

Editor's Table.

GILLET. History of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America. By E. H. Gillet, Author of Life and Times of John Huss, Vol. I. II. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Publication Committee. Large 12 mo. pp. 576, 605. With Index. Price \$5.

After many partial and fragmentary attempts by individuals, presbyteries, and general assemblies, renewed through a long course of years, but all summed together, totally inadequate to and unworthy of the subject, we at length have in these two volumes, a just, systematic and satisfactory account of the century and three quarters of American Presbyterianism. It is a great work, worthy of the author of the Life and Times of John Huss; and the Presbyterian Publication Committee may point to it with just pride as their chef d'œuvre, fit to lead their list, and assuring to the churches who are looking for substantial fruits of the Endowment Fund just placed in the Committee's hands.

Commencing with a sketch of the Presbyterian element in the early settlers of New England, the author soon comes to the career of the ardent and indefatigable Irish pioneer of Presbyterianism in America, Francis Makemie; gives the rise of the first Presbytery in 1706, of the Synod in 1717, the history of the adopting act of 1729, of the division of 1741, and reunion of '58; then passes in rapid, animated review, the progress of the church in different States—Virginia, the Carolinas, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia (again), the Carolinas, (again), New York, Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania (again), New Jersey (again), interweaving meanwhile those general surveys of various periods of the church, which give unity to what would otherwise be a distracting kaleidoscope of isolated facts. Thus, the first volume, besides the history in the above-named States, contains chapters on the Synods and their Schools; the General Assembly from its rise, to 1815; and the church in the revolutionary period from 1755 to 1788. The second volume carries on the history in the different States and the church at large, up to 1830, when the period from 1830 to 1837, comes under review in a long and important chapter; another chapter is given to the assemblies of 1837 and '38; one to the "Results of the Division," and a final chapter to the "Two Assemblies." The latter and more delicate part of Dr. Gillet's task is performed in a kindly, catholic spirit, yet with a firm regard to the interests of the truth involved in those years of painful struggle.

We have thus the materials for estimating the peculiar character, influence and destiny of the American Presbyterian church, as we have never had them before. Dr. Gillet's history is not a philosophy, nor is it a partisan and controversial book; but it is a clear, connected, and conscientiously full and accurate volume. Every locality in which Presbyterianism in our country had gained a foothold, before the division, will feel a special interest in the work as a repository of the most important facts of the church's history there. It should be carried by colporteurs and agents to every Presbyterian threshold in the land. We design giving it a more careful notice in our columns.

Grout. Zulu-Land; or, Life among the Zulu-Kafirs of Natal and Zulu-Land, South Africa. With map and illustrations largely from Original Photographs. By Rev. Lewis Grout, for fifteen years missionary of the American Board in South Africa. Author of the "Grammar of the Zulu Language," and corresponding member of the American Oriental Society. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Publication Committee. 12 mo. pp. 351.

A new and interesting field for narrative and description opens in the portion of South Africa treated of in this beautiful volume. The fifteen years of Mr. Grout's sojourn among the Zulus have been put to good purpose. The mature results of his observation, reading and scholarship are told in graphic style. The thorough acquaintance and sympathy with his subject which a devoted missionary is, of all other persons, best able to acquire, is abundantly shown in the narrative. His own experiences as a pioneer missionary; the history of the people, so far as known; the geography, topography, geology, fauna and flora, climate, nocturnal heavens; the appearance, manners and customs, language, superstitions and character of the natives; missions among the Zulus and present state of affairs in Zulu-land are ably and instructively treated by the writer. The volume forms an important addition to our knowledge of the human family, especially in its relation to the gospel as an aggressive power.

The illustrations are accurate and elegant, conveying correct ideas of the remote people and country which they represent.

COLLIER. The Dawn of Heaven, or the Principles of the Heavenly Life applied to the Earthly. By the late Rev. Jos. A. Collier of Kingston, N. Y., with a brief biographical sketch of the author. New York: Robert Carter and Bros. 12 mo. pp. 305. With portrait. Philadelphia: Wm. S. & A. Martin.

The author of the larger part of this volume, a minister of marked spirituality and Christian loveliness, in the Reformed Dutch Church, known as the author of a number of practical works, as: "The Christian Home," "The Young Men of the Bible," "Little Crowns and how to win them," and "Pleasant Paths for Little Feet," recently fell a victim to an insidious and protracted disease, during which he visibly ripened for heaven, growing in patience, faith and resignation and in the general spirituality of his character. "His faith seemed to see the King in his beauty, and to bring near the land that is very far off. This book, 'The Dawn of Heaven,' is the ripe fruit of these celestial communings, presenting the thoughts of his holiest moments, and the hallowed results of his nearest approaches to God." It is a privilege to read the productions of a noble and cultivated intellect, thus drawn within the effluence of the eternal world and imparting some of its beauty and brightness to the written page. The deeply spiritual views of the writer are so expressed as to bear upon the practical earthly life, and to impress it with the principles which shall make it the introduction to the heavenly. It cannot be read but with deep profit and delight by every one aspiring after a larger measure of heavenly-mindedness in the daily life. The externals are very beautiful.

