

Under the royal ordinance of February 1st, 1837, the navy of France, in time of peace, is fixed at forty ships of the line, fifty frigates, forty steamers, and 190 vessels of inferior classes. The smaller vessels are to be kept afloat; but only half the ships of the line, and frigates, are intended to be launched, the other half to be kept on the stocks, in different stages of building.

For the present year, 130 vessels of all descriptions are maintained for active service, and to man these 20,498 seamen and marines have been assigned.

A reference to the tables will show that they are fast approximating to the established principle of the afore-mentioned ordinance, there being now 22 sail of the line, 37 frigates, and 25 steam-vessels afloat; 26 sail of the line, 13 frigates, and 13 steam-vessels building. The progress of those building, towards completion, is expressed in the tables; and the date of the period when launched will show whether the vessel is constructed according to the old or the new plan. An inspection of these tables will not warrant the assumption, that the ships of France are superior to our own, a large proportion of those afloat are described as of 86 and 82 guns, and little, if any thing, superior to our third-rate line-of-battle ships, although crowded with more guns—a questionable advantage.

Within the last few months, considerable activity has been apparent in the French dock-yards, and the number of ships of the line in commission has been increased, many of the smaller vessels having been paid off and their crews turned over, in order to assist in manning them, in effecting which great difficulties have been experienced. The following is, we believe, a correct list of the ships of the line in commission at the present time:—L'Ocean and Le Montebello, of 120 guns; L'Hercule of 100 guns, L'Jena and Le Suffren of 90 guns, Le Jupiter, Santi-Petri, Diademe, and Neptune, of 86 guns, Le Trident, Alger, Marengo, Triton, Ville de Marseilles, and Genereux, of 82 guns. In all fifteen, six or eight of which are at Smyrna under Admiral Labande; the remainder at Toulon, as a squadron of reserve, under Admiral Rosamel.

There are seventeen frigates in commission, eleven of which are on foreign service, viz. two Brazils, five Mexico, two South Seas, in the one East and one in West Indies; the remainder in the Mediterranean. There are twenty-one steam-vessels in commission, five of which are on foreign stations, the remainder being employed principally in keeping up the correspondence with Algiers, and other ports of Africa.

By comparing these items with what we have already placed before him, respecting the state of the British navy, the reader will perceive

that the balance is still greatly in our favour, more so in fact than at former periods of our history, and the improvement which our rivals are gradually effecting, by replacing their worn-out ships with others of greater capacity, is in like manner in operation on our part.

The French have from necessity limited their force to the amount specified, and we doubt very much, whether, with the application of all the resources they possess, they would be able to equip that number of **ships**, and man them with crews fit to send to sea. We have already enumerated the extent of their mercantile-maritime resources, and we will hereafter describe the mode adopted by them and other nations for collecting their seamen for the service of the fleet : but first, we shall inform the reader of the past and present state of the navies of Russia and America, which inquiry will form the subject of our next month's article.

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## SUPPLEMENT TO "THE PRESENT STATE OF THE FRENCH NAVY."

IS order to place the reader in full possession of the state of the French Navy at the present time, we append a list of every vessel in commission, her commander, and station, on the 1st of January last. This is compiled from official documents, and has never heretofore been published in this country in a complete form.

Distribution of the French Navy in Commission on the 1st of January, 1840.

