

....Vol. VII. of Leslie Stephen's *Dictionary of National Biography* has appeared. It covers the ground from *Brown to Bartholomew*. The number happens not to fall on a particularly rich section of the alphabet, but includes in it some names of the highest interest. The longest articles that we have noticed are devoted to Edmund Burke and to John Bunyan. The number contains also, notices of Robert Burns and of Mrs. Browning. The name of Bruce introduces the great patriot of Scotland. The much disputed story of George Buchanan, equally famous for his part in the reformation of Scotland, and in the career of the ill-fated Queen of Scots, is told with admirable skill. We have in this volume Buckle, the historian, Henry Bulwer, the diplomat (Edward, George Bulwer, Lord Lytton), is reserved to appear under the title Lytton, the theologian, Martin Bucer, the unfortunate General Burgoyne, Bishops Burnet and Bull, the composer of the same name (John), and the long line of Browns and Brownes. The more we examine the work the more we see to admire in it as a marvel of brevity combined with fullness and accuracy that does not drop into dullness. (Macmillan & Co. \$3.25.)

....Prof. John Robert Seeley's *Short History of Napoleon the First*, republished in this country by the Messrs. Roberts Brothers (Boston), is the best brief summary of the Napoleonic history which has been published, from the English point of view. The keynote of the history is struck in a striking way by the unusual portrait of the emperor given as a frontispiece, in whose hard, fateful, and powerful features we see the characteristics of the man as the unsparring criticism of the recent times has developed them. The student will want more detail than this survey furnishes; but when the facts are before him, he cannot be in better hands for the connection of events and that philosophical reduction of the whole complicated series of events to an orderly whole. Many students who have toiled through the disconnected facts of successive campaigns and treaties, will, for the first time, on reading this book, see why Napoleon was able to ride rough-shod over Europe until 1813, why he failed at last, and got possession of a standard by which to estimate his genius as a soldier and a statesman, and to pass judgment on his career. (Roberts Brothers, Boston. \$1.50.)

....Oscar R. Gleason has added another to the numerous manuals for the management of horses. *How to Handle and Educate Vicious Horses* would have made the author's reputation before Rarey's day. It now contains some new ideas, especially as to the construction of simple and effective apparatus to control the horse. The directions for making this apparatus are not in all cases intelligible. It would be an improvement to add lettered drawings of the apparatus. The volume contains also some good hints on the training and health of dogs. (O. Judd Co. \$1.00.)—A book more particularly adapted to breeders than the above is published also by the Orange Judd Co., *The Percheron Horse in America*, by M. O. Wild; in *France*, by Charles du Hays. The cream of the book lies in the latter treatise, by M. Du Hays, which has had a powerful effect on the breeding of horses in this country and is destined to have still more. Mr. Wild introduces it with just what needs to be said as to the history of the breed in this country and its adaptability. A people who believe in the nobility of labor should take kindly to this race of thoroughbreds from the desert, in harness. (\$1.00.)

....Mr. Theodore S. Van Dyke has already established himself before the literary world by "The Still Hunter" and a manual of field sport in California. Of his new work on *Southern California; Its Valleys, Hills and Streams; Its Animals, Birds and Fishes; Its Gardens, Farms and Climate*, we had already had glimpses in the journals which have published the interesting letters which form the basis of the volume just published by the Messrs. Ford, Howard & Hulbert. The value of the book lies in the great fund of classified information which only a good observer and a well-trained naturalist could collect. What we require to know in all such cases as this, is the comparative relation of the fact in California to the cognate fact in other parts of the world. Climates and countries all have their strong points and their bad points. But how do they compare? It requires a wide range of knowledge and observation to make this comparison. Mr. Van Dyke seems to be able to do it, and shows in his volume the happy ability of describing what is before him in right and true relations with what the reader has before him. (Price, \$1.50.)

