

firm became J. R. Osgood & Co., and was known as one of the best organized publishing houses in the United States. Mr. Houghton and Mr. Osgood uniting, a third member of the new firm was taken in—Mr. George H. Mifflin—who is well known in the book trade. The combination in one firm of these three men made a strong house. The heliotype process, the *Atlantic Monthly*, the *Law Reporter*, the *Medical and Surgical Journal*, the *Official Postal Guide*, and the *American Architect* were connected with the Riverside Press, and the new house had an array of authors which represented many of the distinguished names in English and American literature. Among them were Hawthorne, Longfellow, Emerson, Whittier, Bryant, Tennyson, Dickens, Scott, Lowell, Holmes, Browning, Mrs. Stowe, Carlyle, Macaulay, Bayard Taylor, Thomas Hughes, and the long line of British poets from Spenser to Wordsworth.

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