Ship's Name.	Guns.	Commander.	Ststion.
<i>Ships of the Line.</i>			
Ocean . . . . .	120	Vice-adm. de Rosamel, com.-in-chief of the squadron of reserve : Cap. de vaisseau A. F. Parseval- Deschêne... }	Mediterranean.
Montebello . . . . .	120	Rear-admiral Le Bon de la Susse- Deschêne : Cap. de vais. A. A. E. le Bon Gay de Taradel . . . . . 7	Ditto.
Hercule . . . . .	100	Cap. de vais. P. J. M. Fauré . . . . . 4	Ditto.
Jéna . . . . .	90	Rear-ad. J. P. A Lelande, com.-in- chief of Mediterranean squadron : Cap. de vais. A. J. Bruat . . . . . }	Ditto.
Suffren . . . . .	90	Cap. de vais. L. F. le Nermant de Kergrist	Ditto.
Diadème . . . . .	86	Cap. de vais. F. H. Robert-Lefebvre	Ditto.
Santi- Petri . . . . .	86	Cap. de vais. M. de Suin . . . . .	Ditto.
Jupiter . . . . .	86	Cap. de vais E. Dangean . . . . .	Ditto.
Neptune . . . . .	86	Cap. de vais. T. C. le Ray . . . . .	Ditto.
Trident . . . . .	80	Cap. de vais. L. A. de Ricaudy . . . . .	Ditto.
Généreux . . . . .	80	Cap. de vais. E. F. F. Graëb . . . . .	Ditto.
Alger . . . . .	80	Cap. de vais. C. C. Rigodit . . . . .	Ditto.
Triton . . . . .	80	Cap. de vais. F. J. H. le Prédour* . . . . .	Ditto,
<i>Frigates.</i>			
Minerve . . . . .	58	Rear-ad. L. F. J. Leblanc . . . . . } Cap. de vais. P. L. Kerdrain . . . . . }	Brazil, ord. home
Belle- Poule . . . . .	60	Cap. de vais. S. A. R. le Prince de Joinville . . . . . }	Mediterranean.
Amazone . . . . .	52	Cap- de vais. A. F. Troude . . . . .	Ditto.
Atalante . . . . .	52	Rear-ad. J. H. J. Dupotet, com.-in- chief, Brazils : Cap. de vais. A. N. Vaillant . . . . . }	Brazils.
Artémise . . . . .	52	Cap. de vais . C. P. Laplace . . . . .	E. Ind. & China
Andromède . . . . .	52	Cap. de vais. J. M. T. Henri-de Vil- lue . . . . . }	S. Seas, ord. home
Gloire . . . . .	52	Cap. de vais. P. M. F. leGrandais† ● . . . . .	Brest, for service
Hermoine . . . . .	46	Cap. de vais. P. L. A. Matheiu . . . . .	Coast of Spain.
Thetis . . . . .	46	Cap. de vais. F. Buglet, command. sub- division, Brazils . . . . . }	South Seas.
Armide . . . . .	46	Rear-ad. Arnous-Dessaulsays, com.- in-chief: Cap. de corv. A. Louvil. . . . . }	Antilles.
Junon (armed en flute)		Cap. de corv. A. M. Lucas du Penhoat	Toulon.
Médée (armed en flute)		Cap. de corvette, F. Favin Lévêque . . . . .	On miss. Antilles.
Magicienne . . . . .	46	Cap. de vais. . . . .	Gd. -ship, Brest.
<i>Corvettes.</i>			
Thisbé . . . . .	30	Cap. de corvette, J. F. Bouvier de la Motte Villarceau . . . . . }	Antill. ord. home
Sapho . . . . .	30	Cap. de frégate, P. J. Thibault . . . . .	Brazils.
Sabine . . . . .	30	Cap. de corvette J. A. F. Cosmao Dumanoir . . . . . }	Gulf of Mexico.

\* Since superseded and replaced by J. P. H. Lain&

† In addition to these, *Le Souverain* of 120 guns, *Scipion*, *Le Marengo*, and *Ville de Marseille* of 82 guns, are described as disposable for service at Toulon. Captains have been recently appointed to the two last, and they are most probably intended to relieve some of the ships whose term of service has expired.

