

Editor's Table.

LITERARY ITEMS.

The high price of paper and labour is bringing the book trade nearly to a standstill. Comparatively few announcements of new works are made, and only a moderate degree of activity prevails. In the face of great successes to our arms on land and water, gold has pertinaciously held a very high figure, and paper-makers actually advanced their prices in the week between the fall of Fort Morgan and the occupation of Atlanta! Such items of interest as we find in Childs' Gazette and Circular we give below:

AMERICA.

The Hon. Edward Everett, D. C. L., will deliver a course of lectures on the Law of Nations before the Law School of Harvard College during the ensuing term. As his time for many years has been principally devoted to the study of this important subject, the lectures cannot fail to prove instructive and interesting. It is hoped Mr. Everett will soon be prepared to publish his long-expected work on the Law of Nations. At the present time it is much needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.—Charles Scribner announces "Maine's Ancient Law, its Connection with the early History of Society and its relation to Modern Ideas," an English work of high repute; also, "Religion and Chemistry, or Proofs of God's Plan in the atmosphere and its elements;" a new work by Dr. Bushnell, "Sermons for the Ministry at large;" "Introduction of the study of International Law," by President Woolsey; "Wet Days at Edgewood," by Donald Mitchell (Ike Marvel); a Second Series of Max Muller's "Lectures on the Science of Language."

Ticknor & Fields announce "Dramatic Personæ," a new volume of Poems by Robert Browning; the "Twelfth Thousand" of Tennyson's "Enoch Arden;" "Poems of the War," by our gifted and patriotic townsman, Geo. H. Boker; "Autumn Holidays," by the Country Parson, &c.

Smith & English announce the fourth edition of the "Young Parson."

Little, Brown & Co., Boston, have just published the "Laws of the Last Session of Congress, Government Edition," with Marginal References and a copious Index. 8vo, 572 pages, price \$2.50.

D. Appleton & Co., New York, have in press Hon. Edward McPherson's "Political History of the Rebellion." 800 full size sheep, \$4.00.

Derry & Miller, New York, have ready in 2 vols. 8vo., 1250 pages, the "General Orders of the War Department for 1861, 2, and 3." Price \$10.

Hurd & Houghton, New York, with an eye to Holiday times, announce a large list of Standard Juvenile Books and Elegant Toy Books, including entirely new editions of "Sanford and Merton," "Swiss Family Robinson," "Evenings at Home," Indestructible Primers, Illuminated Alphabets, Nursery Rhymes, Bible Story Books, &c. They also announce such standard works as Irving's Sketch Book, Lamb's Elians, Scott's Poetical works, complete edition in 6 volumes, Milman's Histories of the Jews and of Christianity; also "Lectures on the Pantheistic Idea of an Impersonal-Substance Deity," by Rev. Morgan Dix, Rector of Trinity church, N. Y.

FOREIGN.

M. HACHETTE, THE PARIS PUBLISHER. —The death of the senior member of the publishing house of Hachette & Cie took place at Paris in July. M. L. Hachette was in his sixty-fourth year. The Paris Correspondent of the Circular, under date of July 22d, writes: I regret to say that M. Hachette, the founder of the most important publishing firm in France, lies quite ill at his beautiful country-seat in Plessis Piquet. It was even rumored some days since that he was dead. He recently made a journey to the Southern provinces, and after partaking of the copious meals furnished at the inns of that portion of France, he felt sick. Symptoms of poisoning appeared. Upon investigation it was found that the copper vessels in which the dinner was prepared were not so clean as they might be, and a copper oxide had been formed. I am surprised that in this country, where all the kitchen utensils are of copper, these accidents do not oftener occur. He returned at once to Paris, and summoned the best medical skill. Fears were entertained for some days that the malady would baffle their exertions, but he is now considered out of danger, and it is hoped that he may soon be able to superintend the great work he will publish next winter—an illustrated Bible, on which he has already expended \$400,000.

