Editor's Table.

MITCHELL. Seven Stories, with Basement

Mr. Mitchell, who has become one of and a smooth and pleasing diction, which are very entertaining. But bethe author has any object. The publisher has issued the volume in very elegant style.

RAYMOND. History of the Administration of President Lincoln. Including his Speeches, Letters, Addresses, Proclamations and Messages. With a Preliminary Sketch of his Life. New York: J. C. Derby & N. C. Miller. 12mo, pp. 496, with Portrait and Index. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

Although Mr. Raymond professes chiefly to give documents and public utterances of Mr. Lincoln, the narrative by which he links them together, is one of deep interest, and some startling revelations of the moving forces at work in various periods of the war are given. The topics treated are: Mr. Lincoln's previous history; From the Election to the Inauguration; Military Events of 1861; The President and Gen. McClellan; Arbitrary Arrests; Suspension of habeas corpus; Military Events of 1863; Movements towards Reconstruction: The Rebellion and Labor; Advancing Action Concerning the Negro Race, &c. Mr. Lincoln's character suffers no injury, but the contrary, as we are thus admitted to nearer views of its workings under the great pressure of events. Shrewdness, good sense, straightforward honesty, patience, real sincere devotion to the interests of the country, and no mean share of administrative ability, appear in these documents and transactions. While we are not of those who see only what is right and wise in Mr. Lincoln's administration, we are firmly persuaded that the elevation of are 300 master-peddlers and 3,500 apa man of his character to the chief seat | prentice peddlers. Their annual sales of power in our Nation at this time, is a clear proof of divine mercy to the Nation, and that impression is strengthened in glancing over Mr. Raymond's Epinal; 8,000,000 of the volumes annuala clear proof of divine mercy to the Nabook. Mr. Raymond, as editor of the New York Times, has had ample opportunity to familiarize himself with the topics of the volume, and his talents as a writer as well as his political career, qualify him to present a work that may be both read with pleasure and depended on for its facts and reasonings.

REVIEWS, MAGAZINES, &C.

Messrs. L. Scott & Co.'s indispensable reprint of the leading British Reviews, mous Firmiana collection of engravings continues to be issued and no increase in 221 folio volumes, which contains enhas yet been made to the exceedingly low prices, at which they are published. From W. B. Zieber, agent in Philadelphia, we have received

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW for April. Contents: Diary of a Lady of Quality; History of Highways; Basque Country; Human Sacrifices and Infanticide in India; Charles Victor de Bonstetten; British North America; Rifled Ordinance in England and France; Kirk's Charles the Bold; Renan's Life of Jesus.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW for April. Contents. Basin of the Upper Nile and its Inhabitants; Strikes and Industrial Co-operation; Abolition of Religious Tests; Prerogative of Pardon and the Punishment of Death; New Zealand; Taine's History of English Literature: Philosophy of Roger Bacon. Contemporary Literature.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for June. Contents: A Talk about Guides; The Kalif of Baldacca; Life on the Sea Islands, II; Fast Day at Foxden; Prospice; Washington Irving; The Rim II; The Neva; Robson; The Parallel Roads of Glenroy, in Scotland; Under the Cliff; Seven weeks in the Great Yo Semite; House and Home Papers; Shakespeare; How to use Victory; Reviews and Literary Notices. A laudatory notice of the unsound speculations of Herbert Spencer mars these notices.

THE ECLECTIC MAGAZINE for June, is embellished with a splended full length portrait of George Peabody, the Liberal American in England. Its contents include The Dynamical Theory of Heat: Revolutions in English History; Problems in Human Nature; Danish Dutchies; Races of the Old World; Last Days of Dr. Johnson; Nineteenth Century; Mother of the Wesleys, &c. W. H. Bidwell, No. 5 Beekman, St., New York.

LITERARY ITEMS.

THE ALLEN SALE.-The sale of the library of the late well-known antiquarian, Mr. John Allen, which commenced in New York, May 2, is reported as having been remarkably successful. Some of the prices obtained were indeed extraordinary.

