

IN THE WORLD OF BOOKS

NEW EDITION OF JOHN RUSKIN'S WORKS SOON TO BE PUBLISHED—LITERARY NOTES.

WITHIN a short time a complete edition of the works of John Ruskin will be issued, and it is not strange as it may seem, it will contain more matter than has been published before.

Mr. Ruskin had peculiar methods of writing, and he held himself rigidly to a standard of perfection. "Nothing was too much for him," says Mr. George Allen, his publisher, "and nothing could be too well done. He would get up in the night, if an idea occurred to him, and order forth to put it on record. He once said, what was very true, that he never wrote a line for money. He wrote because he had something to say. If he had not been a writer, as we would call him, he could have done something else, but he was in the habit of writing. I think I have myself a better opinion of him, and most interesting they are."

The Boer Fight for Freedom. The appearance of Michael Davitt's "The Boer Fight for Freedom" is an opportunity at this time, since the war is now officially over, to give a political tract. It is interesting as giving in more complete form than has hitherto appeared to the Boer side of the controversy and that must have after all a purely academic interest.

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The guest not to smoke, as it was forbidden. Bishop Brooks went into the corridor and continued smoking there. The custodian again begged him to desist. The bishop bent back to his room and sat upon the balcony and resumed his cigar, thinking that he was now in the open air.

Again the custodian came, this time passing through the bishop's room, and said: "Smoking is not permitted, sir, in any part of Windsor Castle." Once more he disappeared and Brooks, who gave up a cigar with great reluctance when he had once lighted it, returned to his room. A happy thought occurred to him. There was an open fireplace in his room. The bishop lay down on his back on the floor, put his head up into the chimney and began to smoke there. This time he was undisturbed. Before the smell of the cigar had betrayed him; now the smoke went up the chimney and was lost.

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