THE ACADEMY.

M. FERDINAND PAERRE, author of La petite Mère and L'Abbé Tirquin, has been appointed Keeper of the Mazarin Library in succession to the late Jules Sandoz.

M. GARNIER, late consul-general of France at Batavia and Shanghai, has left the whole of his personal property (subject to a prior lien interest to the Académie des Inscriptions, for the encouragement of scientific exploration in Central Africa and Further Asia. The value of this inheritance is estimated at 20,000 francs (£500) a-year.

M. de SARZEEK, whose collection of antiquities and inscriptions from Mesopotamia is among the most precious of the recent additions to the Louvre, has just left Paris to take up the appointment of Resident General at Bagdad.

A BRONZE statue of Bernard Palissy will shortly be erected at Boulogne-sur-Seine.

M. PAUL JANET, of the Institut, whose Final Causes is well known in its English translation, has just published (Calman Levy's) a new work, entitled Les Maîtres de la Pensee moderne.

Two new volumes, being the sixth and seventh (completing the 20th. ed.) of the Annals of Prince Motterich, edited by M. A. de Klinkowstrom. They cover the period from 1835 to 1846.

The fifth volume has just been published (Germain Brébier's) of the Histoire illustrée de la Seconde Épisode, by M. Texile Delord, with portraits by M. Férot and Frédéric Regamey. It covers the years 1867 to 1880. A sixth volume will finish the work.

ORIGINAL VERSE.

BENEDICTION AND GRATITUDE.

(Imitated and Condensed from the "Senilis" of Tourgéniev.)

To banquet with the Lord of All.

The virtues were invited once
On earth they never once had met.

Not so pleasant as the small.

The talked and chatted o'er the meal,

On earth they never once had met.

—William E. A. Axon.

OBITUARY.

The Rev. William P. Harvey, Rector of Ewelme, in Oxfordshire, one of the most learned clergymen to be found within the ranks of the Church of England, died on May 7. He took his degree at Cambridge exactly fifty years ago, and immediately became a fellow and dean of his college (Trinity College), and one of the most trusted benefactors of the Church, and of himself. He continued to hold his position until 1844. In that year he was appointed to the college living of Buckland, in Hertfordshire, and he remained there until 1872. His first important work, Ecclesiae Anglicanae Vindiciae Catholicae, consisted of elaborate citations from the writings of the fathers in support of the Thirty-Nine Articles. He followed some years later by a narrative of the history and theological teaching of the three creeds received into the Prayer-Book. Mr. Harvey's taste for literature was exemplified by his publishing, in 1872, a semi-illustrated edition of 1827 of the remains of the works of Terence. His last labour as a Hertfordshire incumbent was a poetic version in Specimen Magazine of the Life and Adventures of a Physician, and a description of the sports and pleasures of a gentleman dwelling in a country town. When the death of Ewelme was known, and his name became known in a party dispute the echoes of which have not yet died down, a memorial tablet was founded by the parish by William de la Pole Earl of Suffolk, in the reign of Henry VI; and Mr. Harvey, as an ex-officio trustee of this venerable institution, drew up an account of its deeds and documents and a statement of which appeared in the eighth Report of the Historical MSS. Commission. During his residence at Ewelme he also published several inventories of church furniture and vestments, and several papers on these subjects were contributed by him to the Transactions of the Geological Society of Cornwall and the Philosophical Magazine, and the Annals of Philosophy. When Mr. Gilbert, an ex-President of the Royal Society, undertook a History of the westernmost county, he called upon Dr. Boase, who had just published a treatise on Primary Geology, to furnish him with a detailed description of the rocks in each parish. Twenty years ago Dr. Boase wrote a work to show that, while one set of geologists made all the great forces of nature interdependent, there was nothing probable that there existed two groups of forces, attractive and repulsive, whose equilibrium formed the universe; and that this principle of balance or equilibrium had been traced through all the sciences. A few weeks ago he received the receipt of a further volume, showing how these views bore on the theory of evolution. Dr. Boase was long engaged in commercial pursuits at Dun, and his death occurred at 5 Magdalen Place in that town on May 4.