The total amount reached by the sale was \$15,000. The excitement and competition were manifest in the high rates reached by many articles. The works cases every page was inlaid. An illustrated edition of Burns, five volumes, and Scotch Reviewers," 145 portraits, ble and successful a termination.

views, etc., and 44 autographs, \$130; another edition, with 110 portraits, etc., \$20; Dibdin's "Bibliomania," 2 vols., illustrated, \$720; Irving's "Knickerbocker's History of New York," extendand Attic. By the author of "My Farm of Edgewood." New York: Charles Scribner. 12mo, pp. 314, laid, tinted paper; bevelled boards. Philadelphia: For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co. portraits, views, etc., \$375. A respectthe established favorites of the reading able number of missals realized on the public, has gathered into this volume a average about \$75 each; one, however, number of his magazine articles, and described in the catalogue as "Missale lina, Virginia, Kentucky and Missishung them together upon a thread of the large paper copies of the catalogue foreign travel. The introduction is ele- are now reported as being worth \$8, and gantly written and the tales are marked | the small ones \$2, the latter being pubby a gentle pathos, a delicate humor lished, we believe, at 50 cents. One of the rarest and noteworthy articles in the sale was the Eliot Indian Bible. It was purchased by Mr. J. W. Bouton, bookyond entertainment of a pure and unob- seller, of New York, for \$825, as above jectionable sort, we cannot perceive that stated. It is one of those bibliographical gems which has great value on both sides of the Atlantic, and it is not likely that an opportunity for collectors to supply themselves will soon occur again.

A NEW MAGAZINE FOR BOYS.-Messrs. J. E. Tilton & Co., Boston, will soon publish a new juvenile magazine for boys, which they intend shall be supe rior to any similar periodical here or in Europe. We understand, says Childs' Circular, that the best writers of England and America will contribute, and the first artists will engage in the illustra-

NEW WORKS .- Messrs. Mason Brothers, of New York, announce a Life of Benjamin Franktin, 2 vols, 8vo, by Mr. Parton. Chas. Scribner is about issuing Maine's Ancient Law; Religion and Chemistry, by Prof. J. P. Cook, Jr., and the second series of Modern Philology by Benj. W. Dwight; each in 1 vol., 8vo. Messrs. R. Carter and Bro., announce a large list, including The whole works of Jonathan Edwards; The Child's Bunyan, a new story by the author of the "Wide laborers so few. Even of these volun-Wide World," Doctrinal Discourses by teer nurses, one may well say, what are Eminent Clergymen in New York, &c.

FOREIGN. The continental correspondent of Childs' Literary Gazette writes of Bookpeddling in France, that within the last eight years 20,000 different works had been presented to the Commission of Book-peddling for their stamp, which allows the work to be hawked everywhere in France. This mark was refused to 4000 different works (among them was M. Renan's "Life of Jesus") Book-peddling in France is a great organization, divided into brigades; there average 20,000,000 volumes (all of which are stamped); 9,000,000 volumes the Commission has his own ward to other ports in the West. Persecution ly sold by them are tainted by immorality. It is said that book-peddlers were diminishing in number since they were prohibited from selling pernicious

MANY EMINENT French writers keep their most valuable papers in England. MM. Guizot, Thiers, Berryer, Count de Montalembert, the Duke de Broglie, etc., ened by scant rations or poor fare. They was expended upon pious men and wokeep their important papers in the hands o English friends.

KING VITTORE EMMANUELE has given to the public library of Naples the fagraved copies of the most celebrated works of all the masters of every school of painting. This collection was formed by Count Firmian, a Governor of Lombardy in the latter part of last century: he sold it to Marie Caroline of Austria (who made great additions to it), and it went from her into the hands of the exroyal family of Naples, who placed it in one of their palaces.

THE ILLUMINATED MANUSCRIPTS of the Duchess de Berri bave been sold. The "Livres d'Heures" of King Henry II. and Queen Catharine de Medicis fetched \$12,000; it was purchased by the French government for the Musee des Souve rains in the Louvre. The "Livre de Chasse de Gaston Phœbus" fetched \$1000; it belonged to Francis I. and was given by him to Admiral Bonnivet. Ludolphe le Chartrenx's "Liber de Vita Christi," in three double-column folio volumes, bound in violet velvet, and adorned with a great many minia-tures, fetched \$760. The amount reulized by the sale of thirty-two MSS. was \$19,615.

DARWIN'S ORIGIN OF SPECIES .- M. Flourens has published "An Examination of Darwin's Origin of Species," in which he not only attempts to demonstrate the error of Darwin's theory of the continual transformation of species, but to overthrow Lamarck's theory of our origin from polypes.