....It is impossible to contemplate the history of Quakerism without a warming of the heart to the disciples of that faith. Persecuted as they have been, and subjected as they may still be to occasional annoyance and violence, they have fairly demonstrated the beatitude by their proof that the "meek shall inherit the

earth" and made all men their friends. We had occasion, not long ago, to dwell on some of the peculiarities of the brotherhood in noticing the *Life of Caroline Fry*, by Edward Ryder. The same author now gives us a little volume on the *Lights and Shadows of Quakerism*, which is designed to set forth the belief of the Friends in all essential and leading points. The manual is made up from the position of the evangelical and orthodox Friends, and although it contains points as to which we should rather like to engage the author in friendly discussion, especially as to positive institutions, we see nothing in the volume which wanders beyond the limit of Christian liberty. The book is sweet in tone, pure in style and very gentle and undogmatic in its exposition of the views of the Brotherhood. (Philip H. Smith, Pauling, N. Y.)

....The Messrs. Ginn & Co. publish a third edition of *Six Weeks' Preparation for Reading Cæsar*, by James M. Whiton, Ph.D., an admirable elementary introduction to the study of Cæsar. Everything for which the grammar need be consulted, *except the paradigms*, is contained in each lesson. The manual is formed upon a plan which, though not wholly new, is original with Dr. Whiton. The present edition has been made more convenient by the introduction of simple grammatical notes instead of references, and a larger amount of such explanation as is required in the class-room. The readings are selections from Cæsar, which are combined with other passages, to be translated back into Latin. With the *Six Weeks' Preparation* is combined a manual for daily use after the pupil has begun to read Cæsar. The two parts make a whole that could come only from the pen of a genuine scholar experienced in teaching, and who had an original gift for that work. (Ginn & Co. 45c.)

....Travelers going abroad in search of health, and who have had their attention turned to Carlsbad as a promising resort, can get all the information they require in advance, for the formation of an opinion by the thorough and in every way excellent manual *Carlsbad and Its Environs*, by John Merrylees, with a medical treatise on the use of the waters by B. London, M.D., a resident physician at Carlsbad. The manual is well provided with maps, contains full particulars as to charges, cost, etc., and an amount of definite information which it is wholly out of the question to obtain concerning any American resort. (Charles Scribner's Sons: \$2.50.)

....*Misfits and Remnants* is a collection of romantic stories drawn by L. D. Ventura and S. Sheirtch, from the shady side of life. Now it is an Italian bootblack, with his group around him; now it is two Italian children perishing under hard training for crime. Other stories run into the black darkness of nihilism. They show more than usual power of expression and considerable imagination. (Boston: Ticknor & Co. \$1.00.)

....Number three of the "Primers of Domestic Science" is *Familiar Lessons for Little Girls, a First Book of the Art of Cooking*, by Mrs. Harrie J. Willard. Mrs. Willard is strong in her command of the two arts which lead to success in the preparation of such a manual as this. She understands housekeeping, and she understands teaching. The result is a capital book to begin with; and if the beginning is made as it should be, all the rest will come easily. (George Sherwood & Co., Chicago.)

....The latest number of *The Olden Time Series* is composed of more or less curious advertisements gleaned from old newspapers of Boston and Salem, Massachusetts. It is the fourth number of the series, and in its " quaint and curious advertisements" gives a picture of the times, which, though partial, is unquestionably true to the life as far as it goes. (Ticknor & Co., Boston. 50 cents.)

....Mr. Oscar Fay Adams is up to time again with his monthly number for July on his way "through the year with the poets." The definiteness of the high summer month has made his task easier, and he has been rewarded with richer finds to combine into his mid-summer number. (D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.)

....Under the general head of *Vital Questions Pertaining to Christian Belief*, the Rev. M. Rhodes, D.D., has collected a series of papers on such subjects as "The Folly of Atheism," "Is the Bible Inspired?" "Probation After Death," etc. The book is earnest in tone and conservative in position, and written in a good spirit.