

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.

Ho'li' brack sheep that strayed away,
Done los' in de win' an' de rain.
An' de Shepherd He say: "O hirelin',
Go fin' My sheep again."
An' de hirelin' say, "O Shepherd,
Eat sheep and brack and bad."
But de Shepherd He smile, like dat li'l' brack sheep
Wuz fair as the break o' day.

An' He say, "O hirelin', hasten,
For de win' an' the rain am col',
An' dat li'l' 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 li'l' 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 li'l' 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 li'l' brack sheep—wuz—me!

—Paul Dunbar.

NOTES.

Among the documents included in a sale July 3 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 "Haat—haat—haat post has for life," a dispatch from Capt. Fenton, telling 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, 1895, described as an "original" and accompanied by a facsimile; and other items of more or less interest.

All Edward FitzGerald's works we ourselves return least frequently to his versions from the Spanish stage. They are, as a whole, too sombre and painful, however enlightened here and there by humor and good intercalated verse. Still, one may be glad to have the "Eight Dramas of Calderon" in the ornate Macmillan formulation. It will save searching in a general collection, and can be comfortably held in the hand.

In his illustrations for Kipling's "Stories of Old England," which are appearing in McClure's Andro Caigne is doing some remarkable "restoration." Of course, in the days when the Roman cohorts held the Great Wall across the north of England against the Picts and Danes, the life must have been strangely barbaric and picturesque, but few of us ever imagined it to ourselves; for there is scarcely anything in records or remains to suggest to us what it did look like. Hugo's dramatic masterpiece is presented with ample aids for its reading in class. The introduction treats of literature.

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

Henry Holt and company will issue at once "Superized" by May Sturz, which she considers her best work previous to "The Divine Fire." It originally appeared with another story in a volume entitled "Two Sides of a Question," a small imperforated edition of which is now exhausted.

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

Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett, perhaps the best known writer of the day of stories for children, has written a series of fairy tales, which will begin in the October St. Nicholas and con-

LYMAN J. GAGE MAY BE A THEOSOPHIST.



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fully of the theory of the romantic drama, the versification, language, plot and characters of the play, together with an account of its first performance. 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," etc., issued in the series of Eclectic 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 novelties is given to the old story. Many stories have been borrowed from, and additions or omissions have been made as seemed best for the purpose of the book. As now 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 popular manner. Prof. Archibald Henderson, Ph. D., contributes an article on "Aspects of Contemporary Fiction" which should be widely read by lovers 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 half-tones. "An Artist of Winter-Locked Nature" is the title of a charming sketch of Edward W. Redfield's life and work by B. O. Flory. It is also beautifully illustrated. This issue also contains an excellent story, entitled "The Parting of the Ways" by Willmatt Porter Cockerell. Among the more strenuous articles and those which will be especially interesting to friends of political and economic advancement are the following: "Solving the Labor Problem," by E. G. Lucius F. C. Garvin of Rhode Island; "Governor Albert B. Cummins"; "A Statesman Who Plays the Interests of the People"; "How the Democrats Privileged Classes"; "The Puritan Slaves—Querulous about Japan"; "More Queer Things about Japan"; "Stiles—Handbook of Genealogy"—reference.

Wharton—Through Colonial Doorways. Woods—Heredit in Royalty.

FICITION.

Poage—R. Holmes & Co. Crawford—Marion Darche. Crawford—Three of a Kind. Crawford—The Birth.

Crawford—with the Immortals. Dickley—Storm of London. Wolfenstein—The Renegade and Other Tales.

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 Pogis, 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 chateau" where that Elegy was composed and where its author lies.

Meanwhile the story of Gray's long association with Stoke Pogis is being recalled. It was in 1742 that his mother took up her residence there, but since that time the quaint two-storyed 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 1756.

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But she discovered that one of her guests, Lady Schaub, knew a lady Brown, and that this Lady Brown enjoyed the felicity of knowing Gray. She made this an excuse for calling on him without an introduction. They became quite good friends afterwards, and Lady Cobham tried to marry the poet to her niece—at any rate, he got the idea that some such plot was afoot.

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