LANG'S "BIBELWERK." LANGE.—SCHAFF. A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures; Critical, Doctrinal and Homiletical, with Special Reference to Ministers and Students. By John Peter Lange, D.D., Professor of Theology in the University of Bonn. In connection with a number of Eminent European Divines. Translated from the German, and Edited with Additions original and selected, by Philip Schaff, D.D., in connection with American Divines of various Evangelical Denominations. Vol. I. of the New Testament; containing a general Introduction and the Gospel according to Matthew. New York: Chas. Scribner, Royal 8vo. pp. 568. For Sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

From the very first announcement of this great and comprehensive work in Germany we have cherished the wish that it might be brought within the reach of all classes of Biblical students in our own country. It is with no common gratification therefore that we announce the first instalment of an American edition in the goodly volume before us. In plan and in execution, this Commentary exceeds any that have ever appeared. More than a hundred years ago, a work on a similar plan was executed by a learned German, named Starke, but this of Lange's exceeds it in genius and geniality, besides having far richer stores of materials from which to draw. "The time," says the highly accomplished American editor, in his introductory on *Epochs of Exegesis*, "has now arrived for the preparation of a comprehensive theological commentary, which shall satisfy all the theoretical and practical demands of the evangelical ministry of the present generation, and serve as a complete exegetical library for constant reference; a commentary learned, yet popular, orthodox and sound, yet unsectarian, liberal and truly catholic in spirit and aim: combining with original research the most valuable results of the exegetical labors of the past and present, and making them available for the practical use of ministers and the general good of the church. Such a commentary can be successfully wrought out, only at such a fruitful period of biblical research as the present, and by an association of experienced divines, equally distinguished for ripe scholarship and sound piety, and fully competent to act as mediator between the severe sciences of the professional chair, and the practical duties of the pastoral office." It is needless to say that the editor in these words is felicitously and truthfully describing the work he is thus bringing within reach of the American public.

In the limits of a brief notice like the present, it is impossible fairly to present the meritorious characteristics, or convey an idea of the richness of the work. It may be regarded as a lucidly composed and arranged cyclopaedia of exegetical, doctrinal and homiletical theology. A thorough acquaintance with it might well be accepted as a sufficient preparation for the regular work of the pastoral office. Certainly the careful study and mastering of such a commentary, would insure that degree of fitness which is based upon intimate familiarity with the spirit, scope and meaning of the Scriptures.

The introductory portion of the work including Dr. Schaff's preface, are themselves treatises of great value. They include, A General Introduction to the Holy Scriptures, A General and Special Introduction to the New Testament,

General Homiletical Introduction, Introduction to the Gospel of Matthew. The body of the work includes Exegetical and Critical Notes on the original text; Doctrinal and Ethical remarks; and Suggestions of rare value and evangelical freshness and ingenuity to Preachers, called "Homiletical and Practical." The tone of the book is such as to be acceptable to all evangelical Christians and humble believers, in the divine authority and inspiration of the Scriptures, with more or less leaning to the Established churches of Germany. Dr. Lange himself, with Dr. Van Oesterzee, a distinguished champion of orthodoxy in Holland, takes the leading part in the work, having many able coadjutors; while in this country, Dr. Schaff is aided by such men as Prof. Shedd of Union Seminary, Drs. Yeomans and Kendrick of Rochester; Dr. Schaeffer of Philadelphia; Dr. Poor of Newark; Dr. Lillie of Kingston; Rev. C. C. Starbuck of New York, and Rev. J. Isidor Mombert, Lancaster, Pa.

The present volume contains only the Gospel of Matthew. The entire New Testament, except Romans, the Epistles of John and the Revelation, and of the old Testament, Genesis, are completed in the German. How fast they can appear in the present translation is not known, but each volume will be complete in itself and can be purchased separately. Mr. Scribner's price for the large volume in these times is quite moderate, \$5. We hope our clergy and lay students of the Scripture will find it practicable very generally to possess themselves of this crowning contribution of German Scholarship to the Biblical literature of our day.

