Noticeable Articles.

THE CORNHILL, February. F. W. H. Myers on Dante, Rossetti, and the Religion of Beauty. "Assuredly," says Mr. Myers, "the 'esthetic movement' is not a mere fashion of the day, the modish pastime of nin-compoops and charlatans (i.e., Oscar Wilde & Co.), the imitators who surround its leaders, and whose followers may most disgustingly be compared with the very mysteries of art, and the very vocabulary of emotion. These men are but the straws which mark the current, the inevitable parasites of a rapidly rising cause."


FORTNIGHTLY, February. Gambetta, by a friend and follower.

CORNHILL, February. Memories of Gambetta.

THE CENTURY, March. Gambetta, with portrait.

The student of contemporary politics can here look at the famous Frenchman from very different points of view.

FORTNIGHTLY, February. The House of Lords, by E. A. Freeman. A paper suggested by two others on the same subject: one in the Fortnightly for May, 1882, by T. E. Kibbel (Conservative); the other in the number for September, 1882, by A. F. Leach (Liberal). Compare also the chapter in that capital little book, "The English Constitution," by Bagehot. Mr. Freeman quotes "the epigrammatic saying of a distinguished American, that the American Senate is as superior to the House of Lords as the House of Representatives is inferior to the House of Commons."

MEXICO AND HER RAILWAYS, by J. Y. Sargent. "To sum up these, all the facts and most of the arguments bearing upon the development of Mexico by means of railways . . . seem to point to a great and successful career for the few great lines already built or partly built, and a bright future of progress and prosperity for Mexico herself."

"THE BEGINNING OF ART," by Stanley Lane-Poole. A review of a very beautiful and valuable new book, "A History of Art in Ancient Egypt," with over six hundred illustrations, from the French of Perrot and Chipiez. "Much of the precision and insight into detail, which are displayed in the architectural part of the work are due to Mr. Chipiez, who brings the eye of a practical architect to bear upon the principles of Egyptian building, and whose reconstruction of some of the temples and other monuments are among the most interesting illustrations of a book which abounds in exquisite drawings."


W. P. A.

The chemists may find it worth while to read a paper in the Chemical News, Feb. 9, 1883, on the present condition of the soda industry, showing the changes which may take place within a few years in an important chemical industry and the apparently trifling causes which influence such changes. W. R. N.