

MISCELLANEOUS.

OUR FRONTISPIECE.

In the history of civilization Columbus has become a representative of man's confidence in the reliability of the reasoning faculty. He boldly ventured into the open and unknown ocean never crossed by sailors before him, and he did so against the common belief, firmly established in his days, in the unfeasibleness of the undertaking, because he had faith in science. In this sense Schiller praises him in these lines:

“Sail, O thou sailor courageous!
Ne'er mind that the wit will deride thee.
And that thy boatswain will drop
Wearied of work at the helm.
Sail, O sail on for the West:
There the land must emerge from the ocean.
As thy vaticinal mind
Clearly perceiveth e'en now.
Trust to the God who thee leadeth,
And cross the mysterious ocean.
Did not the land there exist,
Now would it rise from the deep.
Truly with genius Nature
Has made an eternal alliance,
What he has promised, forsooth,
She, without fail, will fulfil.”

BOOK REVIEWS AND NOTES.

DIE WAHRE EINHEIT VON RELIGION UND WISSENSCHAFT. Vier Abhandlungen von *J. H. Ziegler*. Zurich: Art. Institut Orell Füssli. 1904. Pp. 192. Price 4 marks.

Dr. Ziegler publishes his book on the “True Unity of Religion and Science” because he is convinced that he has something of importance for the public. But we fear that he is over sanguine. In the preface he complains of the indifference of certain representatives of science who showed his lucubrations the cold shoulder, rejecting them as the fantasies of a *dilettante*. Dr. Ziegler comes to the conclusion that nature is a self-evident substance