THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Notes and Announcements.

Six new holiday editions of Victor Hugo's works are announced by as many American publishers. The volumes range in price from \$1.50 to \$20, the latter being an edition de luxe in French.

The approaching publication of the final volume of the Encyclopedæ Brittanica renders a note apropos. It is a hundred and seventeen years since the first edition of the Encyclopedæ appeared. Eight editions, including the latest, have followed it, each enlarged and improved. The original dozen volumes have been expanded to 34, and these have taken fourteen years to compile.

The novel-writing disease would appear to be epidemic in the Haggard family. Rider Haggard's brother is now to enter the literary lists, we are told. Rider Haggard's brother will go in for books of military adventure, being himself an officer in Her Majesty's land service, stationed at Meerut, in India. His full name and title is Captain A. C. P. Haggard, and he has already published press papers on military matters and diaries of military expeditions in which he has been concerned.

Recent events in England have done good service for Messrs. Vizetelly & Co., of London, in re-directing attention to the admirable translations of Zola published by them. This firm-which, by the way, first introduced Boisgobey and Gaboriau to English readers-has made French and Russian novels a specialty, and its catalogue now includes the masterpieces of Zola, Ohnet, Murger, de Goncourt, Feydeau, Bourget, Gozlan, Gautier, Flaubert, Droz, Daudet, Claretie, Cherbuliez and others, as well as-among Russians-Tolstoi, Gogol, Dostoieffsky and Lermontoff. Each of these books has sold largely, some of them by the hundred thousand, and all have deserved popular favor, since the translations have been made by competent hands, with no sacrifice of sterling quality and without abridgement. Novel-readers who have hitherto known the French and Russian masters of fiction through the hackwork versions sent out by other publishers, have a rare satisfaction in store for them if they will order-through Messrs. J. & A. McMillan-a selection of these inexpensive and well-made books.

Messrs. Charles Scribner's Sons have announced some of the articles which will appear in their excellent Magazine during 1889. The railroad articles, they tell us. will be continued by several very striking papers; one especially interesting by Ex-Postmaster-General Thomas L. James on "The Railway Postal Service." Mr. Robert Louis Stevenson's serial novel "The Master of Ballantrae," will run through the greater part of the year. A correspondence and collection of manuscript memoirs relating to J. F. Millet and a famous group of modern French painters will furnish the substance of several articles. The brief end papers written last year by Robert Louis Stevenson, will be replaced by equally interesting contributions by different authors. Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich will write the first of them for the January number. Many valuable literary articles will appear; a paper on Walter Scott's Methods of Work, illustrated from original MSS., a second "Shelf of Old Books," by Mrs. James T. Fields, and many others equally noteworthy. Articles on art subjects will be a feature. Papers are arranged to appear by Clarence Cook, E. H. Blashfield, Austin Dobson, and many others. In illustrated articles, as well as in short stories and poems, Scribner's has always kept np to, if not surpassed, the standard of its older rivals, and we need not anticipate any falling off in this particular. (\$3 a year, 25 cents a number. Charles Scribner's Sone, 743 Broadway, New York.

They Stand in the Cold. It would appear from authentic reports that the pupils who attend Winter street school have to warm their toes on the sidewalk if they are too punctual in the morning. A resident of the street says that, no matter whether it is raining or snowing, or the thermometer above or below zero, or the sun is shining or the sky is clouded, or the wind is blowing or it is calm, the pupils who arrive at the school before 9 o'clock in the morning have to wait outside the building until that hour. He complains of this, and his complaint is just. It is not good, especially for children hardly free from intancy, to stand about in the rain and cold waiting for the school to open. If they are unpunctual they get the despised and dreaded "tardy mark." If endure the elements until the teachers please to admit them at 9 o'clock. Complaints of Winter street school have not been infrequent in the past. It is to be hoped, for the sake of the children, that if pear: any absurd regulation forbids their entering school until 9 o'clock it be abolished at once.

She Didn't Like Tobacco Smoke.

The man who boarded a horse car on Dock street, a few days ago, with a pipe in his mouth, was rather surprised to find the door quickly shut when he attempted to enter, while the woman who had shut it directed upon him a look of fierce indignation. He couldn't understand it, until he suddenly thought of his pipe and put it in his pocket. Then he opened the door with ease and took his seat in the car.