Ship's name.	Guns.	Commander.	Station.
Alcmène . . . . .	30	Cap. de corvette, P. J. Guindet . . . . .	Brazils.
Cornaline . . . . .	30	Cap. de corvette, R. J. Desfossés . . . . *	Particular service.
Triomphante . . . . .	24	Cap. de corvette, C. Penaud . . . . .	Brazils.
Créole . . . . .	24	Cap. de frégate, R. J. Vermont . . . . .	Antilles.
Brillante . . . . .	24	Cap. de corvette, T. Regnard . . . . .	Mediterranean.
Favorite . . . . .	24	Cap. de corvette, C. J. J. Guyet . . . . .	Particular service.
Denaïde . . . . .	24	Cap. de corvette, F. J. A. P. Ducampe } de Rosamel . . . . . }	On voyage of circumnavigation.
Blonde . . . . .	24	Cap. de corvette, F. T. Trehouart . . . . .	Lisbon.
Victorieuse . . . . .	24	Cap. de frégate, L. J. P. Nonay . . . . .	Antilles.
Coquette . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, N. F. Guérin . . . . .	Cadiz.
Camille . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, T. J. L. H. Guillevin . . . . .	Brazils.
Bergerere . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, J. C. Blanc . . . . .	Tripoli.
Astrolabe . . . . .		Cap. de vais. J. S. C. Dumont d'Urville	Surveying S. Seas
Zélée . . . . .		Cap. de corvette, C. H. Jacquinet . . . . .	Surveying S. Seas
<i>Corvettes-avisos, or for despatch.</i>			
Diligente . . . . .	18	Cap. de f&gate, H. J. M. Briet . . . . .	Mediterranean,
Perle . . . . .	18	Cap. de corvette, E. Segretier . . . . .	Brads.
<i>Brigs.</i>			
Alacrity . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, A. N. Hanet-Cléry . . . . .	Brazils.
Palimire . . . . .	20	Cap. de corv. A. N. Cuneo-d'Ornampo . . . . .	Tunis.
Grenadier . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, H. J. Rolland . . . . *	Coast of Italy.
Alerte . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, B. L. Olivier . . . . .	Brazil.
Nisus . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, J. B. M. de la Roque . . . . .	Coast of Africa.
Adonis . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, J. M. F. Delecluisse . . . . .	Brazils.
Hussard . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, M. J. F. Layrle . . . . .	Antilles.
Bisson . . . . .	20	Cap. de corv. L. M. A. Danguillecourt . . . . .	Ditto.
Méléagre . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, P. H. Belveze . . . . .	Barcelona.
D'Assas . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, J. A. Deschamps . . . . .	Brazils.
Cassard . . . . .	20	Cap. de frégate, F. L. Danthon . . . . .	Cadiz, order. home
Pylade . . . . .	20	Cap. de corvette, H. G. Bernard . . . . .	South Seas.
Dragon . . . . .	18	Cap. de corvette, F. A. d'Assigny . . . . .	Algiers.
Lancier . . . . .	18	Cap. de corvette, A. J. C. l a Rocque } de Chaufray . . . . . }	Isle of Bourbon.
Inconstant . . . . .	16	Cap. de corv. E. H. de la Vicardière } }	Martinique, for local service.
Euryale . . . . .	16	Cap. de corvette, D. de Sandfort . . . . .	Algiers.
<i>Brigs avisos, or for despatch.</i>			
Volage . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. A. Bonard . . . . .	Toulon.
Surprise . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vais. E. Rigault de Genoully . . . . .	Barcelona.
Flèche . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, G. L. E. Larrieu . . . . .	Toulon.
Alcyone . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. M. A. Baudais . . . . .	Brest.
Comète . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vais. J. P. E. J. Lagravie . . . . .	Mediterranean.
Cigogne . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. J. H. Paquet . . . . .	Malaga.
Badine . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, E. N. N. Corbet . . . . .	Brazils.
Dunois . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. H. de Gueydon . . . . .	Gulf of Mexico.
Sylphe . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. R. du Couédie } de Kergoualer . . . . . }	Brazils.
Du Petit Thouars . . . . .	10	Lieut. de vais. L. A. H. de la Bèdoyère . . . . .	Barcelona.
Laurier . . . . .	10	Cap. de corvette, H. Garnier . . . . .	Antilles.
Bougainville . . . . .	10	Lieutenant de vaisseau, M. J. Delaage . . . . .	Mediterranean.
Argus . . . . .	10	Lieutenant de vaisseau, F. L. Lejune . . . . .	Ditto.
Observateur . . . . .	10	Lieutenant de vaisseau, L. Raillard . . . . .	Stationary at Isle d' Aix.
Lutin . . . . .	10	Lieutenant de vaisseau, J. J. B. C. Dupérier . . . . . }	Brazils.
Fabert . . . . .		Lieut. de vaisseau, J. Pardheilan Mézin . . . . .	On miss, Antilles.
Cerf . . . . .	10	Lieutenant de vaisseau, L. M. Warnier } de Wailly . . . . . }	Brazil s.

