LITERATURE.

New Publications for May.

Reviews of Late Magazines and Newest Books.

Outing for May is truly a sportsman's paradise in letters and pictures. It revives all the memories of a successful hunt or fish at any time in life and projects the mind forward in hopeful anticipation of again some day playing at Munchausen with rod and gun, or performing feats and wonders at field sports as in the days of yore. It is an inspiration to any man young or old who love out door sports.

The Parisian for May has a complete review of French literary and art matters; there is an illustrated article on women artists of Paris that is "alone worth the price of this number." $1.50 a year, Carnegie Hall, New York.

The Philistine for May is a strange assembly of sarcasms, good stories and conceits to move the laughter muscles of a stone man. It is the only magazinelet of its kind and there is but one Elbert Hubbard and but one East Aurora, N. Y., in the world, and that is enough.

There is a dearth of good stories for boys and girls, stories that are worth reading aloud. and stories that influence the young to the building of a strong, unselfish and sympathetic manhood and womanhood. The best addition to this much-desired class of literature is "A Virginia Cavalier" by Mollie Elliot Seawall with twenty illustrations and published by Harper & Brothers. It will bear reading aloud in home or school as it contains not a word that is not ennobling and improving. A millionaire who would present ten such volumes to the public schools of each town in America would do more to build sound sterling characters in our young men and women than all the laws that can be enacted against cigarettes, yellow kid literature and other evils complained of. The implanting of high ideals by means of entertaining stories about real historical characters has not been pursued enough as a part of general public education. We find when we investigate the life of a great man that the germs of success took root in a few books that made a great impression while the mind was in a plastic, receptive state. The story of Washington was never better told for this purpose and this volume is destined to become a classic.

Drexel Biddle, publisher, Philadelphia, sends us three booklets from the pen of Anthony J. Drexel Biddle. The first is an allegory and three essays of a philosophical turn, not encroaching too much on the domain occupied by Herbert Spencer. The "Froggy Fairy Book" is a pretty dream sketch with pretty illustrations but shows that the author has not fully grasped the problem of literature for children, except from the standpoint of entertaining them and here he certainly excells. The third volume is composed of eight papers with maps and plentiful illustrations on "The Maderia Islands." It is bound in cloth and makes a compact guide book or historical reader on this strange, beautiful and remote part of the world.

If state publication of a work on politics were ever justifiable it would seem to be in the case of Herbert Spencer's work: "The Coming Slavery: The Sin of Legislators; The Great Political Superstition," now printed by the Humboldt Publishing Co., 24 East Fourth street, N. Y. Until States have the wisdom to publish this work for free circulation, it can be bought for 15 cts. of the above firm; get their catalogue.

The Atlantic Monthly for May ought to be in the hands of every new Englander, as it contains several valuable papers on New England social conditions.

The Bookman for May has the most delightful bill of fare conceivable and this magazine seems determined to supply readers with the full round of the world's Literary information. There are special articles on Austin Dobson, Edgar Allen Poe, Stevenson, Nansen, and Charles Lamb. The happy faculty of treating agr eat light of letters of the past as though he were still treading the Earth of today belongs exclusively to the Bookman. At least it seems to possess the knack of making the worthies of the days that are gone seem to live in the flesh and walk before us. But the world of letters is peculiarly the region of the immortals and the accident of having shuffled off the bonds of flesh or living still in the world of blood and breathing, makes but little difference to the devotees at the shrine of Cadmus.

"New occasions" enters volume five a fine illustrated magazine published by Chas. H. Kerr & Co. Chicago, Lrederick Upham Adams Editor. Whether Adams is descended from the Adams of Massachusetts, or a product of Adams St., Chicago, makes no difference. He is American to the core and has the right idea of a reform magazine. His idea of a party on a truly broad American basis is all right. But the average reformer is about as narrow and cranky as the Almighty ever makes a man and lets him live. But he is a better man than the old-party politician steeped in selfishness, animated by appetite, callous to human ills and woes, and indifferent to the strivings of the masses for better conditions. Adams and his magazine can be had at a dollar a year —ten cents a copy. Send for a sample.

"The Great Round World" magazine weekly for April 29, published a very accurate Greco-Turkish war May as a supplement to its regular issue. This is the little magazine which is being read in all the schools that teach history, geography and science up to date. It is revolutionizing teaching and making teachers look up a great deal besides their text books. Some are reading this magazine and the telegraphic news of the day and explaining it to the children and having the children tell what they know about it and write essays. There is great encouragement in this kind of work and it will result in driving the dead, dull, sluggish teacher out of the procession.

"Latokah" is the fanciful name of a volume of Indian stories from the lips of the American red men interpreted through the genius of Verner Z. Reed. Had he lived a hundred years ago his tales would have been handed down to us as classics and his name would have stood in the shrine with Cooper. But in this age of much writing of short stories and plenitude of genius that produces volume upon volume of readable matter, this collection must rank undeservedly commonplace. These legends of witchcraft and medicine men, of a race that is fast being civilized, are here preserved in their original romantic form and with great skill if not in a new style of literary art. The wierd binding and illustrations give it a value as a rare piece of book work by the Continental Pub. Co., 25 Park Place, N. Y. Price $1.

Few people know that John Wesley was ever in America. Few know that it was he, and not Robert Raikes, who established the first Sunday-school in the world. It was John Wesley, who preached the first Methodist sermon delivered in the United States. In The Ladies' Home Journal for June Rev. W. J. Scott will tell in the "Great Personal Events" series the story of "What John Wesley Preached in Georgia," which is said to be one of the most interesting narratives in this most successful series.

Appleton & Co., announce "Equality," Edward Bellamy's new book, the first which he has published since "Looking backward." The new book will be larger and more comprehensive than "Looking Backward." In his work the author has much to say of the meaning of the events of our own times, which he links with the future by predictions of changes now close upon us.

Publication will be simultaneous in the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Spain, Italy and other countries. It is said that over 400,000 copies of "Looking Backward" have been sold in this country. The book has been translated into the language of every civilized country, and its total sale is almost beyond computation. Quite recently the demand for literature dealing with sociological questions has led to the printing of a quarter of a million copies, at a low price, in England.

The Macmillan company is about to publish a volume of which the title "The Boston Browning Society Papers, selected to represent the work of the society from 1886 to 1897," speaks for itself.

A few only of the papers contained in it are as follows: "The Biography of Browning's Fame," by Thomas Wentworth Higginson; "Browning's Theism," by Josiah Royce; "Browning's Art in Monologue," by Percy Stickney Graat; "Caliban Upon Setebos," by Charles Gordon Ames; "Browning's Theory of Romantic Love," by George Willis Cooke; "Browning's Philosphy of Art," by Daniel Dorchester, Jr.: "The Uucalculating Soul," by Jenkin Lloyd Jones; "Browning's Mastery of Rhyme," by William J. Rolfe, etc.

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