Many men who were at Oxford in the latter half of the sixties—and those of very different interests—will hear with regret of the death of Albert Augustine Boase, who was then an open Eglesfield exhibitor at Queen's College. He died very suddenly on April 30 at Edinburgh, where he had been a master at the Academy for about two years. As is written in the Scottish Echo, "it is not a few who, in his early death, will regret a personal loss and feel that a life of much promise has been cut short." Mr. Elliott lost his wife fourteen months ago, and leaves behind him a little girl.

A niece of Burns, being the daughter of Mrs. Begg, sister of the poet, died last week at the age of eighty-three. For the last forty years she had lived near Alloway Kirk, and she was ever ready to welcome to her house all who paid a pilgrimage to that historic spot. Such knowledge she had derived, not only from her own mother, but also from the mother of the poet, whom she passed several years of her early life.

MAGAZINES AND REVIEWS.

The Cornhill for May has an excellent article by Vernon Lee on "The Portrait Art of the Renaissance." It deals chiefly with the sculptured portraits of Renaissance tombs, but is full of the theory of the instrument of the philosophy of art, and contributes much that deserves consideration towards an understanding of the difference between realism and idealism in art. The writer of "A Scribbler's Apology" has the merit of introducing to public notice a word which is well fitted to describe the mass of recent literature of which his defence of "tootle" is an application to literature of the opportunism which has so long prevailed in politics. An article on "Biography," laying down the principles of general application suggested by the indiscretions of some recent biographers.

Macmillan's Magazine has added to its store "The Review of the Month." Otherwise it has not returned more lively. It contains an article delivered by Prof. Huxley to the boys on "Unwritten History." This is an extremely ingenious application of the discoveries of modern science to the history of Egypt, and the Professor of Classical Literature, who first led the way in this large field of historical investigation, Mr. Bryce writes a sympathetic paper on "John Richard Green." The greater part of his article is a covert claim of history as a branch of literature, not a branch of science. It is quite clear that a picture of the past will find many readers, while the evolution of human affections for the present finds few students. Mr. Bryce seems to argue that a true reconstruction of the human interest attaching to the past is all that history can give.

THE LATE E. H. PALMER.

I. THE STORY OF HIS DEATH.

About the end of last June, when the troubles in Egypt became serious, "The Palmer" resolved to make practical use of his linguistic studies, and gallantly volunteered to take part in putting down the rebellion. His project was to dissuade the Bedawin from attacking the Suez Canal, to collect camels for transport, and to aid the British and Pasha against the rebels. He was duly warned, I believe, that in case of capture he would be treated as a prisoner of war, perhaps as a spy; but no consideration of personal danger had any weight with his gallant spirit.

The brave heart landed at Jaffa in the Austro-Hungarian Lloyd's. During his few days of preparation he became immensely popular, and I found everyone full of his praises. Mr. Bentz is right: "Perhaps it would not be too much to assert that he had no business or private relations with any man who would straightway become his friend." He engaged as dragonets a Christian pupil of the American College, Bayrut, and as servant a young Jew of Jaffa, who, by-the-by, has left a large family utterly destitute.

He then visited the Rev. Mr. Scha-pere at Ghazzah, and set out by "Short Desert," as older travellers called it, for Suez. An obituary article in the Academy (November 16) declares that he "turned back a Bedawin invasion of the Suez Canal." I could hear nothing of this exploit on the spot. He might, and perhaps he would, have done it had he had a little more fire and an unconsciously exaggerated in his own mind the numbers and importance of the Tih-tribes. For his thousands we must read hundreds.