MUSIC. AT HOME AND ABROAD.

I quote part of a local the Sun published last Saturday about the Wizard Oil

Night after night the Institute is crowded with the best people of the city. As a well known musician put it last night to a Sun reporter, the cause of this liberal patronage lies on the surface. Dr. Ellis does not shoot over the heads of the people, but presents a popular programme with as much fidelity, care and dignity as if he was handling an oratorio or an opera.
The St. John Oratorio society might profitably study Dr. Ellis' method of securing popular support.

In what way the Oratorio society would reap any benefit by the study of Dr. Ellis' methods of drawing a crowd the local does not point out. This is not kind, as I am sure the board of management are very willing to receive suggestions. Is it meant that they should put on a series of secondrate music hall performances, with comic songs of the "Hang up your hat behind the door" style, or that they should give a long series at an admission price of 10 cents? Perhaps the intention was to hint that they should take up some patent medicine, and in booming that boom themselves? It would be interesting, between the parts of an oratorio, for the conductor to get up and expatiate on the beauties of a wonderful cure-all, and for the chorus, with a bottle each, to start through the audience to sell the nostrum at \$1 a

Seriously, the above paragraph was evidently written by a reporter who had not grasped the facts of the case. The one object of the Oratorio society is the fostering of a love of high class music-and not second-rate music hall songs; and as such music requires considerable time, trouble and expense in the production, it would be impossible to give performances for a 10 cents admission. I have always advocated a reduction in the prices charged for the admission to the annual concerts-but not to that extent-and also the giving of one evening to lighter entertainment than oratorio, viz., instrumental music combined with vocal solos, duets, quartettes and choruses, but naturally these of high class music. If any one were to enquire of Dr. face, which would change to an amused smile at such an absurd question. He advertises, and what is more, sells his oil, and there must be a pretty good margin between the cost to producer and consumer to allow of this particular style of adver-

The musical events of the week were the concert at the Mechanic's Institute and Mr. Morley's recital. The latter I am unable to say anything about as my copy has to be in hand by noon Thursday and I am sorry that I was at the last moment prevented from going to the Institute. From musical friends I can depend on, however, I hear nothing but good of Miss Massie, both in the quality of voice and also in execution. Now that Miss Berryman has deserted us for the Antipodes (I believe) we shall welcome this young lady all the more. Mr. Morley's accompaniments were, of course, one of the best features of the evening.

Halifax will have quite a brilliant musical season this winter, the attractions promised far surpassing what has been before attempted. The Orpheus club are stronger than ever and promise a very fine series of concerts. This club is also actively rehearsing the Bohemian Girl, which will be put on at an early date. Then there is an amaetur company, got up by the officers of the West Riding regiment, which will likely give the Mikado.

AMATEUR AMENITIES. Tenor (savagely)-"You're half a note too flat, Mr. Smith First Bass (viciously)-"You're two bars

head, Mr. Brown. Second Bass (despairingly)-"Can't you see, Robinson, that you are a semitone

Soprano (sweetly)-"Gentlemen, will you kindly bear in mind that I am playing only the prelude?"-Pittsburg Bulletin.

They Come But Once a Year.

Christmas cards this year will be prettier than ever. The high-art tendency of a few seasons ago is less noticeable in the designs now. There is more of an attempt to please the masses and the younger generation by delicately-tinted floral pieces and by designs in which childhood plays a

prominent part. One of the prettiest cards, they are ahead of time they are forced to and one that will undoubtedly prove popular, is a group of eight babies sitting in a row. Each child is a study, and the group forms a very attractive design. At the bottom of the card the following lines ap- Rio Grande.

> We can't talk very plain, you know, We eight youngsters all in a row. But one thing we know how to say, We hope you will have a jolly day.

Another childhood scene represents a cluster of babies at the foot of a Christmas tree. The infants have just received gifts of toys, and their attitudes indicate their

So Do We.

PROGRESS, of St. John, intends issuing a 24-page boom edition next month. We expect something handsome in the way of illustrations and well-written articles .-Albert Maple Leaf.

PEOPLE YOU HAVE HEARD ABOUT.

