# PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1864.

### Editor's Table.

A PASTOR'S JOTTINCS; Or Striking Scenes Juring a Ministry of Thirty-five Years, American Tract Society, New York. Depository, 929 Chestnut Street, Philadel-phia. 12mo. pp. 348. Illustrated. 80c. Brief and interesting narratives told with the utmost simplicity and calculat ed to make serious and profitable impressions upon the reader. Arranged under such heads as: Reminiscences of Ministers; Ecclesiastical Matters; Useful Religious Services; Providence and Prayer; Home Life; Transforming Inmuch use.

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We quote one from a little girl, eight years of age. Such words as these read by thousands do good :

"I pray as I walk in the street." Thus writes a little girl of only nine summers. Her letter illustrates Hymn No. 22, the "Power of Prayer." Many of those who use this little book will love to join in singing these tunes; but can you say, with this little girl, "I pray with my heart now ?"

ROCHESTER, May, 7, 1863. DEAR MR. HAMMOND:--I think I have found the dear Jesus. I find him so pre-cious. I love to read the Bible more than ever I did, and I love to pray to the dear Jesus and sing his praise. I have loved my Saviour but two weeks. I pray as I walk in the streets, and in school. Every morning, after prayers, I go in my room and read a chapter, and pick out the nice verses, and pray, and I feel happy all the day. One day I forgot to go into my room in the morning, and I did not feel at all happy. In the afternoon I saw what made me feel so bad; then I went and prayed, and felt a great deal better. I have not forgotten it since, for I know how badly I should feel. I have always prayed since I can remember, but it was more in word than it is now. I pray with my heart now. Mamma always came into my room and prayed with me in the morning, but I did not enjoy, it half as much as I do now, and I love to talk about the dear Jesus now. I ask you to pray for me that I may work for Jesus, and bring others to him, and keep near him. I hope that a great many more little children will come and hear you, that you may tell them the way to Jesus. Papa too has just become a Christian, and we are all very happy. We thank God for his goodness to us. Pray for your little friend, just nine years old."

WATERBURY. Sketches of Eloquent Preach-One never tires of reading about eloquent men in the pulpit or elsewhere. The truly divine gift throws an imperishable halo around the possessor and perfumes his memory long after death. Dr. Waterbury has given us a gallery drawn from every portion of Christendom, though the largest portion of the portraits are from the American church. They are John M. Mason, Archibald Alexander, Summerfield, Larned, Nettloton, Beecher, Bascom, Payson, Griftin, Robert Hall, Chalmers, Henry Melville, Rowland Hill, Leigh Richmond, Whitefield, Baxter, Bunyan, Saurin', Massillon, Luther, Paul. Thus we have veying not only desirable information of many prominent characters, but supplying a stimulus to the faculties of the reader and especially to clergymen, which must produce happy results.

ly creditable to the publishers, who, from the outset of their career, are taking an honorable place in their sphere of business. An advertisement in another column shows that they are giving a large measure of attention to Sabbath school literature, in which branch our friends will find them well worthy of patronage.

LITERARY ITEMS.

The announcement of new books, or other indications of literary activity are exceedingly scanty. It is believed that there has not for many years been Anence of Religion; Profitable Inter- so few new illustrated boooks announced course; Admonitory Facts; Death-Bed for Christmas as at this time. Ticknor Scenes;—they are accessible for purpo-ses of illustration for which preachers dition of "Enoch Arden" which will and leaders of services will find them of holidays. This is the only announcebe published in elegant style for the ment of the kind we have seen.

The publication of Miss Warner's new story, "Melbourne House," is postponed till the 15th inst., in order that it may be issued simultaneously in London, Leipsic, and New York.

