PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, FEBRUARY,, 11, 1864.

Witerary.

DOCTRINAL ATTITUDE OF OLD SOHOOL PRESBYTERIANS.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA for January contains two or three articles of general interest, one of which on the doctrinal attidute of Old School Presbyterians we shall epitomize for our readers. The writer is Prof. L. H. Atwater of Princeton College. He begins with the rather unusual claim f "catholicity" for Old School Presbyerian doctrines; by which he means that, ith insignificant exceptions, they are part f the avowed faith either of all the great branches of the Christian Church, or of both of the Evangelical Churches of the Reformation, or of the great body of Calvinists. The first article he touches upon is the "Rule of Faith." He maintains the theory of verbal inspiration, no mere governmental expedient, no which he holds to be perfectly consistent with each writer preserving whis own | tial exhibition. It is a true and proper individuality of style; as is undeniably the case. Speaking briefly of the Godhead, Trinity and Sonship of Christ, he comes to Decrees, Providence and Predestination; and argues that free agency and contingency are not destroyed by the divinely adopts the old formula that the atonement decreed certainty of future events: that it is "sufficient for all men; efficient only is entirely inadequate to say that God | for the elect." The sacrifice, he says that simply forsees what free agents will do is adequate to atone for the sins of one and so ordains it; that there is no forknowledge unless of events certain to come to pass; that the antecedent eternal ground | Hence, the gospel offer of Christ to fall of certainty is the divine decree. that the denial of eternal decrees which ensure the uturition of all events, subverts the foremowledge of God and renders Providence and the goverment of the universe impossible. The existence of sin in the world of course presents a grave difficulty. God seems to purpose one thing and to command another. The mystery of this he intended should be actually saved apparent contradiction cannot be fully

olved. But such passages as Gen. 50: 20, and Acts 2, 23, show how fairly it is net in Scripture. Stre Win

Prof. A. then defines certain controverted unity" &c. It would be a work of great erms. Freedom of the will "involves interest for some competent persons the power of self-determination in the imbued with the desire and hope of Presense of choosing any object or its opposite, byterian Union to state what really are accordance with our preponderating the doctrinal essentials of Presbyterianism esires." It involves no power of choosing or Calvinism itself. e contrary of what we desire or are leased to choose at the moment of choice. is to the morality of desires, feelings and spositions, those which are exercised DANA. oward things morally good or evil, are hemselves morally good or evil. He resists the inference that if the disposition is regarded as corrupt, the substance or the essence of the soul must be polluted. The "governing purpose" has moral character, but it is not the substance of the soul. "To impute" means not the ransfer of inherent qualities, but to reckon Press. Luminous and graphic in style, put to the account of, any one as a and abundantly illustrated ; brief, yet re, to those who are not, personally subects of the former. Hence those not criminal may, in the theological phrase. e "guilty"-an unfortunate misuse of erms we venture to say, according to the sus loquendi of our day. trength of the argument, asserts that the ative corruption of the soul anterior to all polition is truly and properly sin. He ncidentally states his belief, at the close of he argument, that infants dying in infancy e saved from the guilt and pollution of n through Christ. Adam's sin is admitted to have a causave relation to the fall of our race; but rof. A., claims that the fall of the race is penal effect of Adam's sin, and argues armly against those who are content to ause at the first statement, or who, if ey go any further, say that the fallen ndition of the race is in consequence of "sovereign constitution" or divine pointment, under the rule that "like ets like." Adam by covenant, was tituted the representative of the race, so his act was, in this sense and in legal accounted and treated as their act, in this ground justly imputed to them. This is the view Prof. A, maintains as that of catholic Calvinism. He of course rejects the realistic theory which makes entire race one substance, a theory the * which Prof. Shedd seems to favor in the history of the doctrine; and also the theory of "mediate imputation" by which t "that Adam's sin is imputed to bsterity through their own innate rity, whereby they are supposed to int to it; that in virtue of such ed or implied consent to his sin, it he reckoned or they may be treated. were their own." Prof. A. does ink we are bound to repent of s sin.

inability of the sinner is moral, sinful and England and Europe :- with many other <u>i an Ulli , a lli i llu anti i l</u> Dark-Annals Travelling in the Air real. It is not natural, in the sense of articles. A beautiful engraving of Gold-The Polish Women and the Insurrection belonging to human nature in its original, smith, Boswell and Johnson accompanies normal unfallen state. It is not inconsisthis number. We are pleased to learn ments. Among other things, he said : that the "Eclectic" has received a large tent with the possession of natural faculties which constitute a moral agent, or accession to its circulation.

else it would be no real inability.

and his perfect obedience imputed to him

for his full justification." We are pleased

to observe that this Princeton professor

man, would be adequate to atone for the

sins of all, if it were applied to them.

men made in the Scripture and "to be

made without hesitation or reserve by the

ministers of the Gospel." President

Edwards is quoted as saying that in some

sense, Christ may be said to die for all

and to redeem all visible Christians, yea

the whole world by his death, yet with a

particular design with respect to such as

Prof. A. in concluding his lucid and

Editor's Table.

dignified statement of Old School doctrines

thereby.