ELIHU BURRITT.—The learned black-smith has published his "Walk from London to John O'Groat's, with Notes by the Way," and the English reviewers speak well of it. The journey, on foot, from the extreme south of Great Britain to the extreme north, will probably be supplemented by the author's walk from the Land's End to London.

ACTION OF THE CONGREGATION OF ALLENTOWN CHURCH.

Whereas in the Providene of God this congregation has of late been enabled to pay off its entire church debt. Therefore, Resolved. That we have renewed cause for deep felt gratitude to almighty God, who put it into the hearts of the people to contribute so liberally, and that the thanks of this congregation be hereby tendered to all who have contributed and especially to Mrs. Henry King for were profusely illustrated, and in some Wm. S. Marx. Esq., through whose indefatigable exertions the subscriptions to this object were so speedily secured and sold for \$200. Byron's "English Bards | the whole matter brought to so desira-

Correspondence.

FROM A CHAPLAIN IN BURNSIDE'S

DIVISION. FREDERICKSBURG, Va., May 18th.

Bro. MEARS:-The strange vicissitudes of army life bring me to date my letter from this rebel town again. I have written to you from North Caroon my third visit to Fredericksburgretreat, when the town was in our possession; then, about the time of the first battle of Fredericksburg, under Burnside, when the rebels were in possession; now, when the town is filled with wounded from the battles of the Wilderness and Spottsylvania Court House.

The town is one vast hospital; public entertain an offer of purchase at a to basement with the victims of this tary and Christian Commissions, are seen everywhere with the green ribbon of the former or the metal badge of the latter, ministering to the bodies and souls of wounded and dying men. Here is our Brother Aikm ..., of Wilmington, busiest among the busy, in the basement of a church filled with sadly mangled human forms. I meet also Mr. Simmons, of Green Hill Church, and Rev. Mr Johnston of Kensington, with many others with whom I am less acquainted. These brethren are doing a work which, without them, would remain undone, and are the means, I doubt not, of saving many lives which would otherwise be necessarily lost, where the labor to be done is so immense and the regular teer nurses, one may well say, what are these among so many?

Chaplains cannot do the work. They are generally to be found at the brigade and division hospitals on the field, where the wounded are first brought and from which they are forwarded as speedily as possible to this place or to Washington. If a chaplain comes here, he must look up the wounded of his own command who are scattered through, perhaps, twenty hospitals, in various parts attend to, where he nurses the men. out with excessive marching, and weak- multitude, the governor and the soldiers, can keep up their strength by the ex- men alike. Among the holy women citement of novel scenes and employ- was one Blandina, of humble station in privations of their present life amid the her friends feared that on account of delights and good fare of home; but we the weakness of her body, she would not must go on, with no such hope to cheer | be able to witness a good confession. us and no such novelty to excite.

wearing on them. The care-worn face, successively tortured her, from morning the drooping form, and weary step, to night, were quite worn out with fashow that in these abundant labors they tigue, and owned themselves conquered are wearing down, and I rejoice that and exhausted. After some days were they may soon exchange this work for allowed her for partial recovery, she the quiet and rest and regular meals of was taken to the amphitheatre along home. The intolerable stench of gunshot wounds, and the stooping posture in dressing the wounds, or in any way helping or talking to men lying on the floor, rapidly wear out and sicken those engaged in this benevolent work. There is work here for many more self-denying | martyrs who were dying around her. men, and new recruits for this army of toil ought daily to supply the vacancies

which may occur in the ranks. On the Sunday between the fight at the Wilderness and the fight at Spottsylvania, exhausted with the heat and dust and confusion of a march, rendered doubly wearisome by the contrast that no pity was shown, either the sex with the holy calm of a Sabbath at of one or the tender age of the other. home, I stopped at a well around which was gathered a crowd of thirsty soldiers, and found a delegate of the Christian Commission, drawing up the bucket. time after time, to fill the canteens and cups, of eager men with clear refreshing water; emblem of that living water, which whosoever drinks, shall thirst no

Great good are both these Commislent public will not let either lack a dol. save his life. lar necessary for their work; but I wish

when I see Christian men choosing to be him to sacrifice and thus save his life. identified with that which is not Chris. He was finally sentenced to be burnt tian, when they have an opportunity of alive. The martyr went to the stake choice where their influence shall be

I have for years opposed this unequal yoking of believers and unbelievers in benevolent associations, for it throws the influence of Christians in the wrong out." "I have felt them," replied Pio scale. When any matter comes to a vote, the world always has a majority, sippi, and now once more from Virginia, and Christians unexpectedly find themselves compelled to sustain some modifirst, before we joined Pope in his fied form of gambling, or aiding and abetting some sinful amusement, by which money is wheedled out of unwilling givers.