Napoleon's Life of Caesar.—The French Emperor's "Life of Caesar" is again laid aside by its author for an indefinite period. The forms of so much of it as is printed are chained together at the imperial printing-office, and one man keeps the key, and is responsible for them. The author is very nervous about the work, and he is afraid of some proof-sheets getting into publicity before the work is ready for publication.

M. About and the Sculptor.—We have been a good deal amused by the quarrel between an irritable sculptor and M. Edmond About. The latter was charged with writing a report on the Fine Arts Exhibition for one of our newspapers. He said in one of his articles: "M. Lepere is skillful, educated, more than intelligent." The sculptor wrote a note to the writer to inquire what he meant. "What do you mean to say, sir? I am very much afraid you mean to say that I am better educated than intelligent, and that the comma signifies nothing. And even if 'tis there, it might not have been there." M. About replied: "The comma proves, sir, that I look upon you as a man who is educated, and more than intelligent." M. Lepere was not satisfied and appealed to the law to redress his grievance. M. About answered: "I am challenged to explain and to say that if that comma be a serious, solid, established, intentional comma, and if I meant to say that M. Lepere was both an educated man, and a man of remarkable intelligence. I hasten to declare that I was still under the impression when I wrote my article, that is to say, a fortnight ago." Wasn't that home-thrust deserved?

Prof. Rudolph Wagner, one of the most eminent professors of Goettingen University, died prematurely a short time since. He was born at Bayreuth, (Bavaria,) in 1805; he pursued his medical studies at the Universities of Erlangen and Wurtzburg, and took the degree of A. M., when he was only one-and-twenty. He came to Paris in 1827, and followed assiduously Cuvier's lectures, which determined him to devote himself to comparative anatomy. He was Blumenbach's successor in the chair of physiology in Goettingen University. He was the author of numerous works on pure anatomy, comparative anatomy, zoology, and anthropology. He was regarded as the head of the spiritual scientific school in Germany.

Tennyson's "Northern Farmer."—The poem called "Northern Farmer" in Tennyson's new volume is not in the Yorkshire dialect, as has been declared, but in that of Lincolnshire. Mr. Tennyson was born in Lincolnshire.

John Wesley.—A German periodical, "Zeitschrift für die Historische Theologie," publishes the Diary of John Wesley during a tour in Germany in 1738, together with an account of his interview and conversation with Zinzendorf in 1741, communicated by K. H. Sack.

Queen Victoria an Author?—It is known that Queen Victoria wrote part of the Introduction to the volume of her husband's speeches and addresses. The gossips of London are circulating a story that she is the writer of a tale in Cornhill Magazine entitled "Margaret Denzil." It has been stated that the copy had been actually seen in the hand-writing of Arthur Helps, with occasional touches from the royal finger. The story is described as a heavy, lumbering, and involved novel, and the reporter attributing it to the Queen, especially in her circumstances, is stoutly denied.

THE EARLY DAWN.

The first chapter of this last production of the gifted authoress of the Schenberg Cotta Family, is designed to illustrate the religious character of the British Isles, more than seventeen centuries ago—an age characterized by the writer as one of "Lights and Shadows of the Early Dawn."

An old Druidical Priest had just been celebrating, on the Cornish coast, and in the dead of night, the mysteries of his worship. It was after the Roman invasion. His race was conquered; their religion was proscribed; their worship forbidden, and their priests hunted down. After the solemnities of the worship were completed, his company, now few and fearful, scattered into the darkness, while he alone wandered by the light of the dying embers of the altar fires towards his solitary hiding place. On the way he encountered a Hebrew, like himself hunted and hated by the conquerors, and from him learned the wondrous Theism and immortality of Old Testament Revelation; also, what to his view was the yet unfulfilled hope of Israel. At this point we take up the story from the pages of the volume:

When they walked inland thus for some time, they saw before them a laborer, in an earth-stained and common dress, going to his work in one of the mines which of old had tempted the Phenicians to those very shores. This miner was evidently young, and had the lithic grace of the South about his form and movements. As he walked he sang, and the tones of his rich Southern tenor rose clear and full through the clear morning air. The cadence was different from any music the Druid had ever heard. There was a repose about the melody, quite foreign to the wild wails or war songs of his people. And as they drew near, the language was to him as strange. They stepped on softly behind the singer, and listened.

