THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Notes and Announcements.

The Bell of St. Paul's, Mr Walter Besant's new novel, may be looked for this

The manuscript of Browning's new book of poems has been sent to the publishers, Smith, Elder & Co.

Mrs. Margaret Deland's new novel, Sydney Page, will begin in the January Atlantic and will run through nine months. Miss Olive Schreiner, author of The

Story of An African Farm, that strong story of last year, promises another in the early part of '90.

fill the vacancy in the council of the Eng- by the McDowell company appeared to lish Society of Authors made vacant by the death of Wilkie Collins. Zola's new book, La Bete Humaine (the

human brute) will appear shortly. He is now republishing his A Dead Woman's for many years. With the failure of the Wish which appeared in 1867. Ouida is eccentric. Her dress is entirely

unconventional and unbecoming. She wears short gaiters, short skirts and white stockings. She is always surrounded by a pack of dogs. An American firm will start a house in

London for the publication of new works in cheap one volume editions as on this side of the water. There is good capital backing the enterprise and it will probably be a

It is said that Boulanger is preparing a book on European military science. He is living at St. Heliers, on the island of Jersey, where he is recovering from his late fall.

Mr. Maurice Thompson's literary articles in each number of the Chicago America, are an attractive feature of that paper. It is "a journal for Americans," with an old Fredericton man at the head of it.

It is said that the Ticknors accepted Mr. Bellamy's Looking Backward on the strength | the prejudice of location, which was excited of Mr. Edmund Clarence Stedman's recommendation. Both publishers and author must be very thankful to Mr. Sted-

ballads of Lord Macauley's, relating to the rear of the proposed site. Bosworth field, etc., which, in accordance with the author's wish, have never been published. Macauley must have known the public want when he expressed his wish.

Austin Dobson's poem's, which have heretofore been issued by Henry Holt & Co., have changed publishers and now appear in two dainty volumes with the imprint of Dodd, Mead & Co. They contain many poems now published for the first time.

Mr. Edgar Saltus has planned a trip to Egypt! With Amelie Rives-Chanler, filling herself "full of the warm south," down in Spain, and Mr. Saltus laying by a store of mysteries and hieroglyphics among the pyramids, American readers may look for something intense by-and-bye.

The work of revising the German Bible has advanced so far that a conference of the revisers is to be held this month. They have worked well. Not only has the Old Testament been revised very thoroughly, but the revised version of the New Testament, which had been previously completed, has been again corrected, so as to insure uniformity throughout.

C. A letter from him this week said that he was to recite his poem "Lester the Loyalist" before a Vancouve, audience on of it. Friday, Nov. 8. This is the poem at which he was at work while in New Brunswick and Quebec. It deals with legends of the U. E. Loyalists of New Brunswick, and will soon be published in Montreal.

It is announced that the Jewish Publication society of America, organized in Philadelphia in June, 1888, by representative Israelites from all parts of the country, has now a membership roll of nearly 3,000; 20 life members at \$100 each, and about 100 patrons at \$20 per annum. The object of the society is the encouragement of Jewish native talent, and the publication of works on the religion, literature and history of the Jews.

Mr. Charles Sangster, who with Heavysege opened the road to the field of Canadian poetry, is busy in his Kingston home, getting his manuscript into shape for publication. He has ready a small volume of about the size of Hesperus, and says that there will be another when he gets all his manuscript sorted. He may also bring out a new edition of St. Laurence and Saguenay and Hesperus, but he is doubtful whether to attempt this work in addition to what he has at present on hand. No new verse eminates from his pen-and heart-now as it used to, and our pioneer poet is not enjoying as good health as we wish him.

Prompted by the returning of Mr. James Russell Lowell to his old home "Elmwood," Cambridge, Mass., Mr. Alexander Young writes in the New York Critic, reviewing the home-life and associations of Prof. Lowell:—"Cambridge has changed a good deal since he left it. The death of Longfellow made a sad break in his circle of friends there; but two members of his whist club, John Bartlett and John Holmes, both of whom he has celebrated in his poetry, are still there in the flesh, as genial and the price lower than that of any other and bubbling over with humor as ever; engravings in the country. Write for while the third, Charles F. Choate, who, samples and prices .- Advt.

though a railroad president, is a congenial spirit, as might be inferred from the fact of his being a brother of Joseph H. Choate, has removed to Boston. Cambridge, indeed, is very dear to Mr. Lowell from its associations with his lifework, and now that his daughter, Mrs. Burnett, who has a son at Harvard, is to be with him at "Elmwood," it will have peculiar attractions for

JOIN HANDS, GENTLEMEN,

And Aid Each Other in the Erection of a First-class Opera House.

