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INTRODUCTION.

IN *The London Chronicle* for December 19—January 1, 1765—the following advertisement appeared :—

‘THE Philosophers, Politicians, Necromancers, and the Learned in every Faculty are desired to observe that on the 1st of January, being New Year’s Day (Oh, that we may all lead new Lives!), Mr Newbery intends to publish the following important volumes, bound and gilt, and hereby invites all his little friends who are good to call for them at the Bible and Sun, in St

‘ Paul’s Churchyard : but those who are
‘ naughty are to have none.

‘ 1. The Renowned History of Giles
‘ Gingerbread: a little boy who
‘ lived upon learning.

‘ 2. The Easter Gift ; or the way to
‘ be good ; a book much wanted.

‘ 3. The Whitsuntide Gift : or the
‘ way to be happy ; a book very
‘ necessary for all families.

‘ 4. The Valentine Gift ; or how to
‘ behave with honour, integrity,
‘ and humanity : very useful with
‘ a Trading Nation.

‘ 5. The Fairing : or a golden present
‘ for children. In which they
‘ can see all the fun of the fair,
‘ and at home be as happy as if
‘ they were there, a Book of
‘ great consequence to all whom
‘ it may concern.’

‘ We are also desired to give notice
‘ that there is in the Press, and speedily
‘ will be published either by subscription
‘ or otherwise, as the Public shall please
‘ to determine, The History of Little
‘ Goody Two Shoes, otherwise called
‘ Margery Two Shoes. Printed and
‘ sold at The Bible and Sun in St Paul’s
‘ Churchyard, where may be had all Mr
‘ Newbery’s little books for the children
‘ and youth of these kingdoms and the
‘ colonies. New Editions of those which
‘ were out of print are now republished.

‘ The publication of the Lilliputian System
‘ of Politics is postponed till the meeting
‘ of Parliament. This work, which will
‘ be replete with cuts and characters, is
‘ not intended to exalt or depress any
‘ particular country, to support the pride
‘ of any particular family, or to feed the
‘ folly of any particular party, but to

' stimulate the mind to virtue, to promote
' universal benevolence, to make man-
' kind happy. Those who would know
' more of the matter may enquire of Mr
' Newbery.'

This quaint and curious announce-
ment, with its sly humour and serious
playfulness, is characteristic of the house
of John Newbery, in the latter part of
the last century; and there is no need to
speak here of the fame of the books for
children which he published; "the philan-
thropic publisher of St Paul's Church-
yard," as Goldsmith calls him, conferred
inestimable benefits upon thousands of
little folk, of both high and low estate.
It is said of Southey when a child that

' The well-known publishers of "Goody
' Two Shoes," "Giles Gingerbread,"
' and other such delectable histories, in

‘ sixpenny books for children, splendidly
‘ bound in the flowered and gilt Dutch
‘ paper of former days, sent him twenty
‘ such volumes, and laid the foundation of
‘ a love of books which grew with the
‘ child’s growth, and did not cease even
‘ when the vacant mind and eye could
‘ only gaze in piteous, though blissful
‘ imbecility upon the things they loved.*

Many of these little books have been doubtless long since forgotten, though they did not deserve such a fate; but the name of “Goody Two Shoes” is still familiar to the ears of English children, though the book itself may be unknown to thousands of little ones of this later generation.

* Essays from the *Times*. Robert Southey.
By Samuel Phillips. pp. 168-169, vol. i.