"Strange words to hear in such a place," murmured the Jew at length. "They are Greek—the language of a people who dwelt of old, and dwell still, in the East, near the home of my forefathers."

They drew near and greeted the stranger. There was a gentle and easy courtesy in his manner as he returned their salutations, which, in a son of the North, would have betokened high breeding, but in him might be merely the natural bearing of his acute and versatile race. He willingly complied when

the Jew asked him to repeat his song, which he translated thus to the Druid:

Glorious God in the highest, And on earth peace, Good-will among men: We praise Thee, We bless Thee, We glorify Thee, For thy great glory, O Lord heavenly King, O God the Father ruling all, O Lord the only-begotten Son, Saviour, Messiah, With the Holy Spirit.

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, Who takest away the sins of the world, Receive our prayer, Thou who sittest at the right hand of the Father, Have mercy on us, For Thou only art holy—Thou only art the Lord, Saviour, and Messiah—To the glory of God the Father. Amen. "Ask him if he has any other such sacred songs," said the Druid; "the words sound to me beautiful and true, like an echo of half-forgotten music, heard long ago in some former life from which perchance my soul came into this."

"I will chant you our evening hymn," said the miner; and he sang again— Joyful light of heavenly glory, Of the immortal heavenly Father, The holy and the blessed Jesus Christ! We, coming at the setting of the sun, Seeing the evening light, Hymn the Father and the Son, And the Holy Spirit, God. Worthier art Thou at all times to be praised With holy voices, Son of God, Thou who givest light, Therefore doth the world glorify Thee.

"Wonderful words," said the Jew, after translating them. "They seem almost like a response from heaven to what you said; like the promise of the dawn for man for which you longed. Friend," he said to the miner, "how earnest thou hither? Thy learning is above thy calling."

"Not so," replied the other meekly. "I was never other than a poor man. These truths are common to the most unlettered among us."

"To whom does he allude by 'us'?" asked the Druid when he understood.

"We are the Christians, the men of Christ," said the stranger, replying to the Druid's question in his own native Celtic language, although with a foreign accent. "I was a vine-dresser on the sunny hills near Smyrna. My father learned the faith from the Apostle John, the Beloved; and I was exiled hither to work in the mines in the far West because I could not deny my Lord."

"Bitter change," said the Jew, "from those vine-clad southern hills to toil in the darkness on these cold northern shores."

"Where I am going there will be no need of the sun," was the calm reply; but the ominous hectic flush deepened on his hollow cheek.

"How, then," said the Druid, "is your faith maintained in this life of exile and bondage? Here you can have no temple and no priest."

"We have a Temple!" was the joyful reply, "not made with hands; and a Priest, though not seen by mortal eyes."

"He speaks in parables," said the Druid. "I speak no parables," said the Christian, "but simply matters of fact, of which we are all assured."

"Have you then also sacrifices?" asked the Druid.

"We have a Sacrifice," was the low and reverent reply; "One, spotless and eternal, never more to be repeated. The Highest gave his Son. The Holy One yielded up himself. God has provided the Lamb. The Lamb of God and the Son of God are one."

"He speaks of the promise made to our father: Abraham," exclaimed the Jew.

"Life for life," murmured the Druid, "life of man for life of man."

"Nay, it was not man who made the sacrifice," said the Christian, "but God. Not the sinner's life was required; the Son yielded up his own."

"You have then no sacrifices to offer now," said the Druid.

"Not so," said the Christian joyfully; "we have a daily, ceaseless sacrifice to offer—a living sacrifice, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ; even ourselves, to do and suffer all the holy will of God, we ourselves, body, soul and spirit, to fulfil the will of Him who loved us and redeemed us with his precious blood to God."

"But," resumed the Druid, "is that holy life, which you say was willingly yielded up for man, extinct for ever? Shall the holy perish and the guilty live?"

"Nay," was the reply, in a tone of concentrated fervor, "that immortal life could not perish. The Son of God is risen from the dead, and dieth no more. And now," he continued, speaking eagerly, as one who has good news to tell, "He sitteth enthroned at the right hand of God, the Sun of the City above."

