Catalogue of Moberly Library, Winchester College. Roy. 8vo, pp. 127. 1894

This library was founded in 1870 as a memorial to Dr. George Moberly, who was Head Master of the College from 1836 to 1866, and afterwards Bishop of Salisbury. The catalogue was compiled by the Rev. W. P. Smith and Mr. J. S. Furley, and though somewhat amateurish, is no doubt sufficiently well done to serve its purpose.

Science and Art Department, South Kensington Museum. A Catalogue of the Paintings, Manuscripts, Autograph Letters, Pamphlets, &c., bequeathed by John Forster, Esq., LL.D. Roy. 8vo, pp. ii., 261. 1893. 6s.

This volume is supplementary to that of the printed books contained in the Forster Bequest, published in 1888. Part 3 of the above, from page 73 to the end, is devoted to the important collection of modern pamphlets in 602 volumes, and each pamphlet is set out under author and subject, the entries being closely printed in nonpareil in double columns. The remainder of the volume consists of descriptive lists, with indexes, of the drawings and autographs.

Temple Bar Magazine. Vol. 100, being an Alphabetical List of the Titles of all Articles appearing in the previous Ninety-nine Volumes [1860-1893.] 8vo, pp. 150. 1894.

This calls for no particular remark except to note its appearance, and to say that a sturdy ignorance of the art of indexing is shown in its compilation.

Ellis and Elvey's General Catalogue of Rare Books and MSS. 8vo, pp. 438. 1894.

A bookseller's catalogue, but of permanent value, not only by reason of the important books fully described in it, but by the number of good illustrations of fine bookbindings and of facsimiles of early woodcuts, &c., it contains.

Correspondence.

DEAR SIR,—I think the following extracts from recent letters I have received may be of interest to your readers :—

GOVERNMENT PUBLICATIONS.

"The Controller of H.M. Stationery Office has no authority to make general grants of parliamentary papers to public libraries. He is prepared, however, to receive applications for particular papers, and will grant the request in all cases where possible. The cost of carriage is not paid by the Stationery Office."

EXEMPTION OF PUBLIC LIBRARIES FROM RATES.

"Act 6 and 7 Vict., Cap. 36. The title of this statute is 'An Act to exempt from county, burgh, parochial and other local rates, land and buildings occupied by scientific or literary societies.' His Lordship (the Lord Advocate for Scotland) is of opinion that this Act is not applicable to a public library not belonging to a literary society, but to a burgh, and supported by a rate. In none of the cases which have occurred under the Act does there appear to be any suggestion that it applies to a public institution."

JOHN CARNEGIE.