Nothing daunted by the appear-ance of the great renovated Webster, a philologist named N. Lawrence Lindsley, D. D., hailing from Lebanon, Tenn. sold during the few months since its has in preparation a new work in lexicography which is announced under the original title of "An Encyclicolexicon of those who have appreciated its value. It contains several interesting experi-in quarto form. We hope Dr. Lindsley ences from children and others, relating is a fortunate holder of good oil-stocks or has from other sources a supply of means adequate to the great outlay that must be vainly undergone. He is said to be a philologist of undoubted âbility Anong American announce-ments are Newman's "Apologia pro Vita Sua;" "Atlas of Modern History," by Rev. W. L. Gage, author of Ritter's Geographical studies; Smiths' "History of the World;" Renan's "Life of Paul;" Prof. Cleveland's Life and Works of Milton (Leypoldt); "The Dante Album, (Inferno Complete), 76 illustrations. (Leypoldt.)

ENGLISH ANNOUNCEMENTS.--- "Explora-tions in South-West Africa, being an Account of a Journey, in the years 1861 and 1862, from Walvisch Bay to Lake Ngami and the Victoria Falls," by Thomas Baines, formerly attached to the North Australian Expedition; "The Works of the late Sir B. C. Brodie, Bart., D. C. L., President of the Royal Society," edited by Charles Hawkins, Fellow of the College of Surgeons; "A Course of Lectures on the History of Music from the Beginning of the Seven teenth to the Middle of the Eighteenth Century, delivered at the Royal Institution of Great Britain in the Spring of 1864," by John Hullah, Professor of Vocal Music in King's College, &c.; Captain Grant's "Narrative of his Journey through Africa with Captain Speke;' "Spiritual Philosophy: Founded on the Teaching of Samuel Taylor Coleridge," by Joseph Henry Green, D. C. L., F. R S., formerly President of the College of S., formerly President of the College of Surgeons, edited with a Biographical Introduction, by Mr. John Simon;
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S., formerly President of Boys, "by the shades of difference; Cockneyisms mixed up with Arabic sounds, and so forth.
My object was to test for minute difference; Surgeons overlock-edit in some or all alphabets with which I Bible. Words," by Messrs. J. Eastwood and W. Aldis Wright; "The Life and Letters of the late Rev. Fred. W. Robers, of Brighton;" Grimm's "Life of ending about elo- distances of Brighton;" translated by Mr. F. Michael Angelo," translated by Mr. F. E. Bunnett; "The Life and Times of Voltaire," by Mr. Francis Espinasse; History of the Cultivation of Tobacco and Cotton," by Colonel Robert L. de Coin; "A History of Lace, from the Earliest Period," by Mrs. Bury Palliser, with woodcuts and colored illustrations; Memoirs of the Life and Ministry of the Rev. Thomas Raffles, D. D.," by Thomas Stamford Raffles, Esq; "The History of Signboards, Ancient and Modern, with Anecdotes of Famous Taverns and Remarkable Characters." THE DAILY AND PERIODICAL PRESS OF ENGLAND .- The edition of the Lor. don journals amounts to 248,000 copies Timothy Dwight, Jonathan Edwards, daily. The total sale of copies of weekly journals amounts to 2,263,200, of which number 1,149,000 copies are is-Massillon, Luther, Paul. Thus we have over twenty notices, written with grace and discrimination, with due regard to are purely political; 252,500 are issued the necessities of the limited space, con- as sporting sheets ; 47,000 copies are devoted to agriculture; 44,050 copies are devoted to architectural and polytechnic arts; 40,750 copies are issed by periodicals devoted to general literature; 15,300 copies are issued by periodicals exclusively devoted to medicine, chemistry, pharmacy, etc; 12,000 copies de-voted to law; 8,500 to music; and 183,-700 to theology. The statistics of magazine literature, inclusive of "Reviews," weekly, monthly, and quarterly, show still more astounding results, they having been quadrupled within five years. Two HUNDRED AND TEN savans of England have signed a "Declaration" affirming their belief in the ultimate harmony between Science and Divine an examination of the Scriptures would Revelation, but deprecating any presumptuous comparisons between them perhaps, one of the most largely and in the present state of our knowledge Two have declined signing the declaration : Sir J. F. W. Herschel, on the ground that it is "an infringement of that social forbearance which guards country with especial sanctity;" and Sir John Bowring, who says "there is no presumption in giving to the world the freedom of religious opinion in this country with especial sanctity;" and conclusions soberly, seriously, and re-verently formed, be those conclusions what they may."