"Have you then also a sacred city?" said the Jew in a tone of surprise.

"Lieh toward the sun-rising," replied the Christian, in the words of an early martyr, "Jerusalem the heavenly, the city of the holy."

"Your golden age, your holy city, are then in the future, not in the past," said both.

"You speak of an immortal life for each man," added the Druid, "but is there never to be a good time for mankind?"

"It is written, that the King, the Christ, will come again in glory, to judge the wicked and to raise the just," was the reply; "and that then, truth and righteousness shall reign on earth, for he is holy, and just, and true, and Him all the nations of the earth shall be blessed."

Often, during the months that followed, the Hebrew and the Druid sought that lowly miner's hut. There Jew and Gentile learned together concerning Him

who is the Hope of Israel and the Desire of all nations.

The blank wall of darkness, which to the Jew had seemed so strangely and abruptly to close the long path of prophetic light and promise, parted and dissolved, displaying to his adoring gaze the Sacrifice to whom all sacrifices pointed, the Priest in whom all priesthood is consummated, the King of whom Hebrew kings and prophets sang, in whom all dominion centres.

To the Druid the dim desires of his heart were at once explained and fulfilled. Sin and falsehood were discovered and brought to shame. "Life and immortality were brought to light." And on both gradually dawned, as the power and the wisdom of God, not a doctrine merely, nor a ritual, but the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Thus along the rocky shores of the Atlantic rose in threelfold harmony the Christian hymns to Him who heareth always; the Sun whose presence is day to faith, the Glory for which Israel waited, the Redeemer for whom all nations blindly groped and longed, the Lamb of God who taketh away the sin of the world.

There also, ere long, in that lowly hut, those strangers watched as brothers by the death-bed of the Smyrniote exile, now one with them in Christ. And there, on that bleak shore, they buried him, in a quiet nook, consecrated by solitude, and thenceforth by the immortal seed of "the body that shall be." Races have passed away since then, and civilizations; rituals and religious systems have grown up, run to seed, and perished; but from those early ages to this that new song of life and hope has never been entirely silenced on our British shores.

U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION.

Cash acknowledgments for the week ending September 1, 1864.—

Northwestern Branch U S Chris Com, Chicago, per B F Jacobs, \$5000; Connecticut Branch, Hartford, per A G Hammond, Treas, 2500.

Philadelphia—Thomas B Watson, add'l, \$100; John B. Austin, 100; Geo S. H. Herrick, 50; Excursion of Y M C A, 37 25; Ladies' Chris Com 3d United Pres ch, 26; proceeds of fair given by Linda Simpson, Annie and Carrie Imhoff, Fannie Mitchell, Augusta Dreer and Ellie Evans, at S Sch, St Andrew's ch, Aug 10 and 17, 1864, 25; proceeds of fair held by Misses Rachel Berg, Fanny Lawson and Lucy Worrall, 18 11; Ladies' Chris Com, Cedar St Pres ch, per R A Malley, 18; "M S C," 10; "M P M Co," 10; Susan Longstreth, 10; Ch of "Our Saviour," 10; Ladies' Chris Com, 1st Pres ch, Germantown, add'l, per Miss B G Mitchell, 5; St Mark's Luth ch, per Mrs A V Murphy, 5; N. E. P. 2 3.

Pennsylvania—Sin Sch of 1st Pres ch, Scranton, per A H Henry, Treas, \$400; Ref Pres ch, New Alexandria, 61 05; St Matthew's Luth ch, Hanover, York co, per Rev M J Ullmann, 60 28; Ladies' Aid Soc, Gettysburg, 50; Hill Top Soldiers' Aid Soc, Wayne co, 50; Evang Luth chs of Bornville and North Heidelberg, Berks co, per Rev II Grab, 27; Francis Gobie, Dill's Ferry, 20; Springfield, Chester co, per Rev Mr. Ridgway, 15 85; Pres Sun sch, Port Kennedy, Montgomery co, 13 55; Ladies' Chris Com, Springville Pres ch, Susquehanna co, 11; citizens of Reensburg and vicinity, Cambria co, 10; coll'n, Bap ch, Gettysburg, Montgomery co, 9; Blair co, Blair, Perry co, per J T Williams, 8 45; Mrs M Robinson, Kittanning, 5; coll'n in the Bap and Pres chs, Rome, Bradford co, per Rev S G Keim, 5 42; Pres ch, Upper Mount Bethel, Northampton co, per Rev T Brittain, 4 50; M E ch, New London, Chester co, per G L Schaeffer, 1 50.