Up to this time the want of a theatrical hall has not been severely felt by the amusement seekers of this city. The splen-Mr. Thomas Hardy has been elected to did performances of the summer and fall satisfy the people for a time. St. John, however, has never been without some place of amusement for a very long time, though she is nearer to it at present than Institute managers to pull the old building through the gap, the only substitute for a place of amusement is denied us. The present theatrical managers in the city will have nothing to do with the Institute, and the ex-managers' knowledge of things theatrical will not permit them to run a decent show. This is not to their discredit. They were not bred in the glare of the footlights, and have done just what was expected of them in failing to run paying and popu-

> In the meantime, there has been much talk-too much talk-about an opera house. The questions of where it should be located have been talked of again and again for the regulation nine days, and spective merits of the Dockrill site on Union street and the Prescott lot at the rear of the Masonic hall.

lar entertainments.

Of one thing everybody is certain—an opera house is needed. No one disputes that. So far as Progress can ascertain, years ago, against the Union street site has largely died out, more especially since the notable improvements in this section of the city, and the fire which destroyed the in-It is stated that there are some spirited flammable factory and wooden houses in the delay.

Moreover, the company which was St. John? formed some time ago to build the opera house has about \$13,000 of stock subscribed, and has had the tedious and expensive excavations made and the foundation

It is not probable that many brick will be laid this fall and winter, but the calculations are to have everything in readiness for an early start in the spring.

The subscription and collection of several thousands dollars enter into these calculations. There appears to be no good reason why the company should not be successful in its undertaking. In spite of real, unmistakable opposition, in the face of stories circulated by persons inimical to their undertaking, the men composing the company have made real progress, and shown that they are in earnest.

The people should give them their hearty support, and help erect a place of amusement which will be a credit to St. John. It is of no use to cavil any longer over the site question; the work is begun, the founation is laid, and it would be folly indeed to hold back and raise objections now. Mr. Douglas Sladen is in Vancouver, B. The Prescott site seems to be entirely abandoned, at least nothing more than talk has resulted from the agitation in favor

> Progress suggests that both parties join hands and aid each other in erecting a good opera house for St. John.

> > A New Ocean Terminus.

Another rival in the contest for the great Atlantic Ocean terminus, heretofore supposed to be confined to St. John, Halifax and St. Andrews, is, it seems, about to enter the list. If once the Short Line reaches Fredericton, it will not have to go any further. There it will stop. St. John will be only a port of call, and Halifax will be left to shiver itself to death beneath the freezing irony of fate. Halifax has some dangerous rocks and the harbor of St. John needs dredging. Neither of these objections apply to Fredericton. It is the proud boast of Rear-Admiral Gilman, of that place, that the combined navies of the world could anchor in the Queen street roadstead, or perform in Government Lane without touching bottom.

It was base ingratitude or envy that led the city council to bounce Mr. Gilman from the chairmanship of the roads and streets. It would be a graceful act on the part of the citizens to present him with a diving suit and make him harbormaster for life.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

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HALIFAX.

Nov. 6.-Prof. Roberts, of King's college, has been paying a flying visit to town. Several engagements are announced, and autumn, as usual, finds the engagements of spring merged into the more serious bonds of matrimony. Miss Claudine West is to marry Mr. Dalziel, of

New York, during the present month. Mr. Frank West (brother of Miss Claudine) is to marry Miss Mary Abbott in January next. Miss Abbott's many friends are pleased to think that

Halifax is still to be her home. We are very soon to lose Miss Gertie Kinnear, one of the most popular girls in town. Mr. William

Wallace is the happy man. Their future residence is to be in Montreal. Mr. T. J. Twining, jr., and Mrs. Twining have returned to town, after an extended tour. Mrs.

Twining is receiving at No. 7, Hollis street. Dr. Jones and his fair bride are spending their honeymoon in the Annapolis valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrester, of Fredericton, N. B. are expected shortly at the Lorne house. Mrs. Hamilton, wife of Capt. Hamilton, of the Minia, is spending a month in Quebec.

Mrs. John Harvey expects Capt. and Mrs. Maul by the S.S. Alpha. This is Mrs. Maul's first visit to Halifax since her marriage. Capt. and Mrs. Boileau (nee Stewart) are ex-

pected home next month. Mrs. Dinon is spending the winter at the Lorne house, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wylde. Thanksgiving day used in olden times to be spent in friendly gatherings round the cheery hearth and festive board, but the outside attractions provided this year will certainly induce many to forego the old time pleasures. Miss Josie Shoff is to have a benefit in Masonic Hall. Miss Lanie will assist, also Mrs. Taylor, Dr. Slayter and other favorites. The Church of England Institute gives a social, which means music, and chatting, and cake, and coffee, in their cheery building; and, last but not

least, the theatre with Mr. McDowell's company

playing Gwyne's Oath, which cannot fail to be at-

The ball at Admirality House, given in honor of still public opinion is divided upon the re- the birthday of Miss Watson, the fair daughter of the house, was a grand succes. About two hundred guests were present, and the army and navy were weil represented. The music was good and November nights are certainly more conducive to daneing than those of July. The rush polka is in full swing here, and seems to be the fashionable dance, of course, the valse excepted.

