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## **BOOKS OF THE DAY**

The Mandrake Press issue, at 3s. 6d. each, New Dostoevsky Letters, translated by S. S. Koteliansky; The Stratagem, by Aleister Crowley; A DIVER WENT DOWN, by Jack McLaren; The Bloomsbury Wonder, by Thomas Burke; The Cenci, by Sir Lionel Cust; and The Old Tribute, by the Hon. R. Erskine of Marr. These are nicely got up little books, but in view of the contents the price must be called excessive. Mr. McLaren alone stumbles into genius with his queer, forcible story. The rest are no better if no worse than the usual contributions to serious periodicals, except Mr. Crowley's "Stratagem and other Stories," which only a very undergraduate paper would have taken.