New Jersey—Part proceeds of a harvest home and festival held by the Ladies' Aid Soc, Titusville, per Miss L Cornell, Sec, \$25; meeting at Washington, per James Grant, 91 50; Mount Freedom Pres ch (O S) per Rev A. Williamson, 51 35; 1st Pres ch, Millstone, Monmouth co, per Rev O S Worell, 25; Pres ch, Eastonville, per Benj. Harrell, 8; proceeds of a little missionary garden belonging to Amos Moore (12 years old) Somerville, 3.

Virginia—A Friend, Wheeling, \$1 50. New York—Gail Borden, Brewster Station, \$250; Ladies' Aid Soc, Batavia, per Mrs L J Macy, Sec, 173 72; Ladies' Aid Soc, Salem, Washington co, per Mrs D. Hawley, President, 130; 2d Pres ch, Oswegatchie, per James Cleland, 121; proceeds of lecture, North White Creek, per Jas Thompson & Co, 108 10; Ladies' Union A. C., Fabius, per Rev H. L. Jones, 60; United Pres ch, per Rev King Anna B Metcalf, 60; Onego, per Rev J. C. Florida, per Rev J B Dales, D. D., 50; Ladies' Chris Com, Keeney Settlement, per Rev H. Fox, 40 86; United Pres Cong, Lanesville, 45; citizens of Peekskill, per Rev H C Townley, 35 77; citizens of Triangle, per Rev C W Brooks, 21 35; W T Buckley, Searsville, 20; Ladies' Chris Com, 1st Pres ch, Clean, per Dora L Cross, Sec, 20; collection, Norwich, per W Forkington, 15 50; collection, 1st Ref Pres ch, Lisbon, St Lawrence co, per W P Shaw, 15; proceeds of Tableau given by children, stopping at Sharon, per E. C. Pillsbury, per John Gardner, 35 45; Pres ch, Huguenotville, add'l, per Rev Ira C Tyson, 13; Church collection, Hopkinton, per S Gilbert, Jr, 14; Church collection, Palmyra, per Rev W S Emery, 12; collection, 1st Pres ch, Mount Hope, per Rev L Little, 10; Soldiers' Aid Soc, Sayona, 10; St Jacobs' Ger Luth ch, White's Corner, Erie co, per Rev J Brand, 5; "A Friend of the Cause," Utica, 2; Ladies' Benevolent Soc, Holland Patent, 2; Rev Jas Gutsell, Owassa, 1 70; add'l collection, ch at Westfield, 1.

Connecticut—A. J. Bradley, Sec of concert at Terryville, per Miss Blakesley, 5. Rhode Island—Branch Chris Com, Providence, per J W Vernon, Sec, \$375. Massachusetts—Chris Com Aid Soc, Northfield, per S E Moody, \$20.

New Hampshire—Miss Rue Chapin, West Lebanon, \$2.

Ohio—C F Seitz, Reading, Hamilton co, \$16 30.

Indiana—Pleasant Ridge, ch, Wells co, \$10 25; Elhanan ch, do, 15 25—\$25 50.

Oregon—Collection at Brownsville, per Rev Edward B Geary, \$70. Y. N. 11, 375 86 Am previously acknowledged; \$782, 771 50

Total, \$794, 145 36

JOS. PATTERSON, Treasurer.

