

LITERATURE

POEMS EVERYBODY SHOULD KNOW.

NOW:

Time was, is past; thou canst not it recall.

Time is, thou hast; employ the portion small.

Time future is not, and may never be.

Time present is the only time for thee.

—Selected.

THE NINETY AND NINE.

Po' lil' brack sheep that strayed away,
Done los' in de win' an' de rain.

An' de Shepherd He says, "O hirelin'.

Go fin' My sheep again."

An' de hirelin' say, "O Shepherd.

Eat sheep end brack and bad."

But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil' brack sheep

Wuz de onliest lamb He had.

An' He say, "O hirelin', hasten,

For de win' an' the rain am col',

An' dat lil' brack sheep am lonesome

Out dere, so far fum' de fol'.

But he hirelin' frown, "O Shepherd,

Dat sheep am ol' an' gray;"

But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil' brack sheep

Wuz fair as the break o' day.

An' He say, "O hirelin', hasten,

Lo, here is de ninety an' nine,

But dere way off fum' de sheepfol'.

Is dat lil' brack sheep o' Mine!"

An' de hirelin' frown, "O Shepherd,

De res' o' de sheep am here!"

But de Shepherd He smile, like dat lil' brack sheep

He hol' it de mostes' dear.

An' de Shepherd go out in de darkness

Where de night was col' and bleak,

An' dat lil' brack sheep He fin' it,

An' lay it agains' His cheek.

An' de hirelin' frown, "O Shepherd,

Don' bring dat sheep to me!"

But de Shepherd He smile, an' He hol' it close.

An' dat lil' brack sheep—wuz—me!

—Paul Dunbar.

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Among the documents included in a sale at Christie's are four extremely interesting documents relating to the Spanish Armada. One is a series of resolutions of a council of war, dated Aug. 2, 1588, and signed by such names as Lord Howard of Effingham, Lord Thomas Howard, Sir Francis Drake, Sir Martin Frobisher, Sir John Hawkins, and others. Another is a letter from William Cecil, Lord Burleigh, forwarding "Hast—hast—post hast for life," a dispatch from Capt. Fennier, reporting of the discovery of a "Great Spaniard" at New Haven.

The last sale of the present season by the Anderson Auction company will be held next Monday afternoon and evening. Included are books on the Indians, New York, Lincoln, etc.; a collection of prompt copies of American and English plays; some books on Sporting; a specimen of the famous Ulster County Gazette of Jan. 4, 1860, described as an "original" and accompanied by a facsimile, and other items of more or less interest.

All Edward Fitzgerald's works ourselves return least frequently to his versions from the Spanish stage. They are, as a whole, too sonorous and musical, though enlivened here and there by humor and good interlaced verse. Still, one may be glad to have the "Eight Dreams of Calderon" in the original hand Macmillan formation. It will save searching in a general collection, and can be comfortably held in the hand.

The play and character of "Hamlet" should be pretty well illuminated by this time. More light, however, was lately shed upon the mystic Dan by Karl Weidner, whose study of Hamlet is about to be brought out by the Putnams in an English translation by Elizabeth Wilder, under the title "The Heart of Hamlet's Mystery," with an introduction by Prof. W. J. Rolfe. In

his book Weidner advances the theory that Hamlet's inaction and procrastination were forced upon him by circumstances which were beyond his control. He denies and dismisses the theory that weakness of will or any subjective cause, paralyzed the hand of the prince. For Weidner and for those who accept his conclusions, among whom are numbered Meissner, Furness, Carson, and Hudson, the play becomes a tragedy of fate, instead of a tragedy of character, as has been held by Coleridge, Goethe and other critics.

Frederick C. Howe, a well known lawyer of Cleveland, partner of Prof. Garfield of Princeton for many years, and author of a book on "The City," has written for the July Scribner's, as a result of his personal investigations, a remarkable article on the municipal government of Glasgow. The facts he presents in regard to the economies of administration, the due interests of the whole people in the success of the government, will surprise even close students of the subject. It is the best exposition of practical municipal ownership that has yet been made. Ernest C. Poxotto, the artist, has written for the July Scribner's an account of his travels in Denmark, the little visited country on the Adriatic opposite Sweden. Here again, and incident meet, Mr. Poxotto and the power can such contrasts of costume and character be seen as in the streets of Zara or Ragusa. He illustrates his own article.