sounds, but those sounds are the exponents of musical ideas, so that the conceptions of Rossini or Verdi are capable matics conveys ideas; if for example, to and/goodness. an algebraist ignorant of any language

save Arabic an Englishman were to enunciate the Binomial or Laplace's Theorem, no words would be requisite to make it intelligible. Scientific men in other departments might find it worth of their own; chemistry especially might be rendered almost independent of ordinary language. But Leibnitz's magnificent idea of universal language for all subjects, although, perhaps, not impossible, involves difficulties too great Mr. Babbage is the only man living whom the magnitude of the enterprise would not appal.

If, however, there is slight hope of universal language, we have to announce the unquestionable success of what may be styled a universal alphabet. Mr. Melville Bell, of Edinburgh, is of "visible speech" is a natural and important result of the phonetic movethe teacher himself is ignorant of the language. Of course, also, a missionary might read the Scriptures to any audiwill probably be very important. The symbols being learnt, telegraphic messages in any language may be sent from one country to another, and all necessity for translation superceded.

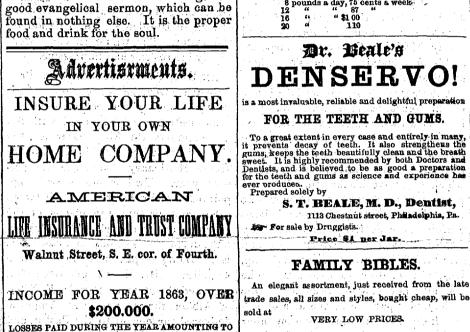
Mr. Bell states that his alphabet has been tried, without a single failure, on American, Indian, Ancient and Modern Greek, Russian and Polish. Hindu. Oordoo, and many other languages Mr. Ellis, himself a distinguished experimenter, reports that he has thoroughly tested the system with satisfactory results Mr. Ellis took down what Mr. Ellis dictated, and then Mr. Bell's son, who had only hadfive weeks' instruction in the use of the alphabet, read aloud what was written " I dictated to him a most heterogenous collection of sounds, such as Latin pro nounced in the Etonian and Italian fashions, and according to a purposely rather eccentric theoretical fancy; vari ous provincial and affected English and German utterances ; series of sounds distinguished from each other by minute

-a practical hungering and thirsting which is even more than what some call a habitual frame of devotion—a crying of being made known to musicians of unto God in spirit, with a sense of utter any country, without any ordinary lan- miscry without him, and a constant and guage of men. The language of mathe- obedient dependence upon his mercy

But what he wished to present was, not so much the nature and importance of prayer, as the necessity for importunity and perseverance in it. This, he said, was the point of the parable. He then portrayed the two characters; while to establish a universal language | first the Judge, then the widow-the unhopefulness of her application, the principle upon which she succeeded, and the wonderfulness of her triumph over the most unfavorable circumstances. It was her importunity, her perseverance, her "continual coming," which gained for the present generation of inventors. her the victory with a supremely selfish man. And if importunity could thus succeed where everything was against success, how triumphant must it be