Vessel's Name.	Gun	Commander.	Station.
<b>Gun Brigs.</b>			
Malouine ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, L. E. Bouët	Coast of Africa.
Alsacienne ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vais. H. E. Lepeltier	[local serv. Guada-
Bordelaise ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vais. H. M. de La-	Brazils. [loupe.
		lande de Calan ... ..	
Eglantine ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vais. A. V. L. Blaizot	Ditto.
Boulonnaise ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vais. J. P. E. J.	Ditto.
		Rolland de Chabert ... ..	
Tactiyue ... ..	4	Lieut. de vais. P. B. D Cte. Pouget	Ditto.
Vigie ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, M. F. Sochet	Ditto
Vedette ... ..	4	Lieut. de vais. A. M. F. Maussion	Ditto.
		de Candé ... ..	
Alouette ... ..	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, J. B. A. Collet	Ditto.
<i>Schooners, Cutters, Advice-Boats, &amp;c. &amp;c.</i>			
E toile ... Schr	6	Lieutenant de vaisseau, P. V. E. de	Local ser. Corsica.
		Lagarde de Chambonas ... ..	
Mésange ... Do.	6	Lieutenant de vaisseau, F. A. Carpentier	Mediterranean.
Toulonnaisé ... DO.	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. C. F. Malmanche	Local s. Martinique
Daphne ... Do.	6	Lieutenant de vaisseau, J. J. Collier ...	Ditto.
Fine ... Do.	6	Lieutenant de vaisseau, J. Querret... ..	Coast of Africa.
Doris ... Do.	6	Lieutenant de vaisseau, —	Local serv. Guadal.
Furet ... Cuttei	6	Lieut. de vais. J. R. Escaude ... ..	Toulon .
Renard ... Do.	8	Cap. de corvette, H. Depanis ... ..	Protect. fisheries.
Moustiyue ... Do.	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, P. J. L. Dubreuil..	Ditto.
Espiegle ... Do.	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, E. M. de Solère* ...	Ditto.
Liamone Gun Bt.	4	Lieut. de vaisseau, H. F. Ollivier ... ..	Algiers.
Biche... Packei	4	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. H. G. Noury ... ..	Cayenne.
Colombe ... Do.	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, L. Bigeault ...	Ditto.
Eperrier ... Do.	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, G. D. Delorisse	Local s. Martinique
Antelope ... DO.	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, A. L. F. Baudir	Ditto.
Levrier ... Cuttei	4	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. P. A. Gachot † ...	Protect. fisheries.
Pluvier ... Do.	4	Lieutenant de vaisseau, L. A. Delport	Ditto.
Chamois ... Xeb.	2	Lieutenant de vaisseau, E. B. Lyon ... ..	Toulon.
Ecureul ... Cuttei	8	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. J. L. Dulaurens	Protect. fisheries.
Jacinthe ... Schr.	2	Lieutenant de vaisseau, —	Loc. serv. Guadal.
Rose ... Do.	2	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. P. G. Durand ... ..	Ditto.
Mutine ... Do.	2	Lieut. de vais. J. M. J. T. Saisset ... ..	Ditto.
Légère ... Do.	2	Lieut. de vais. J. F. M. Lefraper ... ..	Toulon.
Joubert ... Chass	--	Lieutenant de vaisseau E. Bizien ... ..	Particular service.
Boberach ... Xeb	--	Lieutenant de vaisseau, P. A. Bonfils	Algiers.
Aigle d' Or ... Schr	—	Lieutenant de vaisseau, --	Local serv. Senegal
Eperlan ... Cuttei	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, A. A. A. D'Estre-	Protecting
		mont de Maucroix... ..	Fisheries.
Passe-Partout, Cutter	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, P. M. T. Bernard	Protecting
		de la Gatinais ... ..	Fisheries.
Vigilante ... Schr.	1	Lieut. de vais. P. P. M. de la Grandière	Brazils.
Rodeur ... Cutter	6	Lieutenant de vaisseau, A. P. Dutailis	Protect. Fisheries.
San Martin ... Schr.	—	Lieut. de vais. L. M. Bougrenet de	Brazils.
		Lstocnaye ... ..	
<b>Corvette de Charge, ou Transport.</b>			
Bonill ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, A. F. Chas. de Forge	On m to Antilles.
Tarn ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, P. C. A. E. Rang ... ..	Toulon.
Adour, ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, B. Fornier Duplau ... ..	On miss. to Brazils
Oise ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, J. D. Coudein ... ..	-to Antilles.
Marne ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, P. Gatiez ... ..	Mediterranean.
Caravane .. ..	300	Cap. de corvette, J. A. Lespert ... ..	On mis. to Antilles
Dordogne ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, E. J. A. Filhot-Cama	Isle of Bourbon.