The late Shakh Abdullah El-Shami (the Syrian) met at Suez his future companions, Capt. Gill and Lieut. Charrington, R.N. The former was a well-known and admirable traveller, who had spent the last winter studying the life of the people who had already done good service by cutting the telegraph wires connecting Egypt with Syria. The last was a young officer of great promise who had written so many stories of the fate of the Suez Canal, and the stories of mistakes seems to have begun. I cannot but think that, after so many quiet, peaceful years in England, the laborious desert march through the Sisyphus of July must
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CORRESPONDENCE.

NOTES AND QUERIES ON THE "Elkon BasiLILIE."*

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Very much, alas! I have already been written on the authorship of the Elkon Basilile; but something yet remains to be said on that branch of the subject—the interpretation thereof—whom alone we have absolutely trustworthy data which can be tested by us at the present day with the advantage of a more intelligent criticism and a more scientific method than was possible in the days of an error. The problem is a peculiarly simple one. The book is in all hands—a book which surely is not colourless in style, or commonplace in execution; which alone we have an adequate examination of the internal evidence, has left some pretty substantial gleaning for those who come after him. I may add that I avoided reading the book, but I have already seen the assertion with the Elkon until I had almost finished my own inquiry and had arrived at a definite conclusion. Although, therefore, I shall of necessity repeat many familiar notions, I shall be able to support them with the evidence of my own observation and conclusions independently of the critical opinions of others.

The conclusion is one feature in the Elkon which more than another obtrudes itself on the attention it is the extreme prevalence of alliteration. Alliteration is so frequent, from the "Solitudes and Sufferings" of the title-page to the "miserable moment... over-blessed".

* I spent some months among the Hurwittians, and have described them in three volumes—The Gold Mines of Midian (1878) and Midian Reunion (1880)—besides a number of detached papers.

SELECTED FOREIGN BOOKS.

GENERAL LITERATURE.

BODEN, W. Italienische Porzellanmalerei, d. 15. Jahrhund. in Berlin, Weltkunst, 1891. 2eau. 170. 50 M.

BRÜCHING, H. Von Georgenes zur Geschichte der holländischen Malerei, Braunschweig: Vieweg, 1891. 15 M.

FRICKER, H. Die Kunst und die Kunsttätigkeit, Berlin, Alberti. 6 M.


SCH.-FRANKFURT, Das alte Aschkul bei bei (Geburtsort d. Berufsverbandes). Hamburk: Hentschel, 1891. 15 M.

STROEGER, G. Die hofeifelde auf der Schweiz u. die kurfürsten, Königsberg: Deichert. 8 M.


DISCLOSURE. D. Mémorie de Madame la Duchesse de Bourgogne, Hamburk: Michelman. Hamburk: Notte. 2 M. 50 pf.

PHYSICAL SCIENCE AND PHILOSOPHY.


DEUTSCH, W. Lehrbuch der Physiologie und Pathologie der Pflanzen. 5 M. 50 pf.

D'ODORICO, E. La Proprietà fondamentale delle Superficie della Terra, la Terra, la Terra, la Terra. Quad., Bologna. 5 L. 4 M.

Gauer, A. Die Entdeckung der Monde, 2eau. 4 M. 30 pf. 2 M. 2 M. 2 M. 2 M.

KLEINER, W. Die Erdgeschichte der Glieder- und der Pflanzenwelt. 1 M. 50 pf.


STREU, F. Resultate aus den in Polen gesammelten Forschungsergebnissen, 3 M. 20 pf. 1 M. 50 pf.

PHILOLOGY, ETC.

CHRISTENSEN, H. Beiträge zur Alexandrasie. Hamburg: Klotz. 1 M. 50 pf.

EBNER, K. Hermes. Vergleichende Wortvokale. 2 M. 50 pf. 2 M. 50 pf.

GODFREY, F. Bulletin de l'Académie des Inscriptions, 2 M. 50 pf.

KARABACK, J. Die Theod. Greco's Funde in Asien. (Der Papyrusfund El Khul) und die griechischen Funde in den Palästina- und Palästina-Antiquar. 1 M. 20 pf.

MEYER, R. Die griechischen Dialektologen. 2 M. 50 pf. 2 M. 50 pf.

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