In his illustrations for Kipling's "Stories of Old England," which are appearing in McClure's Andre Castaigne is doing some remarkable "restoration." Of course, in the days when the Roman cohorts held the Great Walls across the north of England against the Picts and Danes, the Romans must have been strangely barbaric and picturesque, but few of us ever imagined it to ourselves, for there is scarcely anything in record or remains to suggest to us what it did look like. Castaigne's drawings are a remarkable tour de force—for his powerful magnetism has supplemented the few facts at hand, and has made that old world live again.

One of the most entertaining volumes recently published in France is George Cain's "Anciens Théâtres de Paris." The author, who is the curator of the Carnavalet Museum, tells many interesting anecdotes of playhouse managers, authors, actors and actresses of former times.

The Macmillan company announces that the publication of the fifth annual volume of Herbert Paul's "History of Modern England," has been unavoidably postponed until the autumn.

Henry Holt and company will issue in June "Superseded" by May Sinclair, which continues her best work previously done for "The Divine Fire." It originally appeared with another story in a volume entitled "Two Sides of a Question," now a small improved edition of which is now exhausted.

A. E. W. Mason, author of "Four Feathers" and "Miranda of the Ballroom," has written a new novel, "Running Water," serial publication of which will begin in the August Century. The scenes are laid in the Alps again; and the story is one of lively adventures, as well as of character development.

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, perhaps the best known writer of the day of stories for children, will begin in the October St. Nicholas and con-

LYMAN J. GAGE MAY BE A THEOSOPHIST.



Lyman J. Gage

fully of the theory of the romantic drama, the versification, language, plot and characters of the play, together with an account of its first performances. The notes are numerous and copious, referring not only to historical and grammatical matters and explaining allusions, but also drawing many comparisons between passages of "Hamlet" and those of other well known plays. The material thus supplied to the student is of great value for a thorough understanding of the drama and an appreciation of its subject matter and style. A complete vocabulary is included.

Baldwin's "The Golden Fleece," "More Old Greek Stories," By James Baldwin, author of "Baldwin's Readers," is issued in the series of "Educa School Readings" and intended for use in the fourth and fifth years, the story of Jason and his adventures is here retold by a well known writer for children. The tale itself is one that for three thousand years has given pleasure to men and children of all lands, and in this retelling newness is given to the old story. Many courses have been borrowed from and additions or emulsions have been made as seemed best for the purpose of the book. It has presented it forms a fascinating narrative of heroes and their fearless deeds, of grievous wrongs not wholly righted, and of a strange first voyage through perilous seas.

MAGAZINES.

The July "Arena" which opens Volume XXXVII of this able review, is a number of special general interest, containing a wide range of interesting subjects discussed in an authoritative yet popular manner. Prof. Archibald Henderson, Ph. D., contributes an article on "Aspects of Contemporary Fiction," which should be widely read by layers of good literature, as it is able, discriminating and informing. Carl Vrooman contributes an interesting paper entitled "Rambles in Switzerland," which is illustrated with several admirable sketches. "An Artist in Winter-Locked Nature," the title of a charming sketch of Edward W. Redfield's life and work, by B. O. Flanagan, is also beautifully illustrated. This issue also contains an excellent story entitled "The Parting of the Ways," by Wilmott Porter Cockerell. Among the more strenuous articles and sketches which will be especially interesting to friends of political and economic advancement are the following: "Solving the Labor Problem," by Ex-Gov. Lucia F. C. Gardin of Rhode Island; "Governor Albert B. Cummins: A Statesman Who Places the Interests of the People Above the Demands of Privileged Classes," by Prof. Lewis Worthington Smith, which is accompanied by a fine portrait of Gov. Cummins; "Child-Labor, Compulsory Education and Race-Suicide," by Willard French; "Judge William Jefferson Pollard: A Practical Idealist Who Is Achieving a Great Work in Redressing Drunkenness," by the Editor of "The Arena"; "British Egypt," by Ernest Crosby; and Chapter Three of "A Primer of Direct Legislation" containing popular explanations of the Recall, Proportional Representation, the Absolute Majority Method and Direct Primaries prepared for "The Arena" by Elwood Pomeroy. Robert

Tyson and Ira Cross. In the department of "In the Mirror of the Present" Mr. Flower devotes about 30 pages to the discussion of present-day, social and economic problems from the standpoint of progressive and fundamental democracy.

Indoors and out for July wears a new cover and a form improved by an increased size of the page and additional reading matter. Frederic E. Partington, in "A Unique Suburb" Lawrence Park, a community of beautiful homes near New York.

"The Charm of Old Roxbury" City. "The Charm of Old Roxbury" is told so vividly by Ettrude Hall that one longs for the delicious sea breezes which seem to blow from the pages. "A Bungalow on a Plateau" and "Houseboating in America" show other ways in which summer may be spent with the greatest enjoyment. Those who must remain at home, but who desire to keep as cool as possible notwithstanding, will find suggestions to help them in "The City Apartment in Summer" and "Floor Coverings for Summer Homes."