\* Since superseded, and replaced by F. Jourdan.

† Since superseded, and replaced by G. Avril.

Vessel's Name.	Tons	Commander.	Station.
Agate ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, J. H. Vienne .....	Toulon.
Fortune ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, F. Leconte .....	Brazils.
Isère ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, M. C. A. Brindyone } Tréglodé ... .. }	Brest
Aube ... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, C. F. Lavaud .....	Brest.
Egérie... ..	800	Cap. de corvette, A. E. Hérail .....	Toulon.
<i>Gabarres ( 'Vessels of Burden. )</i>			
Robuste ... ..	550	Lieutenant de vaisseau, A. Petit.....	} Stationary in } Brest Roads.
<b>Girafe</b> ... ..	550	Lieutenant de vaisseau, A. A. Borius... .	On miss. Senegal.
<b>Chandernagor</b> ... ..	550	Lieutenant de vaisseau, A. L. J. Villard	Sta. at Cherburg.
Lionne... ..	380	Lieutenant de vaisseau, F. de Parnaj on	On mis. I. Bourbon
Emulation ... ..	380	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. B. J. Jean&and ...	Algiers.
Lamproie ... ..	● 380	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. Fourteu-Nauton	Baléares.
<b>Indienne</b> ... ..	380	Lieutenant de vaisseau, V. Lecointe ... .	South Seas.
<b>Prévoyante</b> ... ..	380	Lieutenant de vaisseau, A. C. Jéhenne	Isle of Bourbon.
Expeditive ... ..	380	Lieutenant de vaisseau, E. M. Halley, ...	Brazils.
Recherche ... ..	380	Lieutenant de vaisseau, J. J. L. Fabvre	Cherburg.
<b>Dore</b> ... ..	300	Lieutenant de vaisseau, ———	Sta. at Toulon.
Sarcelle ... ..	300	Lieutenant de vaisseau, P. E. Guilbert	On mis. to Antilles
<b>Lézard</b> ... ..	262	Lieutenant de vaisseau, P. J. M. Bivaux	Sta. at L'Orient.
Saumon Transport		Lieutenant de vaisseau, C. M. Basset... .	Cherburg.

Steam-vessels.	Horse Power.	Guns.	Commander.	Station.
Lavoissier	220	6	Capt. de corvette, H. Foucher D'Aubigny ..	Mediterranean.
<b>Vélocé</b> ...	220	6	Capt. de corvette, J. F. T. Béchameil... .	Ditto.
sphinx ...	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. P. S. Scias ... ..	Ditto.
Crocodile .	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. M. P. Simon ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Fulton</b> ...	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, P. G. Poudra ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Chimore</b> ...	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, A. A. Touque ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Styx</b> ... ..	160	6	Lieut. de vais. G. de Champeaux La Boulaye	Ditto.
Vautour . .	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, A. Marceau ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Phare</b> ... ..	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. P. A. de Gasquet ...	Ditto.
<b>Achéron</b> ..	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. B. E. Brunet ... ..	Ditto
<b>Papin</b> ... ..	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, G. H. V. Delestangs ...	Ditto.
<b>Cerbère</b> ...	160	6	Lieut. de vaisseau, A. A. Roux ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Tartare</b> ...	160	6	Lieut. de vais., J. M. L. Guichon de Grandpont	Ditto.
<b>Etna</b> ... ..	160	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. N. M. Legallic Rerisouet	Ditto.
<b>Cocyste</b> ... .	160	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, E. A. C. de Cheffontaines	Ditto.
<b>Phaéton</b> ..	160	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. Goubin ... ..	Ditto.
Tonnerre..	160	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, A. Dulertre ... ..	Ditto.
Euphrate ..	160	5	Lieut. de Vaiss., A. C. Bournisien de Valmont	Ditto.
Gregeois ..	160	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. A. Laurencin ... ..	East Indies
<b>Grondeur</b>	160	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, A. P. Dangéd d'Orsay ...	Mediterranean.
<b>Ramier</b> ..	150	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. L. Fournier ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Castor</b> ...	120	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, F. F. G. Serval ... ..	Ditto.
<b>Brasier</b> ...	100	5	Lieut. de vaisseau, J. G. Cazy... ..	Ditto.
Coursier ..	60	3	Lieut. de vaisseau, C. A. C. de Villemarest ...	Senegal.
<b>Èrèbo</b> ... ..	60	4	Lieut. de vaisseau, L. Papillault ... ..	Ditto.

