scheme, partly because of its socialistic character, but mainly be-
cause in his opinion the Salvation Army was liable to degenerate
into "a mere engine of fanaticical intolerance and personal am-
tication." The publication of this letter, however, brought him a
large amount of new information, some of it coming from persons
that had been officers of the Salvation Army, and all tending to
show that his apprehensions were amply justified. It appears
that the officers are all under obligation, like the Jesuits, to
"obey, without question or gainsaying, the orders from
headquarters;" and it further appears from evidence that has not
been questioned that large sums of money and other property
originally contributed by the public have been "handed over to
Mr. Booth and his heirs and assigns." This property is ostensibly
held in trust, but Mr. Huxley shows that there is no legal
obligation to that effect. He also criticises some of Mr. Booth's
social theories, remarking that "with thrift and selfrespect den-
nounced as sin, with the suffering of starving men referred to the
sins of the capitalist, the Gospel according to Mr. Booth may save
souls, but it will hardly save society."

The result is, that Mr. Booth's schemes are unqualifiedly con-
demned, while at the same time the author of the letters shows
that he realizes the misery of the poor, and the danger it threatens
to society, in full if any danger exists, he seems to want to
generate the social danger, remarking that "unless this remediable
misery is effectually dealt with, the hordes of vice and pauperism
will destroy modern civilization as effectually as uncivilized tribes
of another kind destroyed the great social organization which
preceded ours." He also reprints an essay published in a maga-
zine in 1888, in which he takes a very pessimistic view of the
problem of poverty; but the only remedy he proposes is technical
education, which to our mind is altogether inadequate. The
whole pamphlet, however, is very interesting, and should be read
by every one who is concerned for the welfare of the laboring
poor.

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

The American Academy of Political and Social Science will
shortly issue a translation of Professor Meitzen's work on sta-
istics. English literature on this subject is so meagre, that every
one interested either in its theoretical or practical aspects will be
glad to learn of this accession to our stock of scientific material.
Dr. R. P. Falkner of the University of Pennsylvania has made the
translation.

"Therapeutic Sacrognomy: a New Science of Soul, Brain,
and Body," is the title of a forthcoming work from the house of
the J. G. Couples Company, Boston. The author is Professor J.
E. Buchanam.

In the Illustrated American for the week ending Feb. 21
there are illustrations of some of the treasures, in the way of old
books and bric-a-brac, that are contained in the collection of Mr.
Brayton Ives, about to be sold.

"Liberty in Literature" is the title of a small volume, well
printed and neatly bound, recently published by the Truth-Seeker
Company of this city. It is an address delivered by Robert G.
Ingersoll at Horticultural Hall, Philadelphia, on Oct. 21, 1890, on
the occasion of a testimonial to Walt Whitman. A portrait of
the aged "good gray poet" illustrates the volume.

N. D. C. Hodges, 47 Lafayette Place, New York, has now
in press a work by Dr. Daniel G. Brinton, entitled "The Ameri-
can Race: a Linguistic Classification and Ethnographic Description
of the Native Tribes of North and South America." It is the first
attempt ever made to classify all the Indian tribes by their lan-
guages, and it also treats of their customs, religions, physical
traits, arts, antiquities, and traditions. The work comprises the
result of several years of study in this special field.

Professor Morley of Rochester University, the author of
"Roman Law," has submitted a paper to the American Academy
of Political and Social Science on "The Genesis of our Written
Constitutions," which will shortly be issued by that body.
He attempts to show, that, so far from Mr. Gladstone's famous words
relating to the origin of the Constitution of the United States
being true, that instrument was a legitimate development of the
Constitution of the Colonies then existing, which in their turn had
grown out of the charters of the old trading companies.

"The Harper Euclid," just published by Rivington of
London, and Longmann, Green, & Co., of New York, is an edition
of Euclid's "Elements" revised in accordance with the reports of
the Cambridge Board of Mathematical Studies and the Oxford
Board of the Faculty of Natural Science. It is the joint produc-
tion of Edward M. Longley, M.A., and W. S. Sedge, M.A. The
work is intended to be strictly a school edition of Euclid. While
retaining its sequence of propositions, and basing its proofs en-
tirely on its axioms, the editors have not scrupled to replace some
of his demonstrations by easier ones, and to discard whatever they
considered superfluous or unnecessary. A good feature of the
milestone exercises are taken from widely different sources; some being original, others
taken from examination-papers, and still others being well known
theorems or problems given by most writers on the same subject.

