories without his sanction and in spite of his deliberate suppression of them. Readers of *The Dial* will be interested to note in this connection that Mr. W. M. Payne, its shrewd reviewer, writes of these stories in the last issue:

"It is difficult to believe that they are recent work at all; they rather bear the marks of a prentice hand, and we venture the guess that they have been unearthed from the magazines or story papers of some years ago."

....Both of the two great popular encyclopedias of the Germans, Brockhaus and Meyers, are appearing in new editions. The older, that of Brockhaus, is about half completed in the new and revised form, while of Meyers only one volume has appeared in the fifth edition. This issue will contain more than 100,000 articles, on 17,500 pages, with 10,000 illustrations, maps, etc., and among them 150 colored plates. The whole will be in seventeen volumes, at ten marks each. This work has already circulated in more than a half-million copies and is prepared mostly by recognized specialists. The publishers are the Bibliographical Institute of Leipzig and Vienna.