The venerable Phineas T. Barnum is likely to be surpassed in the boldness of his enterprise by Mr. John B. Doris, of New York. Mr. Doris is in the show business. Last season he had John Lawrence Sullivan as a partner, but the circus came to grief in Boston, and Sullivan got out. Since then Doris has been running a show in New York. After the episode of the Murchison letter he made Lord Sackville an offer of \$2,000 a week to sit in his circus for two hours a day on exhibition His Lordship's reply is not quoted. When the six-day walk opened in Madison Square Garden, the other night, the Marquis of Queensberry officiated as starter. Doris was there also. Approaching the great patron of pugilism, he grasped him warmly by the hand and said:

"My Lord, I will pay you \$2,500 a week to come to my show on Eighth avenue and sit in a chair for three hours a day."

"I-I don't understand you," stammered "Oh, I mean it," said Doris. "I am in

the circus business, and it's a straight offer. I'll draw up the contract right away, and "Do you mean to insult me, sir?" thun-

dered the noble Englishman. "Not at all," replied the circus man. But I thought as you had opened this show for nothing, you might want to -But the Marquis had vanished.

From this, it would seem that the marquis is worth 25 percent. more than the late minister, as a drawing card.

When Lord Sackville got his walking ticket, some of the ultra-English papers in Canada blubbered over him as a muchabused man, who had done nothing wrong. Their sentiment is finely rebuked in the reply of Sir Charles Tupper to the Murchison letter which was sent to entrap him. 'My official position as the representative of Canada in Great Britain makes it quite impossible, however, for me to offer any opinion on the question you raise, as I am sure, on reflection, you will immediately comprehend," wrote the Cumberland boy. Ellis if these entertainments pay the ex- Sir Charles was raised in a region more penses of his company, I think the ques- famed for beef and butter than for diplotioner would see an amazed look on his macy, but he is able to give some alleged diplomats points every time.

> The Marquis of Queensberry is envied by a good many in his own walks of life, on account of his fame as a patron of fisticuffs. Tastes like his are far from uncommon, even among the refined and educated. One of the judges of the Supreme court of New Brunswick used to be, and probably is yet, an enthusiastic student of sporting matters. If a man were in doubt as to certain aquatic or slugging records of the past, the judge could undoubtedly enlighten him either from memory or by reference to his

President-elect Harrison intends to take pews in three or four Washington churches, so that he can dodge strangers who will attend simply to see him. Mr. Stevens, of the Moncton Times, who went to Washington on a certain pleasant occasion, approves of the idea. He says that "any one who has seen Mr. and Mrs. Cleveland stared out of countenance by a well dressed but unmannerly throng whenever they dared to attend church, will recognize the wisdom of Mr. Harrison's plans." That is all very fine, Mr. Stevens, but how did it come that you were among the throng?

It was on that visit to Washington that the editor was presented to the President as "Mr. Thaddeus Stevens." Mr. Cleveland, having in mind the well-known Pennsylvania statesman, remarked that the name was very familiar to him. Stevens did not see the point at first and was alarmed at the thought that some one had been sending marked copies of the Transcript to Washington. He was much relieved when he found out what the President meant.

Thompson, the Braintree murderer, has been leading the Massachusetts state police a merry chase. Five or six of these worthies have been in the provinces for the last week or so, and as might be expected, have found nothing. One of the city papers has been taking these men as samples of Massachusetts detectives and poking fun at them. As a matter of fact they are what are known as "hayseeds," and their duties lie rather in the constabulary than the detective line. Some of the brightest detectives to be found anywhere are connected with the Boston force. Such men as Tom Garraughty, Andy Houghton and others, have reputations which make them the terror of crooks from the St. Croix to the

Mr. Shaw and Hogarth. Mr. Shaw of book auction fame is trying his poetry on the illiterate Haligonians. He wants to sell that copy of Hogarth that he expatiated upon evening after evening in Hanington's. Some Haligonian with more money than brains will probably buy it. He will be sorry if it turns out the same as some of Mr. Shaw's sets of books. Progress heard two gentlemen say they had been sold. They bought sets of books and found when they went home that though the volumes were numbered all right the same matter was within at least two of the covers.

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