The United States Christian Commission begs leave to acknowledge the receipt of the following additional stores up to September 1, 1864:

Pennsylvania—Philadelphia, 2 bottles, Mrs Simon, do, 1 pkg, Mrs Stevens, do, 1 jug, M H Harlan, Germantown, 2 pkgs, Ladies' Aid Soc, 2d Pres ch. Athens, Bradford co, 5 boxes, Sol Aid Soc. Mount Joy,

Lancaster co, 2 bbls. Sunbury, Northumberland co, 1 box, "Little Helpers." Jersey Shore, Lycoming co, 2 boxes, Ladies' Sol Aid Soc. Litz, Lancaster co, 4 boxes, Ladies' Aid Soc. Brandywine Manor, Chester co, 1 pbl, Rev Dr Grier. Fairview, Erie co, 1 box, Young Ladies' Sol Aid Soc. Strasburg, Lancaster co, 2 boxes, "Patrol Lighters." Osceola, Tioga co, 2 boxes, Branch U S C. C. Delaware co, 3 jars, E H Larkins. Pottsville, Schuylkill co, 1 box, Mrs Benj Bannan, Muncy, Lycoming co, 2 boxes, Ladies' Aid Soc. Peckville, Luzerne co, 1 cask, Citizens' Washington, Washington co, 17 boxes, Ladies' Chris Com. New Jersey—Paterson, Passaic co, 1 box, Ladies' Chris Com, 2d Pres ch; do, 2 boxes, 2 kegs, Ladies' Chris Com, 1st Dutch Ref ch. Princeton, Mercer co, 1 box, Ladies' Chris Com, 2d Pres ch. Salem, Salem co, 32 books, M E Sab Sch.

New York—West Troy, 2 boxes, Ladies' Aid Soc. New York, 10 pkgs, Com U S C, do, 37 boxes, Ladies' Chris Com. Holland Patent, 2 bbls, Ladies' Benevolent Soc. Owassa, 1 box. Greene, 1 box, Ladies' Aid Soc. Triangle, 1 box, 1 keg, C W Brooks. Clinton, 1 box, Ladies' Aid Soc.

Maine—Portland, 2 boxes, Branch USCC. Massachusetts—Boston, 32 boxes, 6 bbls, 5 pbls, Army Com Y M C A, Boston. Connecticut—Darien, 4 boxes, Children. Ohio—Cincinnati, 2 boxes, Com U S C C. Virginia—New Cumberland, 1 box, Aid Soc.

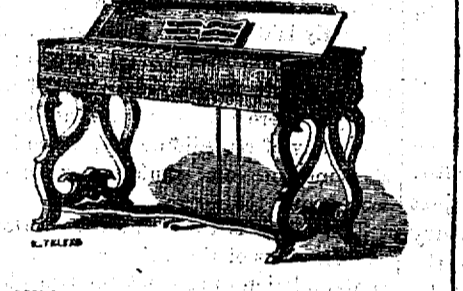
Wisconsin—Milwaukee, 1 box, L C C. Plymouth ch. Unknown—2 boxes.

The Commission, on the prosecution of its great labors in the various armies of the Union, is each day accumulating evidence unmistakable that its work is needed in a peculiar manner. The gratitude of the soldiers and officers is expressed so often and so strongly as to show that a great work is being supplied by the ministrations of the delegates of the Commission. To continue the work of the past in measure more abundant, is the design for the future. In this, every child and man or woman can aid in some way. Let all remember that the smallest mite in aid of the Commission is cast into the Lord's treasury, and that if it be followed with earnest faith, may be for blessing to those in sore distress of body or soul.

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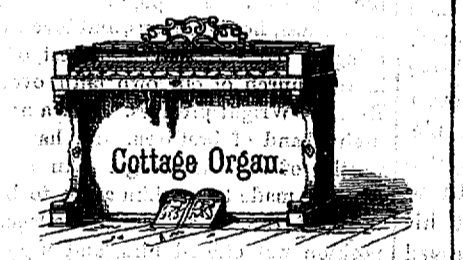
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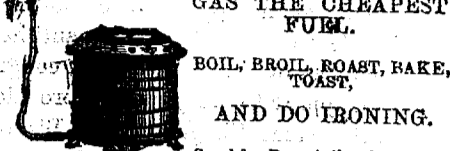
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