THE YELLOW BOOK.

Or the second number of the Yellow Book it may at once be acknowledged that it is a distinct improvement on the first. Mr. Aubrey Beardsley tries to frighten us with an ugly frontispiece; but inside there will be found some altogether charming and pleasing specimens of Art. The girl's figure in the foreground of Mr. Wilson Steer's portrait of himself is exquisitely drawn, and the portrait of Madame Rejane shows Mr. Aubrey Beardsley at his best. The pose is characteristic and the expression has been caught to a miracle. The three Garçons de Café are

also good; but the Slippers of Cinderella are not.

We need not speak of the writing of such old hands as Mr. Henry James, Mr. Austin Dobson, and Mr. Frederick Greenwood; each contributes a good specimen of a good style. Miss Ella D'Arcy continues to show great promise in "Poor Cousin Louis"—a very repulsive sketch, but well done. "The Roman Road," by Mr. Kenneth Grahame, is another piece that stands out from its surroundings. The analysis of the thoughts and emotions of the boy is effected simply and pleasantly. One new departure we note with sincere apprehension. "The editor and publishers," we are informed, "have conceived the entirely novel idea of publishing in the current number a review in two parts of the number immediately preceding it—one part to deal with the literature, and another to criticise the illustrations." Certain publishers have the bad habit of sending round with their productions a nicely printed slip containing a ready-made review of the book for the use of lazy critics; but we hope the enterprising publishers of the Yellow Book are not going to allow their young lions to glorify each other or themselves in this fashion. No fault can be found with the first attempt, in which Mr. Hamerton balances his praise and blame with admirable discretion, but the possibilities opened up are distressing. Indeed, there is in another part of the volume a specimen of what the "entirely novel idea" may lead to—a disappointed essayist, who does not agree with his critics, being allowed to devote three or four pages to telling us with portentous gravity that he is an important person. The argument runs thus: Critics in the past have attacked men who afterwards became great; they have attacked me; therefore I am great. As the young gentleman writes from Oxford, there are hopes that he is still in that stage in which a judicious tutor may impart instruction on the construction of the syllogism.

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THE HACKNEY TRAINING SCHOOL SCANDAL RESUMED INQUIRY.

At the Hackney Union Training Schools, Brentwood, Mr. W. E. Knollys, the chief general inspector of the Local Government Board, with whom is associated Mr. John Francis Rotton, QC., the legal adviser of the Board, yesterday resumed the inquiry into the general administration of the schools and as to the conduct of Mr. and Mrs. Hadwick, the superintendent and matron, who are suspended pending the result of the inquiry. Mr. Horace Avory and Mr. Biron conducted the case on behalf of the Hackney Board of Guardians; while Mr. Robinson, solicitor, appeared for Mr. and

Before evidence was taken, Mr. Knollys said he could not help observing that on the previous day, when the children were being examined, Mr. Hadwick had shifted his position, fixed them with his eye, and somewhat ostentatiously taken down every word that was said. He mentioned this as it could not fail to have the effect of intim.dating the children.

Mr. Robinson said that Mr. Hadwick was prepared to produce his notebook. There was not the slightest idea or intimidation.

Percy Montell, a lad of thirteen, was then examined, and stated that he had been in the schools nine years, and was at one time in the infants' department. While there he, with the others, was put through basket drill by Nurse Gillespie as punishment. He did not remember seeing the matron present during the drill. Retween bu-

FIGHTING

CAPTURE OF KAS

Massowa, July 19.—The tov past been the chief stronghold c been captured by the Italians.

During the latter half of las the village of Carcabat, which is the inhabitants and carrying o horsemen at the same time harr as far as the Italian outposts at .

Colonel Baratieri, the Gover when the news of the dervish as at once hurried to the front with following day arrived at Dunqua retreat. He closely pursued the Unascerf and Nacuit, and on the At dawn on the 17th Colonel I Kassala, where the dervishes had

The Italian forces, consisting and native auxiliaries, under fit attack, and after a fierce battle K:

by the Italians.

The dervishes made a stubbe precise number of killed and wo large number of flags and canno dervishes who escaped after the which is in flood .- Reuter.

ROME, July 19.—In the Senat from General Baratieri announc Alrica over the dervishes and t despatch, dated Kassala, July 17 (

"Owing to the continuance of r ing demonstrations against our ad and surprised Kassala at haif-par consisting of about 2,000 intanti nate resistance, especially inside th firmly supported by our infantr many dead. Only one Italian off charging at the head of his squac Italian service were killed or wou determined with any accuracy. captured.

The reading of the despatch wa House. - heuter.

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At the Mansion House yesterda; was charged before the Lord May complainant was Leonard Ewin, a Wednesday morning he was drivin accosted by the defendant and so followed him about, shouting "B opproprious expressions. In New over the back with his whip. The he did not attend to prosecute on boycotted. The Lord Mayor did n fined the defendant £1, which he at

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The British Medical Journal says an investigation into the facts which the large and dangerous abuses now advertised on at