

LITERARY NOTES.

The last vestige of Spain's western empire has disappeared. The final expulsion of Spain from America and from the Philippines is the fit conclusion of the long strife between the people who stood for civil and religious freedom and those who stood for bigotry and tyranny as hideous in their action as any which have ever cursed humanity. The work has been a long one, but Spain at last is confined practically to her peninsula, where her people can do as they please with one another, but whence they can trouble the world no more. Spain has ceased to rule. Her once vast empire has gone, because she has proved herself unfit to govern, and for the unfit among nations there is no pity in the relentless world forces which shape the destinies of mankind.

We are prone to assign as the chief reasons for the war with Spain the cruel treatment of the Cubans and the destruction of our battle-ship in Havana Harbor. At least the greater number of magazine and newspaper articles called forth by the war have discussed these causes as if they were alone responsible. It is natural that they should be most prominent, because they were the immediate causes and affected the United States directly. But the underlying causes of the war are as old as the United States itself, and have been steadily working towards the results achieved in the battles of Manila and Santiago for several centuries. In the February issue of Harper's magazine appears the first instalment of a calm and unprejudiced history of the late war, written by Senator Henry Cabot Lodge. Senator Lodge is eminently fitted to write the best contemporary of this war, not alone because of his ability as a writer of American his-

Spaniards. Senator Lodge states concisely the long account we have had to settle with Spain, and shows remarkable power as a historian. It is a relief after all the hasty newspaper accounts to read a calm and unprejudiced history of the exciting events of the summer of 1898 while the memory of them is yet strong.

A new writer of fiction, one who has been highly praised by Kipling, appears in the February number of Scribner's, with a tale of South Africa, entitled "The Lepers." His name is William Charles Scully. A woman journalist of New York, Miss Anna O'Hagan, has written a very humorous tale of Irish-American political life, entitled "Riordon's Last Campaign" (illustrated.) Mr. Cable's short serial "The Entomologist," is continued; an Essay on Thackeray, by W. C. Brownell, shows the wonderful critical insight of that essayist, and explains as never before the reasons for Thackeray's supreme place in the minds of cultivated people.

Intimate acquaintance, congeniality of tastes and purposes, respect, admiration, material and social advancement—all these may appeal at some time to the young woman or the young man as furnishing the possible material for a prosperous venture into matrimony. But to those of us who are on this side of married life, with years of experience to give us insight, there never was a greater fallacy. I would say to all young women (and I would I had the tongues of angels to say it as I should,) "Love your lover or do not marry him." Respect and admiration may do for friendship; marriage absolutely demands love. You remember that when the apostle Peter sums up the qualities that

in other parts of the world. In view of the fact that the young Sultan is the first American who is a firm follower of the Prophet, it is of interest to hear a personal description of him from Mr. Foreman, an English traveller. Mr. Foreman says: "His excellency was dressed in very tight silk trousers, fastened partly up the sides with showy chased gold or gilt buttons, a short Eton-cut olive-green jacket with an



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infinity of buttons, white socks, ornamented slippers, a red sash around his waist, a kind of turban, and a kris at his side. One could almost have imagined him to be a Spanish bull-fighter with an Oriental finish-off. We all bowed low, and the Sultan surrounded by his Sultanas, put his hands to his temples and on lowering them he bowed at the same time. One Sultana was very pretty, or had been so, but the remainder were heavy, languid and lazy in their movements, and their teeth dyed black did not embellish their personal appearance. They all wore light-colored dual garments of great width, and light bodices. Their coiffure was carefully finished, but unfortunately a part of the forehead was hidden by an ugly fringe of hair." It is more than probable that the Sultan will be a source of endless trouble to our country. The Spaniards, from all accounts, certainly found him unruly, and derived but little profit from their suzerainty of the islands

The question which many an American has been considering of late is, what are the business opportunities—the industrial opportunities in the Philippines? One of the features of Harper's Weekly for the past month has been its special correspondence, in



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which is given the fullest and most satisfactory information on the subjects. Every one who is interested in this question will find in these letters just what he needs to know.

What are the openings in the Philippines? In the first place, a richer land or group of islands, as regards area and

population, variety of agricultural, mineral, and forest resources undeveloped, cannot be pointed out on the map of the world. Every authority of the Far East affirms this opinion. There are not only gold and silver, but iron and coal; not only vast forests of ship and house-building woods, but rarest qualities for furnishing, finishing, and ornamenting; not only great areas given up to the cultivation of sugar, hemp, tobacco and coffee, but wider reaches of virgin soil untouched and waiting the pioneer who is supported by an honest government. There are one or two rail-ways; there should be a score. There are a few steamer lines, but there should be a system of launches and steamers by which every one of these garden spots could be reached and developed. The natives will make no trouble, provided they once know that they are not to be oppressed and tax-ridden. For the year 1894 the combined value of imports and exports was \$30,000,000. If the United States eventually governs the Philippines that amount will go up until it passes the \$200,000,000 mark. In the order of importance the chief exports were sugar, hemp, tobacco and coffee. The Weekly also gives full information in regard to cost of living and other essential matters.

"Are Long Marriage Engagements Judicious?" is discussed from various points of view in the February issue of the American Queen by Margaret Sangster, the editor of Harper's Bazar; Edward Payson Ingersoll, D. D.; Lucy Hall Brown, M. D.; Herbert L. Bridgman, of the Brooklyn Standard Union; Helen Le Sargent and Susan Hayes Ward. "Good Manners: Are They a Lost Art?" is another symposium participated in by able writers. Ouida contributes an article on the Fashion of today, Sarah Grand writes about "The New Woman." Grace Pierce has an article on "The American Woman," illustrated by Chas. Dana Gibson.

De Garry—Why do you think men are so conceited?

Marjorie—They always say a girl hasn't any heart when they fail to win it.

Freddie—Say, dad, what does amen mean?

Cobwigger—It means, my boy, that the minister is pumped out.



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THE "MAINE" ENTERING HAVANA HARBOR

tory, but because of the position he has held as member of the Committee on Foreign Relations during the time which led up to the immediate causes of the war, and during the progress of the war itself.

Senator Lodge discusses in a concise and comprehensive manner the original causes of the war and the relations of Spain to the Anglo-Saxon race in the New World from the earliest colonial days. The conflict is not a new one. It began in Europe when England and Holland were allied against Spain, and after the latter had been crippled in Europe, was transferred to the Western Hemisphere.

In the first instalment of his notable history Senator Lodge discusses "The Unsettled Question," which is the question of Cuba and her influence in United States politics and diplomacy during the last century. With a dispassionateness that is truly historical he presents the history of Cuba from the first insurrection of the natives to the time the Maine steamed into Havana Harbor, to meet her fate a few days later at the hands of the treacherous

go to make the perfect Christian character he does not begin by urging the necessity of faith. He assumes its existence at the start. He says, "Add to your faith, virtue; and to virtue, knowledge" It is as if he would have us know that faith is not to be regarded simply as an adornment to the Christian character. It is a prerequisite. It is the atmosphere in which Christian life has its breath and being. So it is with love when the time comes to settle the gravest question of life.—Helen Watter-son Moody in the February Ladies' Home Journal.

Our illustration, taken from the current issue of Harper's Weekly, represents the present Sultan of Sulu, who owned allegiance to Spain up to the present time, and received from Spain the annual sum of \$2400, his salary as ruler of possessions which by hereditary right were his own. The ruler of Sulu is a devoted Mussulman, and acknowledges the supreme authority of the Turkish Sultan, and the costumes of our Mohammedan fellow-citizens differ but little from those of the same faith

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