"The Adventures of Rough-cast" is a discussion for the benefit of those who are undecided what material to use in building a new house, while for the cottage a picturesque method of roof

is endorsed and explained in an article entitled "How to Roof with Thatch." The new Christian Science Temple in Boston, dedicated last month is portrayed in an interesting manner and "The Home Economist" as always, is full of helpful hints for those wishing to beautify the surroundings of their homes. The number is profusely illustrated. (Boggs and Wise Co., Boston and New York.)

NEW LIBRARY BOOKS.

The following 25 volumes will be added to the public library Monday morning, July 22, 1906.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ASHER—Life of King Alfred. Brookfield—Mrs. Brookfield and her children. C. V. STONE—First Battle. CLEMENS, ED.—Primrose Way. COX—Poems. CRASHAW—Complete Works. DAY—Menemens—Reference. DAY—Elson's Music Dictionary—Reference. EWALD—My Little Boy. FITZGERALD—Letter, 2 vol. FLAMMARION—Thunder and Lightning. FRIES—Seven Years' War. HART—Leavitt's Law Book. HYDE—College Man and the College Woman. JACOBS—A Guide to the Use of the Jewish Encyclopedia—Reference. MILLER—City Beautiful. ROTHSCILD—Child Culture—Reference. ROTHSCHILD—Lincoln, Master of Men. SHELDON—John Williams and the Puritan. SLIDEN—Queer things about Japan: More Queer Things About Japan. STILES—Handbook of Genealogy—Reference. WHORTON—Through Colonial Doorways. WOODS—Heraldry in Royalty.

FICTION.

HARVEY—R. Holmes & Co. HARRISON—Adam Johnstone's Son. HASTHORPE—Marion Darche. CRAWFORD—Three Tales. CRAWFORD—Ipper Werth. CROWLEY—With the Immortals. DICKENSON—Storm of London. WOLSTENHOLME—The Renegade and Other Tales.

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Americans May Still Visit "Stoke Poges."

Our London Literary Letter.

Special Correspondence.

ONDON, July 11.—Before this letter is printed, probably, one of the most popular Meccas of the thousands of American literary pilgrims who visit England annually will have been sold. Stoke Park, which includes Stoke Poges, where Gray began and finished his immortal "Elegy" is to come under the hammer on June 27, and there is much interest to see who the purchaser of this historic state and literary shrine will be. Of course, however, the coming change of ownership will make no difference in the admission of visitors to the famous "country churched" where the Elegy was composed and where its author lies buried.

Meanwhile the story of Gray's long association with Stoke Poges is being recalled. It was in 1742 that his mother took up her residence there, but since that time the quaint two-story house, with its porch and old world garden, has been greatly altered. Still, even as it exists today, it is easy to understand why the spot should be so singularly favored by the muse. Gray had been there only a few days when the poetic inspiration seized upon him and he wrote his "Ode to Spring." This was soon followed by his "Ode on a Distant Prospect of Eton College," which can be seen from a spot near the house. The famous elegy was begun at Stoke in the same year, laid aside for seven years, taken up again at Stoke, roughly finished at Cambridge, and finally given the polish of perfection at Stoke in 1759.

To his connection with Stoke is due another of Gray's poems. In a fine old Tudor manor house there dwelt a Lady Cobham, something of a literary lion hunter, a species of which Gray, shy and retiring, had a great horror.

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Because of its literary associations, Stoke is one of the English cities most visited by American travelers, and Henry Fielding's house there will be more readily identified by future visitors because of a memorial tablet which was unveiled this week by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle. Widcombe Lodge, as the old house is called, was occupied by the author of "Toni Jones" from 1835 to 1842, during which years Fielding mixed freely with the fashionable folk who thronged the ballrooms of Bath. One of his friends there was Ralph Allen, the man who revolutionized the English postal service, but who is better assured of immortality, perhaps, as the original of Squire Allworthy, in "Tom Jones." It is unlikely that the author of "Toni Jones" placed a tablet on every house in which a celebrity had dwelt, it would be the most spotted city in Europe.

The attempt to establish more cordial relations between England and Germany, by inviting a lot of German journalists to London, has led to some researches as to the beginning of journalism in Germany. There, as in most European countries, the first newspaper appeared early in the seventeenth century, the pioneer being a bookseller of Frankfurt-on-the-Main, who brought out the first number of the "Frankfurter Journal" in 1616. The first German

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