The members of the Orpheus club are getting so generous. Just fancy, they are promising us six delightful concerts during the winter. Tickets are selling fast, and visitors will find it hard work to procure them even if so disposed.

The ships are soon to leave for more sunny climes. On dit, there has been a great deal of grumbling at

Flowers still bloom in the gardens (both public and private) of Halifax. Can you scare up any in

HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T.G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

Nov. 6 .- Rev. George A. Maynard and Mrs. Maynard, who have been visiting relatives in Nova Scotia for the past two weeks, returned home on Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard D. McLeod, who have been occupying their summer residence here, left for their home on King street east, in the city, on Monday, to spend the winter. Their many friends expect them to make occasional visits to "Asholm" during the autumn and winter. Miss Addie Crawford has returned from her visit

Mr. Frederic Newnham spent a few days in town,

last week, visiting friends, en route to Canso. Mrs. Ernest Hanington, of British Columbia, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. William Peters, of St. John, spent Monday in town, visiting Mr. T. A. Peters and family.

Mr. Victor W. Barnes went to Boston last week. I have not heard whether he intends to remain there or return to his home at the end of his trip. Mrs. Andrew Dodds, of St. John, accompanied by

her mother, Mrs. Wilson, pald a brief visit to he brother, Mr. George M. Wilson, on Monday. Mr. Vaughan, with the a-sistance of Mr. and Mrs. Noah M. Barnes, gave a very pleasant Hallowe'en party at their residence, Linden Heights, on Thurs-

day evening last. About 25 guests were present. A most enjoyable evening was spent of which every person present speaks in the highest terms. Mr. Charles H. Leitch was at the Vendome

Miss Lila Lawton, who has been visiting friends

here for the past few weeks, left for home on Mon-

Quite a commotion was caused on Tuesday morning among the residents in the vicinity of the station when it was learned that a quantity of dynamite was stored near the new tank. I am informed that it was not brought into town over the I. C. R. During the day the dynamite was removed to some point on the St. Mar.ins and Upham railway, to which road

Mrs. John A. McAvity paid a brief visit to her prother-in-law at Lakeside on Saturday. Miss Carrie Haggerty will spend Thanksgiving

with friends in the city. Mr. A. J. McAlary, of the I. C. R., Moncton, was in town on Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLaughlin, of St. John, were among the visitors in town yesterday. Miss Amy Scovil is visiting her sister, Mrs. Evan-

Miss Bessie Peters went to the city on Tuesday to

spend a day or two with relatives.

AMHERST, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Amherst at G. G. Bird's Bookstore.]

Nov. 6 .- Dr. Borden, M. P., for Kings Co., was in town last week for a day or two, accompanied by Mr. D. M. Dickey, a leading merchant of Canning. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Dunlap, and Mrs. C. E. Henson and daughter, returned on Thursday from their extended trip to the upper provinces and the

Mrs. Strickland, of Halifax, was in town last week. Mr. J. A. Dickey, C. E., spent a day or two in town last week with his friends.

Mr. F. S. Parlow, of St. John, was in town on

The congregation of Chrlst Church enjoyed a treat on Tuesday evening when Rev. Canon Partridge, rector of St. George, Halifax, delivered a most able address on the subject of Missions. He was a guest at the vicarage.

Mrs. J. A. Morrison has returned from her visit to her home in Peticodiac. Mr. Robinson, of Cornwallis, has been in town

visiting his relatives.

The very primitive mode of illuminating our way on dark nights, by means of a lantern to prevent us from falling into some hole in our delapidated sidewalks, I trust will soon be a thing of the past. Now that the question of incorporation has been settled, we will no doubt have the electric light on the streets, and a general shakeng up of the dry bones, and it may be no longer a reproach and a bye-word that a town of the size and wealth of this should be living as in the dark ages.

Mr. W. Edmunds, of Montreal, was in town this OSCAR.

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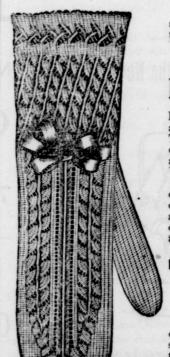
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