"The late work of Henry M. Howe (son of Julia Ward Howe) on
"The Metallurgy of Steel" has met with pronounced success. It
has been warmly commended by many of the scientific journals of
Europe. We quote some of their opinions: "This work promises
to become a classic. With a lucid style it combines thorough
comprehension of the subject and a wise conciseness," says the
Collorary Guardians, London. Other authoritative opinions are as
follows: "It is not only the most beautiful book ever published
about steel, but certainly, also, the most complete and profound"
(Roue Universelle des Miens, Liege, Belgium). "We fully in-
dorse and recommend it to the German metallurgists as one of
the most important contributions in modern times to the sidero-
metallurgia-fundamentals" (Berg-und Eseleiummatische Zeitung, Ber-
lin, Germany). "This stately quarto is the most exhausive yet
written on the subject" (Professor Ledebur, Freiberg, Germany).
"It is so easily and so far in advance of any thing that has ever
been published on iron, that it marks an epoch in the literature of
the subject" (Professor Brown, Institute of Technology, Boston).

In the Atlantic for March, in an autobiographic fragment en-
titled "My Schooling," we are told of James Freeman Clarke's
early educational training. "The State University in America," by
George E. Howard, advocates the establishment of universities
in each State, which shall be universities in something more than
name, and the relegation of the many colleges of insufficient
means to a grade intermediate between the school and the univer-
sity. A paper on "The Speaker as Premier," by Albert Bush-
nell Hart, is a timely consideration of a question which has been
much before the public of late. Mr. Lowell continues his articles
on travel in Japan. Perhaps the most valuable contribution to
the number is Francis Parkman's first paper on "Massachusetts
Louisbourg by the New England Militia," an historical study of
much importance, and with an incidental sketch of the Wentworth
House, at New Castle, Maine, which is very charming. Miss
Agnes Repplier, in an amusing and thoughtful paper called
"Pleasure: A Heresy," appeals, not for more cultivation in life,
but for a recognized habit of enjoyment. The article is full of
good-natured banter at the expense of the self-consciously cultiva-
ted persons, who demand from both literature and art, not pleasure,
but some serious moral purpose.

Mark Brucklerr Kerr, topographer of the National Geographic
Society's expedition to Mount St. Elias in the summer of 1880, will
describe the adventures and discoveries of that exploration in the
March Scribner. The results of his study of glaciers are especially
valuable, as well as the determination of a new measurement for
the altitude of this famous Alaskan mountain. Samuel Parsons,
jun., superintendent of parks for New York City, who has done
so much to beautify the public fountains with rare water-lilies,
papyrus, and lotus, will describe the practical means of ornament-
ating ponds and lakes in the same number. This article will es-
specially interest people with small places in the country, having
natural streams and ponds upon them.

In The Chautauquan for March, 1891, we note the following
contributions: "The Intellectual Development of the English

— C. W. Bardeen of Syracuse sends us a small pamphlet entitled “Tiedeman’s Record of Infant Life.” It is from the French translation of a German work, with a commentary interwoven by M. Michelsen, the English version being by Bernard Person, the original author, who lived about a century ago, records in this work his observations of his own son in the first two years of his life, noting down many points that will be interesting to those who are engaged in similar researches. The phenomena of child-life, as noticed by him, differ in many respects from those noticed by Darwin and other recent observers, — a fact which shows that caution is necessary in generalizing from such observations; but we cannot altogether pass by the fact that he has also sent us three papers read before the National Educational Association at St. Paul in July last. One is by himself, on the “Effect of the College Preparatory High School upon Attendance and Scholarship in the Lower Grades,” in which he takes the position that a great many of the classic courses in the public high schools helps to raise the whole tone of the school, and is therefore useful even to those who take the English course. He does not quite make clear, however, how the requisite classic scholarship can be secured without beginning the course before the usual age for entering the high school. Another of the papers is by W. H. Maxwell, on “Examinations as Tests for Promotion,” in which he repeats the well-worn arguments in favor of examinations, but without offering anything new, and showing, as it seems to us, an insufficient sense of the abuses to which examinations are apt to lead.

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