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which are essential to mankind. Yes it is BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE, for January, irremovable by the sinner's own power, L. Scott & Co., New York, for sale by into their own hands, has been of late W. B. Zieber, Philadelphia, contains:---Under the head of Redemption and Capt. Speke's Journal; Tony Butler, Justification, Prof. A. says that Christ's Part 4; The Mind and the Body; Chronisufferings are truly penal, and accepted cles of Carlinggford; Winchester College as such in lieu of the sinner's punishment. and Commoners; Letter from Poland; No The sins of Christ's people were imputed IV.; A Song of Proverbs; The European to him, and he assumed their, obligation to: Crisis. Alt the state of the start is said undergo punishment (A literal substitu-It is a noticeable fact, in the present tion Prof. A. does not teach the says great rise in prices of paper and labor, Christ's sufferings had boundless worth on that Messrs, L. Scott & Co. still furnish account of the infinite dignity of his person. the reprint of the four reviews and Black-Christ's perfect righteousness must also wood at their former very low rates. Ten be imputed to his people, to secure their dollars and fifty-six cents will pay for the justification. Hence if the atonement is reviews and Blackwood, postage included, for a whole year. Address L. Scott & merely didactic or symbolical or influen-Co., No. 38 Walker Street, New York: THE KNICKERBOCKER MONTHLY for February. satisfaction of divine justice by Christ's BULLETIN OF THE SANITARY COMMISSION, for January 1st and January 15th, 1864: endurance of the penalty due the sinner,

CHIRTY-FIRST ANNUAL REPORT of the Mana gers of the Pennsylvania Institute for the Blind : Presented December 17, 1863.

From this document, it appears that the number of pupils in the Institute is 178. The receipts for the year were \$53,489,12; only \$2,264, 95 of this came from pupils at private charge. The State of Pennsylvania appropriates \$24,750, New Jersey \$1.615.83, and Delaware \$400. Some interesting statements upon the large number of adult, compared with the youthful blind, as shown by the late census, are given, and the duty of providing more liberally for the instruction and employment for the adult blind is urged.

LITERARY ITEMS.

We are indebted to the "Literary Gazette and Publishe'rs Circular" of our enterprising townsman, Geo. W. Childs, February 1, for the following items of literary interest:

quotes the old maxim : "in essentials Just before the celebrated author Thackerav's sudden death, he was rather shabbily treated by the "London Tercentery Shakespeare Committee," in the rejection of his name proposed as one of the Vice-Presidents by the side of Tennyson, Dickens, Bulwer, and others already holding that position. A small literary pique is supposed to have led the majority to an act, of which they are doubtless now ashamed. Mr. Thackeray commenced his DANA. A text-book of Geology. Designed for Schools and Academies. By James D. Dana, L. L. D., Silliman, Professor of Geo-logy and Natural History in Yale College, career among literary men as an artist, by furnishing a series of sketches upon which Dickens' Pickwick Papers were to be based. The arrangement, however, ceased with the first number, the public taste run-

. Illustrated by 375 wood cuts. Philada.: Theo. Bliss &Co. London: Trubner & Co., 12mo. pp. 354. For sale at the Presbyterian ning directly with the letter-press, and not One of the completest text-books that with the plates, clever though they were, has ever been issued by the American Of course Mr. Dickens had no alternative have a few set phrases of commendation;

more or less exaggeration in his state The dishonest practice of underselling by certain booksellers, as a preparatory step towards breaking down lesser pub

lishers and retailers, and throwing all trade CHEAP months so vigorously prosecuted that those No. 43 ST who are threatened find it necessary to put some effectual check to this deadly attack on what may be, without exaggera-10 Strawbe tion, termed the highest form of free labor. Mr. Challen more modestly suggested Being und that adherence to a fixed low price "should: penses. we be made a point of honor," admitting in LOWEST PRIC lasses may effect that it was not so as yet, which stock of seems to us a correct view of the case. Tapestry, If any one is wronged or treated dishonorably or detestably by undersellers, it must be the publishers who fix, or pretend to Royal Tw fix the retail price on their books; they Stair Carpe have the remedy in their own hands by ton Carpets FLOOR O refusing to sell to those who "wrong" style ; also, and Stair O them. Of course, if retailers choose to form a Union, like any of the Trade's Stair Rods Unions, and fix certain rules for the go-

mar19 ly vernment of the members of their Union. such members as break the rules will be guilty, then, of dishonorable conduct: and this is probably the contingency Mr. Challen contemplated in his remarks above quoted. We cannot see how booksellers. in their present relations, can make competion in their trade a crime any more than it is in a hundred other trades.