CLEVELAND. The Poetical Works of John Milton; with a Life of the Author. Preliminary Dissertations, on each Poem; Notes Critical and Explanatory; an Index to the subject of Paradise Lost; and a Verbal Index to all the Poems. By Chas. Dexter Cleveland, Author of the Compendium of English, American and Classical Literature. Philadelphia: Frederick Leopoldt. 8vo. pp. 688.

A work of great labor and of permanent value. The learned and scholarly editor has been but too content to appear in that subordinate character; having given us in large measure a selection from the criticisms of others, and an improvement upon the work of others rather than his own. It would more powerfully impress upon us the living, actual influence of Milton if some living commentator would embody the impressions made by his matchless poems upon the modern mind. Prof. Cleveland however especially disclaims originality, and must be credited with entire success in his effort to furnish an edition critical enough for the scholar, full enough for the general reader, beautiful enough for the table of the opulent, and yet not too dear for the school room and the dwellings of persons of limited means. The indexes are exceedingly full, and great pains have been taken to secure an accurate text.

WILLIAMS. A Year in China; and a Narrative of Capture and Imprisonment, when Howland bound, on board the Rebel Pirate Florida. By Mrs. H. Dwight Williams. With an introductory note by William Cullen Bryant. New York, Hurd Houghton. 12mo. pp. 362.

A sprightly narrative of fresh and varied interest by one who, as wife of the American Commissioner at Swatow possessed unusual facilities for gaining information. A novel page is opened in the Literature of Modern Travels, where the capture of the writer on board the Jacob Bell, by Rebel Pirates is so graphically described. The writer is influenced by truly Christian sympathies and introduces the Missionaries and their work in the tone of sincere friendship and admiration. The *imprimatur* of Mr. Bryant could hardly be needed to give currency to a volume which has such decided elements of popularity. The exterior is very attractive.

LITERARY ITEMS. Poetry.—Our neighbor across the street, Mr. Frederick Leopoldt, is the Philadelphia publisher of Sir Edward Buller Lytton's translation of the "Poems and Ballads of Schiller." The present volume is the translator's own revision of his former translation, made as he tells us, with the advantage of ten years' additional acquaintance with Schiller, as well as with the subtleties of the language he employed. Many of the translations have been wholly rewritten, and most of them carefully re-touched.

Appleton & Co., New York, have brought out *Lyra Anglicana*, a churchy compilation by Rev. George T. Rider, M. A., selected from English writers, including in free measure the old English, such as Vaughan, Quarles, Herbert, & Crashaw. For later hymnology, the compiler draws largely upon the Koble School. The feature of the work is the arrangement—the topics following the order of the Apostle's creed. In this volume the sentiment has not disdained the adventitious aid of material drapery. The printing and binding are beautiful, and the illustrated initial letters and tail pieces take their designs from the subject.

Of Religious Publications for the month, we have nothing to add beyond

what has appeared in the regular book notices of our late and present papers. From them it will be seen that the religious publishing societies, (the Publication Committee of our own Church not the least,) are bringing many of our liveliest and best thinkers into intimacy with the public.

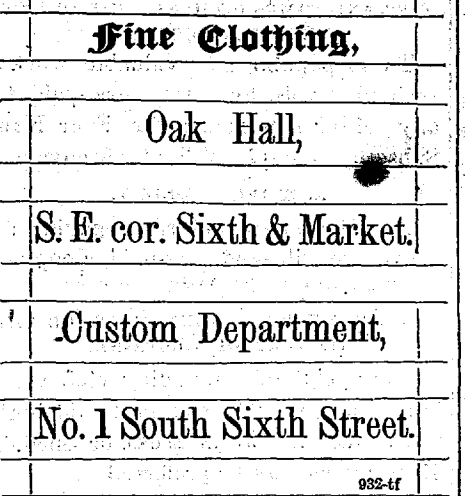
The *Juvenile Catalogues* for the holidays have, for the last three weeks, been in process of expansion. Many of the new books, as might be expected, take their tone from the times, thus insuring for the rising race such a patriotic mould of sentiment as forbids all fear of insurrection with the generation to come. It is one of the most noteworthy facts of the times that no book of disunion proclivities has dared to seek a place in our current juvenile literature. Every periodical for children teems with patriotism, and every book for the young, which broaches the subject at all, lends its influence to the cause of order and freedom.

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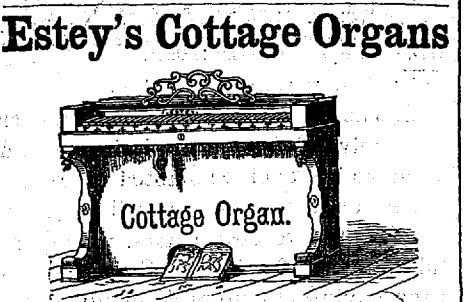
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