

AMONG THE PUBLISHERS.

JOHN WILEY & SONS announce as in preparation "The Transition Curve Field-Book," by Clinton R. Howard, C.E.

— John Wiley & Sons announce as in preparation "The Mechanical Engineer's Pocket Book," by William Kent.

— Sister Rose Gertrude has written another article for *The Ladies' Home Journal* for June, on "What it is to be a Leper," in which she gives a clear glimpse of leper-life in Molokai, how the disease is contracted, how it is treated and cured, and how the lepers live in their exile.

— D. C. Heath & Co. have in press for early publication an "American Literature for High Schools and Colleges," by Julian Hawthorne and Leonard Lemmon; also "French by Reading," a new French method on the inductive plan, by Louise Seymour Houghton and Mary Houghton.

— Among their books in press, J. B. Lippincott Company announces "The Chemical Analysis of Iron," by Andrew Alexander Blair (new edition); "A Hand-Book of Industrial Organic Chemistry," by S. C. Sadtler; "Tables for the Determination of Minerals," by Persifor Frazer, jun. (new edition, revised and enlarged); "Chambers's Encyclopædia," Vol. VII. (entirely new edition, revised and rewritten).

— Messrs. Macmillan & Co. will publish next week a "Short History of Greek Philosophy," for students and general readers, by Dr. John Marshall, rector of the Royal High School, Edinburgh. The main purpose of this book is to present an account of Greek philosophy which, within strict limits of brevity, shall be at once authentic and interesting,—authentic, as being based on the original works themselves; interesting, as presenting to the ordinary English reader the great thoughts of the greatest men of antiquity, on problems of permanent significance and value, in language freed from technicality and abstruseness.

— T. Fisher Unwin has nearly completed preparations for a "History of the Press." The volumes will deal in the first place with the British press, and afterwards with the continental press and the American. In each case the history of the great journals will be treated in connection equally with the political and social events they have influenced, and the characters and methods of the men who have directed them to these ends. In a few instances a single journal has played a sufficiently conspicuous and important part to furnish abundant materials for a single volume, but in others the general characteristics of a section of the press will combine many newspapers and personalities into one work. The first volume will be devoted to the *Times*, and others have been arranged to treat of "The Provincial Press," "The French Press," "The German Press," "The American Press," and "The Comic Press." The volumes will be issued under the general editorship of Mr. Henry Norman.

— "Spinning Tops" is an interesting and valuable addition to the Romance of Science Series, published in London by the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and in this country by E. & J. B. Young & Co. The volume is an expanded revision of an "operatives' lecture," delivered by Professor John Perry at the British Association meeting at Leeds in 1890. The changes necessitated by the conversion of a lecture illustrated by actual experiments with elaborate apparatus, into a treatise illustrated by engravings and explanatory letterpress, have been carefully made; and the result is a volume that will not only interest the general reader, but also add considerable to his knowledge of some branches of science. Beginning with a description of the behavior of a spinning top, the author goes on step by step to the movements of the earth in space, touching incidentally on the connection between light and magnetism, and the rotation of the plane of polarization, making his points clear at each step by means of apparatus adapted to the purpose.

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