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The Linnæan Society of Massachusetts had their first quarterly meeting at the Athenæum, in June; when an introductory address was delivered to the members by the Hon. Judge Davis, which we have a hope may be published in the next number of this journal. This society, which has been very recently organized, has already made a considerable progress in collecting a cabinet of specimens in the different departments of Natural History; and their institution will hereafter be a splendid and valuable addition to our scientific establishments.

The Massachusetts Bible Society have made their annual report in June, by which it appears, that they have distributed, in the course of the year, 2296 Bibles and 532 Testaments; that the receipts this year, including the balance from last year of \$2333,63, are \$5377,12; that their expenditures are short of this sum \$1631,49, which is a balance remaining in the treasurer's hands.

WELLS & LILLY, Boston, have just published,
The Lord of the Isles, a poem, by Walter Scott, elegantly printed; price in extra boards *one dollar*.

An Essay on the Character and Practical Writings of Saint Paul, by Hannah More. two volumes in one, extra boards, price \$1.

Edinburgh Review for *November*, 1814; being No. 47, price to subscribers \$1 25. Edinburgh Review, volume *sixth*, price to subscribers \$2 50.

A Letter to the Rev. S. Thacher, on the Aspersions contained in a late number of the Panoplist, on the Ministers of Boston and the vicinity, by Wm. E. Channing, Minister of the Church of Christ in Federal-street, Boston, second edition, price 20 cents sewed, \$1 50 per dozen.

Latin Classicks, vols. 5 and 6, of the works of Cicero; consisting of Orations.

They have in press, and will be ready in a few days, Discipline, a novel: by the author of Self Control; in two volumes 12mo. Also, Memoirs of the De Castro family.

WILLIAM PLUMER, JUN. of Epping, N. H. is preparing for publication, a History of the late war between the United States and Great-Britain. In reviewing the causes of the war, an account will be given of the most important controversies and negotiations, which have taken place between England and this country from the peace of 1783 to the war of 1812, accompanied by such notices of French aggressions as seem necessarily connected with the principal subject. Particular attention will also be bestowed on the effects of the war, on the state of parties, and the civil institutions of the United States; on the internal condition of the country, its commerce, arts, and manufactures; and on the probable influence of the late contest on the future relations of the two countries."

Four *Histories of the late war*, besides that of Mr. Plumer's in New-Hampshire, are advertised to be published. Some of them with plates. One in Philadelphia in 4 vols.; one in New-York; one at Cayuga, state of New-York; and one in Kentucky.

In a short time will be ready for the press, Travels through New-England and New-York.

In this work observations will be made concerning the Topography, Soil, Climate, Agriculture, Natural and Artificial Productions, Manufactures, Commerce, Learning, Manners, Morals, Government, and Religion, of these countries; the character of the aborigines; the first Colonists, and the present Inhabitants, will be exhibited; and remarks will be made concerning the accounts given of these countries, by European travellers.

The journeys, whence these observations have been principally derived, have been made through most parts of both countries, and have occupied more than two years.

A work of this kind both for ourselves, as well as for foreigners, has long been wanting. We have no good descriptive work of our own country. Those who travel in it for amusement, or instruction, are obliged to grope their way without any guide, either to the natural beauties, the remarkable productions, or historical anecdotes, a knowledge of which affords such great assistance, and so much increases the pleasure of the traveller. Such a work is a desideratum. The publick, when they are informed, as we have been, that the author is the Rev. Dr. Dwight, President of Yale College, whose reputation has been too long established, to require any thing more than the mention of his name, will expect its publication with impatience.

Memoirs of John Howard Payne, the American Roscius; with criticisms on his acting in America, England, and Ireland, published in March—*price* 6s.

The Memoirs and Confessions of Captain Thomas Ashe, author of the Spirit of the Book, Travels in America, &c. are preparing for the press. This *Captain Ashe* and *Sergeant Cobbet*, are the two principal authorities for all the libels published in England against the United States. The memoirs and confessions, if sincere, of a professed libeller, might be of some use.

In London and its suburbs, there were in the year 1814, 20,170 children christened, and 19,783 persons buried. Of these, 1343 were between 70 and 80—592 between 80 and 90—88 between 90 and 100—and 5 from 100 to 111 years of age. The number executed in London was seventeen.

The Russian government has fixed on three *depots* for the importation of books: the cities of Riga and Revel, and by land, the town of Redeziwilow. Very few books are allowed to pass direct to Petersburg, and French works especially are examined with great strictness.

Mr. Swartz has published at Leipsic, the History of Education, from the most ancient times to the present day. He begins by treating of education among the Indians, the Egyptians, the Persians, the Babylonians, the Arabs, Phenicians, Carthaginians, Phrygians and Lydians. The second period, which the writer calls the *classick period*, begins with the Hebrews, and passes on to the Greeks and Romans. The history of education among christians is divided into several periods; the *spread* of educa-

tion—the methods—the objects—have all acquired additional consequence in the estimation of the judicious.

The members of the French Institute, whose names were last year expunged, are Napoleon Bonaparte, Lucien Bonaparte, Joseph Bonaparte, Guyton de Morveau, Carnot, Monge, Cambacères, Merlin, Ræderer, Garat, Sieyes, Lakanal, Gregoire, Cardinal Maury, and David the painter.

Mr. Olbers of Bremen, one of the most assiduous and successful observers in Europe, discovered a comet near the constellation of Perseus. It can only be seen with the best telescopes. At 55 minutes after 10 o'clock, it had $49^{\circ} 7'$ of right ascension, and $32^{\circ} 7'$ north declination. The 7th of March, at 40 minutes past 7, the right ascension was $49^{\circ} 22'$, and the north declination $32^{\circ} 22'$. Thus it advances slowly towards the constellation of Perseus in a north-east direction.

The Arch Duke Charles of Austria has composed a history of the Campaigns of 1796, which is announced for publication in the Vienna papers.

Lucien Bonaparte, in one of the notes to his poem of Charlemagne, has announced his intention to publish a second epick at some future time, the title of which is to be the *Cirneide*, from Cirnos, the Greek name of Corsica. The final expulsion of the Saracens from that island, with descriptions of the manners of the islanders, forms the subject. This poem, the author tells us, is intended to bear that relation to Charlemagne, which the Iliad bears to the Odyssey, as it will be in some measure connected with it; Isolier, one of the subordinate characters in Charlemagne, being its hero.

ENGLISH NEWSPAPERS. By a return made to the House of Commons from the Post-Office, it appears, that in 1814, the number of

Daily papers sent to the Colonies was	129,503.	charge	£.12 14s.
do. to the Continent	215,762.	charge from	£.12 12 to £.14 6s.

Number of foreign papers imported was 62,301 from France, 4368 from the Netherlands, 3744 from Germany, 5304 from all other parts. The number of newspapers despatched from the general Post-Office to different parts of England, Scotland and Ireland, for three months in 1814 and 1815, as follows:

	Daily Morning.	Daily Evening.	Alternate Days.	Weekly.
Feb. March, April, 1814.	16,537	290,259	96,378	81,291.
Nov. Dec. 1814, Jan. 1815.	17,765	212,639	90,016	74,120.

The result is an increase of the Daily Morning Papers of 1229, and a decrease in three months of all the others, of 94,228. From this it would appear, that there are few things more affected by war than newspapers.