Keep, I say, the world and the church distant in this matter of benevolence, as in all Christian duties, and give all honor to worldly men who seek to benefit the soldier in their own way, even if It is understood that Mr. Bouton will and private houses crowded from roof it be not our way; but why should we give our sanction to the worldly means reasonable advance upon the price paid horrid strife. The agents of the Sani- by which they seek to accomplish a good end? Let us go to the sick and wounded soldier in our distinctive character as Christians, not with food and clothing and labor only, but with the Gospel as well; not saying, "Here's a poor devil that wants a shirt, and we must give him one;" not warning off the Christian from a dying man, lest talk about religion should frighten him and hasten his death; but with all words of gentle Christian courtesy to the hungry and naked, and offers of a dying Saviour to all dying men.

I had intended to write more about the campaign thus far, and our march hither, but must delay it till my next, which shall be written in a few days. P. G. M.

WHAT IT COST TO BE A CHRISTIAN

IN THE EARLY CHURCH. ANOTHER SCRAP FROM ANCIENT HISTORY.

In ancient times, most of the commerce of this world was carried on in the Mediterranean Sea alone. Small trading vessels exchanged the products of Asia Minor or Egypt with those of Italy, France and Spain. Religion followed in the tract of commercial enterprise in those days, much as it of the city, so that his time and strength does now; so that from Smyrna and are frittered away in the mere motion other Eastern ports, the early Chrisfrom place to place. But a delegate of tians carried the Gospel to Lyons and was an additional stimulus to the spread and dresses their wounds, and supplies of the Gespel, although in the newer their wants, and furnishes religious Western regions, less known than the reading, and holds his religious meet- Eastern, it did not immediately comings wit out reference to the regiments mence. As early as the second century, from which they come. Besides this, however, a fearful persecution began at they come fresh from home; while the Lyons under the reign of Marcus Antoarmy nurses and chaplains are fagged ninus. The fury of the persecuting

ment, and then go home in two or three life, who made no boasting or pretenweeks to recover from the fatigues and sion of her willingness to suffer; so that She was endued however with so much But I see that already the work is strength and fortitude, that those who with many other Christians, to be torn by wild beasts for the entertainment of

> the assembled thousands. For some reason, the beasts left her untouched, while her constancy and firm faith greatly strengthened the other On the last day of the spectacles, Blandina was again brought to the Arena with Ponticus, a youth of fifteen. They had been daily brought in to see the punishment of the rest. The mob were greatly incensed by their continued firmness and contempt for suffering; so Their tortures were aggravated by all sorts of methods.—Ponticus soon died, when poor Blandina was enclosed in a net and thrown to a wild bull-under whose tossing she at last breathed out her soul.

In the next century a remarkable instance occurs at Smyrna, during the more. A very appropriate work I persecution of Decius. A Presbyter thought it for a disciple of Him who said named Pionius, was much beloved and that he who should give a cup of cold respected, both by the church and the water in His name, should not lose his surrounding heathen. The officers of the Government had high respect for him, using their best endeavors to induce sions doing, and I hope that a benevo- him to sacrifice to the idols and so to

On his way to prison he addressed that Christian men would remember the multitude, much as Stephen the first that one is Christian and the other martyr had done. He endeavored, with merely Santary; that one is for the burning words to convict men of sin and body and the other for both body and bring them to feel the need of a divine soul; that one seeks worldly means of Saviour. The magistrates and people her very liberal contribution, and to increasing its funds, and the other plead with him to renounce his faith. Christian means; that the influence of He was taken from prison, and forced the one is for Christ and the other with a rope around his neck, to the Idol against him. You may think me un- Temple, where every persuasion and arnecessarily captions, but I am sorry tifice were used to induce or compel filed. Ground Cracker in any quantity. Orders promptly filed.

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