Great Consumation; or, the Millenial Rest." is having rapid sale in London. The entire edition of 3.500 copies was bought up at once by the trade. Carleton, of New York, is re-issuing it.

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A WORD ON BOOK CRITICISM .- Newspaper criticisms of books cannot be expected to be more than brief notices of the salient points of the works offered, with a passing judgment upon their general tendency. They can be little more, in fact, than the announcement of the appearance of such and such volumes; yet we think the newspaper critic is solemnly bound to watch for and mark any manifest deviation from right principle, any open want of due respect for the inspired Word or for evangelical religion, and such entire absence of character, worth, and moment from the volume as would consign it to

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MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE OF FOREIGN LITERATURE. W. H. Bidwell, Editor and

freedom of the Will, the writer Proprietor; February, 1864. New York: tes a view allowing the distinction 5 Beekman St. Contains-History of the natural and moral ability; the Supernatural in all Ages. Gleanings from of the subject, though, to us, there seemed our attention:

teous negative, upon which his visitor, new book, never varied by a wholesome flinging down the pencil, exclaimed, "If I word of reproof for those who not unfrecannot draw to please any one, I will quently richly merit it! Our contempowrite, and try to please somebody." He rary the Christian Intelligencer of New then devoted himself with ardor to his York, was recently put upon trial for a senew.pursuit. A discussion will all apende a b vere criticism of an Infidel book. Would

Lotteries have been established in beit not be well if there existed a court behalf of M. Lamartine, the pauper litterateur fore which our critics might be summoned of France. Last summer he received to answer for the far more frequent offence of \$80,000 from one lottery; another is adnegligently praising things which deserve vertised, and the tickets, at five sous, are censure or oblivion, for calling black white. in every tobacco and stationary shop winand bitter sweet, for encouraging their dow; from this he will realize \$120,000 readers to an utter waste of their money Mr. Sylvester; of Woolwich, formerly on valueless goods? Surely this is a far Professor of Mathematics in the Univermere frequent and far more dangerous use sity of Virginia, has been elected correof the critic's position than the other.

sponding member of the Academy of As part of our own recent experience in Sciences at Paris. Renan has been elected this line, we would state that a book pub-President of the Society of Antiquaries for lished last summer, containing a brief Bithe ensuing year. As already a Viceble defence of slavery, passed the gauntlet President, Renan's election was simply a of the leading religious journals, including matter of routine, yet only 16 out of 27 those most notorious for anti-slavery senvotes were cast for him. I see the meter of the second timents, with words of general approval. The French Minister of War has given So far as we know, our own book-column

orders that the valuable and extensive arwas the only one in which this feature of chives of his ministry shall be thrown open the work was noticed. The author sent to students, and that a catalogue the for two copies of our paper containing the lantern of a library-shall speedily be notice, and the publisher advertised the made of them. work, with laudatory citations from these FULL NOTES of the late meeting of memvery anti-slavery journals, (but with no cibers of the Book Trade in this city Janu (tation from our criticism,) in our columns. ary 21st, appears in the last number of The book has reached a second edition.

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Trade Sales, in respect to the reciprocity | the set phrases of commendation in speakof the publishers of Boston, New York, ing of it, and one of our best quarterlies and Philadelphia, particularly the relucfollowing in the same track. We felt ourtance of the New York publishers to reciselves quite alone, until the judgment of the critic in the last Bibliotheca Sacra procate with ours in contributing to the met our notice-that is similar to our own. sales in this city; but more especially the A small popular work on geology has repractice of underselling in the retail trade. eently been re-published in this city from a foreign original, which, so far as we know The retail prices announced by the pubhas met unqualified approval from the cri lishers were considered by the meeting to tics of our religious journals, notwith be the only fair standard of retail trade in standing it is pervaded with the unscrip books, and it was delared to be "detestatural dogmas lately put forth by the infi ble and dishonorable." as well as detrimendel school of naturalists. We tried, in tal to the interests of the trade, for any our humble way, to indicate its grave de-

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