

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

The November Book-Buyer is notable for an excellent portrait of Mary A. Ward, the author of Robert Elsmere. The portrait is admirably executed, and represents a face of strength and refinement. The tout ensemble, though not beautiful, is eminently attractive.

Rev. William Wilfrid Campbell, of St. Stephen, author of the exquisite verse called "A Lake Memory," in the last number of the Century, has just issued a tastefully printed brochure of poems for private circulation. In a later issue we will give these poems the extended notice which their force and beauty call for.

Mr. A. Lampman, one of those three or four young singers who promise ere long to shed lustre on Canadian literature, is about to publish a volume of poems. The work will be issued in two or three weeks, from the presses of an Ottawa publisher. Mr. Lampman's poems in Scribner's and Lippincott's have attracted attention by their freshness and their subtle lyric quality.

One of the most pungent novels of the season is Aristocracy, (New York: D. Appleton & Co., paper, 50 cents). The author, with a commendable discretion, withholds his name—or her name!

Francis Parkman, the author of the books dealing with early Canadian history, has been compelled by poor health to retire from his office as overseer of Harvard. Mr. Swinburne was lately asked by a magazine editor for a contribution not exceeding sixteen lines. The outraged poet replied: "I could hardly undertake to supply verse to order in point of length or otherwise. In any case, I should certainly not think it worth while to let a magazine have the first fruits of anything of mine for less than £10."

It is a pleasure to have the opportunity of introducing to a New Brunswick audience such a work as the Beranger of Mr. Craven L. Betts. Mr. Betts is a St. John man, and his translations from the chief of French song-writers is something for his fellow-citizens to be very proud of. The task of translation is one which seems easy, and is in truth most arduous. To be faithful and yet not betray one's fetters—this is the difficulty which so few surmount. Beranger is admittedly hard to translate, the song-quality being so evasive.

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one of the daintiest of the season. It is in exquisite taste, altogether worthy of its publishers, Messrs. F. A. Stokes & Bro., New York.

Some months ago a book was given to the public which caused quite a sensation in the literary world. The interest has increased, and now the book has been republished in Ticknor's popular Paper Series. The name of the work is Two Gentlemen of Boston, and it is a novel of intense interest. Thrown upon the world without its author's name, its success is owing solely to its own merits.

Notes and Announcements. That indefatigable maker of books of exploration and discovery, M. Paul du Chaillu, is about to publish The Viking Age, in two volumes, with 1,000 illustrations.

Concerning the writing of nonsense pure and simple, and suggested by the recent edition of Edward Lear's Nonsense Rhymes, an English writer wonders that so humorous a people as the American should write so little pure nonsense. American humor is rarely void of intention.

A Reading of Earth is the title of a new book of poems by George Meredith. The reading of George Meredith is certain to be novel, brilliant and epigrammatic, whatever poetic rank it may take.

Verdi was 75 years old last month. To set at rest stories that are now and then rehearsed as to the composer's avarice, it is worth while noting that he has just built a hospital in the commune of Villa Nova d'Arda, and endowed it with an annual income of 7,200 lire, or \$1,400.—American Musician.

It is a good plan to have a "toney" girl as the soprano in a choir.—Boston Times. A concert in honor of the emperor of Germany was given in the Hofburg theatre, Vienna, during his stay in the Austrian capital.

There are now in the British Museum 395 works pertaining to Mr. Gladstone. Of these 8 are in Italian, 7 in French, 5 in German, 2 in Greek, 2 in Russian, 2 in Welsh, 1 in Danish and 1 in Spanish.

A book to be shortly issued, Kelton's Charles Dickens with Pen and Pencil, will contain 50 portraits and other illustrations, with unpublished memoranda relating to the great novelist's personality, by surviving friends.

MUSIC, AT HOME AND ABROAD.

Mr. Morley's recital is again postponed and so I won't say anything about the at present postponed date as I have twice announced wrong ones already.

Monday, Nov. 26, is the opening evening of the lecture course at the Mechanics Institute. There will be music and performances by the City Cornet band.

The annual service of the Choral Union of the Deanery of Fredericton will take place early in January at the cathedral. The programme of music to be sung at this service has not been quite definitely settled, but I hope to have it in full shortly.

The F. D. C. U.'s have a great advantage over their friends, the K. D. C. U.'s, in having the grand old cathedral, with its fine organ, at their disposal for this annual service.

I took up Gripsack a little while ago, and, unfortunately for myself, stumbled across an atrocity, by Joe Kerr, viz.: "In a Thomas Orchestra, hasn't the cat-gut something to do with the mew-sic?"

week. You see the effect at once on a pussy-laninous mind. Scat!

In a recent number of the Illustrated London News, Florence Fenwick Miller tells some amusing anecdotes about professional musicians as invited guests to dinners at the houses of some of the aristocracy, the prevalent idea being that the dinner is sufficient remuneration for the artist to entertain the company afterwards.

An eminent pianist who had dined out one evening last season, was met after dinner at the drawing room door by his hostess, who said graciously but firmly, pointing to the music stool, "Now, your place is there."

It strikes me that a great many evening invitations for dinner, etc., are made up more with a view to the usefulness of the invited as to their capability of amusing the rest, rather than the affording pleasure to them personally.

The Portland W. C. T. U. lecture course opened last Tuesday with a grand musical entertainment under the direction of Mr. Morton L. Harrison. According to the public press it was a great success but I was unfortunately unable to attend owing to a previous engagement.

Amongst the new members of the oratorio society, I hear of a young lady with a specially good soprano voice, which has been carefully trained. This is decidedly encouraging; though I should like to hear of the arrival and admittance into the society of half a dozen good tenor voices.

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The auto-harp was presented to a Boston audience for the first time by Miss Florence Sherwood, at Music hall, last Sunday evening. Miss Sherwood has for years been known as a successful harpist, and her skilful manner of playing this new instrument will add to her present extended reputation.

The Boston Handel and Haydn society will give three concerts the coming season. The dates, selections, and soloists already engaged are as follows:

Sunday, Dec. 23—The Messiah, Miss Emma Juch, Miss Emily Winant, Mr. C. A. Knorr, Mr. M. W. Whitney.

Sunday, Feb. 24—"Manzoni Requiem" (Verdi), "Hear My Prayer" (Mendelssohn), Miss Elizabeth C. Hamlin, Miss Clara Poole, Mr. A. L. King, Mr. G. Campanari.

Sunday, April 21—St. Paul, Mr. and Mrs. Georg Henschel, Miss Flora E. Finlayson, Mr. G. J. Parker.

In connection with the above Boston Times notes that the society has decided on an improvement in the chorus for this season. For some years past the chorus has not advanced with the times, owing to the fact of there being a large number of members in active service whose voices have begun to decline.

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Mr. Metcalf Russell of the Boston Times says the above of Dockstader's Minstrels. He ought to hear our minstrels—who apparently don't seem to have much life in them now. Perhaps they don't read PROGRESS—though that of course is impossible. FALLIX.

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