## REVIEWS OF NEW BOOKS, &amp;c.

**ART. I.**-*The Canadian Naturalist. By P. H. Gosse. Small 8vo. pp. 360. J. Van Voorst. Paternoster Row.*

A beautiful book, illustrated with forty-four exquisite engravings, and replete with interesting observations and good feeling.

It was a pretty idea, to make the English public acquainted with Canada by a series of conversational dialogues for each month in the year, noting the more prominent objects in the kingdom of natural history, and interweaving pleasing descriptive anecdotes of climate, customs, manners, scenery, &c. The wood-cuts are real adornments to a text which could well afford to stand without embellishments.

**ART. II.** -*Cuba, with Notices of Porto Rico. By David Turnbull, Esq. M.A. 8vo. pp. 574. Longman & Co.*

Mr. **Turnbull** is an observant traveller—one whose practicality is manifest in every page of his interesting volume, now before us ; a volume teeming with facts, and interspersed with judicious remarks and philanthropic ideas.

We cannot venture to offer an analysis of this, the first of a series, comprising “ Travels in the West,” valuable at all times, but peculiarly so at the present period, when public attention is turned to the final abolition of slavery. Every page of Mr. Turnbull’s work makes us regret that Cuba is not a British colony.

When the series is complete, we shall devote ourselves to a **lengthened** examination.

**ART. III.**-*Manners and Customs of the New Zealanders. By J. S. Polack, Esq. 2 Vols. 8vo. Madden & Co.*

Mr. **Polack** is already favourably known by his interesting “ Travels and Adventures in New Zealand,” of which the present work may be termed a continuation. The Author has shown himself to be a man of wide travel, of **observing** habits, retentive memory, and extensive reading. We believe him to be actuated by patriotic motives, and that he has been unjustly maligned. The well-illustrated volumes before us

afford ample scope for reflection on the manners and usages of semi-barbarous life, and on the peculiar customs and ideas of the New Zealanders. Many of Mr. Polack's opinions are curious, especially his analogies between the rites and ceremonies of the Hebrews with those of the New Zealanders.

The numerous wood-cut illustrations, from the author's drawings, are admirably descriptive of the objects delineated, and the work is got up with good taste by the spirited publishers.

Mr. Polack's defence of his character, in the introduction, was scarcely necessary, after the judicial verdict of a jury of his countrymen.

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**ART. IV.—***The Life and Services of General Lord Harris, G. C. B.*  
By the Right Honourable S. R. Lushington. 8vo. pp. 551.  
Parker.

We thank Mr. Lushington for the valuable section which he has added to the British history of India ; and we honour him for the affectionate solicitude with which he has rendered justice to the memory of his distinguished father-in-law, General Lord Harris, a soldier of fortune, who raised himself to the highest honours his country could bestow, by the gallantry, zeal, and devotion which he brought at all times into requisition for its welfare. 'Mr. Lushington, himself a statesman of eminent abilities, of long-trying services, and intimately acquainted with the circumstances attending the eventful Mysore campaign, has, in his mild but effective vindication of Lord Harris, done justice also to the Marquess Wellesley, and his Lordship's illustrious brother, the Duke of Wellington.

We know how deeply the Governor-General of India, in 1799, prized the manly, simple, and sound practical character of General Harris, and the confidence which his lordship generously bestowed on the commander-in-chief, whom he selected for carrying into effect the grand scheme for the disarmament of the French-commanded troops at Hyderabad, and for the conquest of Mysore. Lord Wellesley has never ceased to do justice to the memory of the brave soldier and prudent councillor, who was the first to adopt his views at Madras. Nor has the Marquess Wellesley ceased to remember how much England and India owe to the expansive mind and firm conduct of the author of the volume before us, a work alike creditable to his head and heart, and which was naturally expected at his hands.

