

and a statement of the various public libraries in which copies are preserved. As an indication of the thoroughness of Mr. Macdonald's investigations for this part of his work, we may mention that the libraries referred to number forty-three, and include collections in France, Switzerland, Germany, Holland and America.

*The Antiquary* : a Magazine devoted to the study of the past. Vol. xviii, July-December. London : E. Stock, 1888. Cr. 4to, pp. 284.

Contains numerous articles on literary questions, several being of special bibliographical importance. Mr. W. C. Hazlitt's "Notes on Early British Typography" are interesting, but we notice a slip which curiously enough immediately precedes a caution on the inaccuracy of Herbert. On the entry made by the latter "Tileni Parenesis ad Scotos, 1570, Octavo." Mr. Hazlitt observes "not printed till 1620, and not in Scotland," but as matter of fact it was printed in St. Andrews as well as in London in 1620. The bibliography of the works of Thomas Taylor, the Platonist, appended to Mr. Edward Peacock's valuable article on that writer is worthy of special mention.

*Some Aspects of Humanity.* By E. Hughes. London, E. Stock, n.d. Sm. 8vo, pp. ix, 265.

A volume of pleasantly written essays. The papers on "Present-Day Novels: American *versus* English," and "The Heirship of the Novel: a Plea for it on the Ground of an exalted Mission," are interesting contributions to the literature of fiction. We regret that no date appears on the title-page.

## Correspondence.

### SIGNATURES IN BOOKS.

SIR,—As a contribution towards enlarging the list of MSS. appended to Mr. Blades' interesting paper in your April number, I would mention Rawlinson MS. B. 355, a fifteenth century volume, which contains the signatures in question, and which signatures I thus described in the catalogue printed in 1862. "Signacula literarum alphabeti, prout est mos in libris impressis, in margine foliorum inferiori per totum codicem inscripta sunt, incipientia cum signo 'F 2.' literam A præcedente, et desinentia cum signo 'M. 4.' ad fol. 109." In my own copy of this catalogue, I have added these notes: "In Ashmole MS. 1397 (beginning of fifteenth century) several tracts have similar signatures of the sheets at the foot of the pages. A MS. with similar signatures was sold at Dr. J. H. Todd's sale in November 1869, lot 1387."

Bodleian Library.

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### AMATEUR CATALOGUING.

SIR,—Looking through the number for March-April, 1888, of the (American) *Library Journal*, my attention was attracted by the heading of an article, "A Newcastle-on-Tyne Library," and its sub-heading, "Re-classification and Cataloguing as carried out by Amateurs," further excited my curiosity. The editor introduces the article as being from the pen of the librarian of the Literary and Philosophical Society, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, but that gentleman, Mr. William Lyall, is only