PHILADELPHIA, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1864.

Gaitor's Table.

GILLETT. Life Lessons in the School of Christian Duty, by the Author of the Life and Times of John Huss. New York, A. D. F. Randolph. 12mo. pp. 407; laid, tinted paper. Phila: For sale at the Prea-byterian Book Store.

The literary industry of the author of this excellent volume is amazing. Recently through with a noble work, which would content many a man as a life-monument, we hear of him giving the finishing touches to a History of Presbyterianism quite as large as the Life and Times of Huss. His produc- tution. tions enrich the pages of our leading Quarterlies; he finds time to write, with care and good judgment, almost every fortnight, an article for the American Presbyterian; and this volume reminds us that he is the pastor of a congregation whose proximity to the metropolis acquaints them with the models of American pulpit oratory, and who are yet so well satisfied with his sermons, that at least one of them-so we judge from the introduction-has provided for the publication of a volume of them.

And the judgment of the people is sustained by the contents of the volume. Amid all his manifold literary duties, they being out of print in this country Dr. Gillett finds or takes time, though not elaborate or deep, but the range allowed himself by the author in selecting the series in this volume, would have excluded such. They have the valuable qualities of directness, homeliness, perspicuity. Simple, often beautiful illustrations, abound. All literature and history, sacred and profane, are tasked to furnish them. The sentences are short, the paragraphs are luminous, the sermons themselves scarcely half anhour long, yet always holding up and pressing home some thought, principle or duty, of living, present value. In these respects not a few models of sermon-writings could be gathered from the volume. And the impression left by the whole is that of completeness-not as if the author had preached a formal series of sermons, but as if the separate discourses had risen from a barmonious, well-ordered mind, never working at random, but aiming to rear among his people, from its foundations, a symmetrical, beautiful Christian life. Any who are seeking to commence, to cultivate, or to inculcate such a life, will find in "Life Lessons" a vatuable aid."

THOMPSON. . Bryant Grav : The Student, the Christian, the Soldier. By Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., Pastor of the Broadway: Tabernacie Church. New York: A. D. F. Randolph. 18mo. pp. 148. With en-graved portrait. For sale at the Presbyte-rian Book Store.

many noble, cultivated Christian youth who have been sacrificed in our conflict. Bearing the names of two poets, his nature seemed as refined and delicate as theirs. He was brought into the church in the revival of 357, received a commission as 1st Lieut. 4th NY. Art. in '61, and raised to the staff of Gen. Doubleday in the following February. He manly enthusiasm in the army, as guided and influenced by Gen. McClellan. He laboured faithfully for the salvation of his associates, and was removed by disense Dec. 31st, 1862. William Cullen Bryant, the poet, after whom he was named, took a deep interest in his case, opened the columns of the Evening Post to his contributions, and furnishes some

author of this volume for the immense and well digested mass of facts it con tains. A clue to the significance of many of the masterpieces of painting-otherwise quite unintelligible, is given and graceful and just criticism intermingled in the well-known genial style of the writer: Some of the characters described are intensely interesting-like Thomas a Becket: some command our highest

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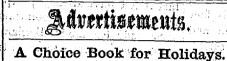
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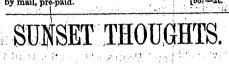
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