where all the circumstances are the most promising? God is not an unjust Judge, but a kind and loving Father. He is not shut up in his own selfishness, but full of tender sympathy and ever its inventor. Mr. Melville Bell's scheme anxious to administer graciously to the suffering and the needy. And shall he not give ear to the cries of his own ment. He exhausts all the simple troubled children? Even his seeming sounds which men can utter. These he delays are real answers and benefactions finds to be thirty four in number. Any sin- of his love to them that come earnestly gle language contains less; thus the En- and perseveringly to him for his grace. glish language requires only twenty-two And should we not all avail ourselves types for all its vowels and consonants. Now the results obtainable hereby are power with God? This assurance of our obvious enough. Given a passage in the adversary. We each have an adversar-Russian language, written in Mr. Bell's ry. The depravity of our own hearts is. alphabet an Englishman can read it so an adversary. The world is an adverthat a Russian shall perfectly under-stand it. For missionary enterprise this is most valuable. The Bible being but in its whole spirit, and in all the written in any tongue, the most illiter- currents of its varied motions and spec ate persons may be taught to read ("in ulations. We need help against these a very few days," Mr. Bell says,) though adversaries; and that help is to be found only in earnest, importunate, persevering prayer.

The sermon was delivered without ence, without knowing a word of the notes, and the venerable Bishop spoke language which he read. And the ap- with much tenderness and encouragewith much tenderness and encourageplication of the system to telegraphy ment to burdened consciences. The discourse was listened to with interest by all, and doubtless also with profit. There is a comfort and refreshing in a good evangelical sermon, which can be



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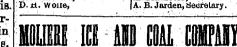
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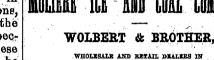
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WISTER. Senside and Fireside Fairies. Translated from the German of George Blum and Louis Wahl, By A. L. Wister. Philadelphia: Ashmead & Evans. 12mo. pp. 292. Illustrated, gilt top.

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#### VISIBLE SPEECH.

Universal language has long been a philosopher's dream. Leibnitz believed felt that their previous knowledge of the it possible, and did something toward subject was all ignorance. They were organizing it. Clearly, if only we could convinced of the existence of a higher establish a certain written sign for every world of devotion and communion with conceivable idea, with another class of God than they had yet learned how to tales have a very evident moral: all of signs for the relations of ideas, the thing reach. So multitudes now, who have would be done. And within certain their prayer books by "heart, and are them appear to be pure and healthy in limits it is done already. Music has a punctual and devout in their timely reuniversal language; so has mathematics. citations of them, have never rightly The externals of the volume are high- The language of music conveys only learned to pray. Prayer is a heart work

and purposely exaggerated pronunciations and mispronunciations and delicate distinctions in such a manner that his sons, not having heard them, so uttered them as to surprise me by the extremely correct echo of my own voice. I have made it my business for twenty-one years to study alphabetical systems. I do not know one which could have produced the same results. I do not know one which could have produced every sound I used. So far, then, as I am able to judge, Mr. Bell has solved the problem." Mr. Ellis's testimony will bequite sufficient OVER for those who know how consummate a master of the subject he is. We entirely agree with him that, " for extra-Eu-The Trustees have made a DIVIDEND on all Mutar Policies in force December 31, 1863, of ropean nations,-as for the Chinese dialects and the several extremely diverse Indian languages,—such an alpha-bet would rapidly become a great social year, which amount is credited to their Policies, and and political engine."-London Press.

BISHOP M'ILVAINE ON PRAYER.

Rev. Dr. Seiss, writing to The Lutheran, from Zurich, in Switzerland, where he had spent a Sabbath, says:

We went at 61 o'clock in the evening, to the English chapel, as it was announced that a distinguished stranger was to preach. That stranger turned out to be Bishop McIlvaine, of Ohio. I was suprised when I saw him ascend the pulpit; but it was a pledge that we should have an evangelical sermon, which I have found to be, in general, a scarce article in these Church of England chapels. The Bisbop announced for his text the parable of the Unjust Judge. He commenced by saying that show that the subject of prayer was, variedly treated, especially by Christ and his apostles. The disciples had. once asked the Saviour to teach them how to pray, and everything which subsequently fell from the lips of Jesus with reference to this point must be acwith excellent forms of devotion, with which they had been familiar all their lives. But, words are not prayers. When these men came into close familiarity with the life and spirit of Jesus, they

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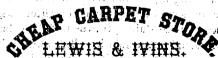
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