**ART. V.**-*British India, in its relation to the Decline of Hindooism, and the Progress of Christianity : Remarks on the Manners, Customs, and Literature of the People.* By the Rev, William Campbell. 8vo. pp. 596. Snow, Paternoster Row.

No subject affords a more interesting contemplation to the lover of his fellow-creatures, than British India-where a hundred million of our fellow-subjects are now enjoying the blessings of peace, and where ages of anarchy and bloodshed have been succeeded by peace. That the lights of Christianity may finally pervade the dark regions of idolatry and superstition, and that the moral freedom, which the gospel alone confers, may assume the place of the abject and grovelling debasement now, alas, pervading millions, is the grand object of the Rev. Author, to whom we are indebted for much valuable information, acquired during a twelve years' residence in India. Mr. Campbell is one of the many good men now spreading truth in the most distant regions of the globe, and lavish of life and health in their blessed endeavours to Christianize the poor and benighted heathen. The volume is interspersed with many pious reflections, the author fully agreeing with the Divine precept-"Cursed is the man who trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from the Lord,"

It is this pious feeling which sustains the missionary, when all around is dark and foreboding ; it is his confidence in a special as well as general providence, that carries him onward in his beneficent and holy career.

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**ART. VI.**-*Mill's British India, with Notes by Professor Wilson.*  
*Second Volume. Madden & Co.*

As this standard history proceeds, the value of Professor Wilson's notes becomes more and more apparent, in the correction of the fallacies of the late Mr. Mill, and in refutation of the aspersions causelessly heaped on the character of the people. These remarks particularly apply to the chapters on the fine arts, architecture, and literature of the Hindoos-subjects on which Professor Wilson is peculiarly qualified to speak *ex cathedrâ*. It is in the *historical* portion of the work that Mr. Mill's remarkable mind was peculiarly displayed ; and the first invasion of India by the nations of the north, is commenced in the volume before us, and continued to the close of the Mogul dynasty. As the work proceeds, we hope to get space for some general remarks on the tendency of Mr. Mill's history in reference to India and to England.

ART. VII. — *Practical Observations on the Cause and Treatment of the Curvatures of the Spine.* By S. Hare, Surgeon. Royal 8vo. pp. 151. London, Simpkin & Marshall.

The result of an imperfect degree of civilization is the extension of mental and bodily diseases. The dreadful malady of spinal contortions is, we fear, rapidly on the increase. Mr. Hare, in an excellent treatise, illustrated with numerous drawings, indicates the measures to be early adopted for the prevention of the disease, and demonstrates the natural and efficient remedies to be employed for its cure. The work is equally addressed to persons in and out of the therapeutic profession. Mr. Hare is the proprietor of a retreat near Leeds for the reception of persons afflicted with mental disorders, and, judging from the work before us, and the testimonials appended thereto, we should augur favourably of his qualifications for the important duties which, it appears, he has long faithfully and efficiently fulfilled.

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ART. VIII.—*Iniquities of the Opium Trade with China, &c. &c.* By the Rev. A. S. Thelwall, M.A. Pp. 178. Allen & Co.

A Christian principle dictated this useful exposition of the moral effects of the opium trade, and we rejoice that a minister of the gospel has been induced to use his valuable powers, in rousing his countrymen to a sense of the enormities which they commit by the endeavour to introduce opium into China. All who wish to see the working of the question, according to Chinese documents, will read Mr. Thelwall's work.

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ART. IX.—*Moore's English Spelling Book.* Smith, Elder, & Co.

We have much pleasure in noticing Mr. Moore's simple and useful little work, now before us, which cannot fail to prove advantageous for the use of schools, and an assistance to parents in the education of their children. The gradual increase from words of one syllable to lessons of a more difficult nature, will tend greatly to facilitate the instruction of the youthful mind; and the excellent judgment which Mr. Moore has displayed in selecting his lessons from passages of Scripture, will serve to inculcate what must necessarily be considered of the greatest importance—a familiar acquaintance with the Holy Scriptures. The Bible catechism, and Catechism of scriptural history, at the conclusion of the Spelling Book, serve also to render it a class-book which we can conscientiously recommend for infant colonial schools.