Editor's Cable.

HURD & HOUGHTON'S BOOKS. MILMAN. The History of the Jews, from the Earliest Period down to Modern Times. By Henry Hart Milman, D. D., Dean of St. Paul's. Reprinted from the newly-revised and corrected London Edition. In three vols. 12mo., laid tinted paper, pp. 509, 497, 479; with Index. Boston, Wm. Veazie; New York, Hurd & Houghton; Philadelphia, F. A. Leypoldt.

This is a substantial and elegant edition of a standard work, recently rewritten by the accomplished author. The style is flowing, the narration graphic, and the story moves on in the from the time of Abraham, through all quite interesting to very young readers, the Old Testament, the Maccabean, and the Roman Eras; and the fate of the nility. Much of the poetry is quite people in their modern dispersion is fol- good, and the book may be classed among lowed up so particularly, that one of the truly good books in an important sense three volumes is given entirely to this of the word. part of the subject. In a compact and readable form, we have here all the important facts in the History of the Jews. and the Index which is very full, fits it to serve as a work for reference.

We regret to notice further evidence of what we believe has already been noticed, in regard to the position of Dean Milman upon the question of inspiration; two young men in New York city. The he goes with the Broad Church party, dramatic arrangement of the few inci- of wheat in 1863 gave such general satisas represented by Dean Stanley, the Bishop of London, and the Edinburgh Review. The body of his work, indeed, contains little that would arouse suspicion; but his newly-written preface concedes all the points claimed by this wing | but we forbear. Many copies have been (not the extreme one) of the free-thinkers, circulated in the army. Price, in paper over which the recent decision of the Privy Council throws its comprehensive protection. After the fashion of that presumptuous class, Dean Milman asserts of the writers of the Old Testament: "They had no knowledge on any subject but moral and religious truths to distinguish them from other men; were as fallible as others on all questions of science, and even of history, extraneous to their religious teaching." Of course Dean Milman knows-he and his fellowdoubters are too modest and too candid to assert anything as positively as this, and on such an important subject, without demonstrative evidence. A little more reserved and more insinuating is another paragraph of the preface, which reads thus: "The moral and religious truth, and this alone, I apprehend, is the Word of God contained in the Sacred Writings." Of course the two Deans, and those who think with them, are conscious of an inward ability—which certainly plain people are not-of distinguishing what is moral and what is religious, from what is not, in the Scriptures. Dean Milman, however, himself, in another passage, admits the uncertainty of the process of elimination He says: "How far the historian may venture. how far he may succeed in discovering the latent truth under this dazzling veil, must depend on his own sagacity and the peculiar character of the different nomination! records." We must of course feel grate- Vick's ILLUSTRATED CATALOGUE, and ful for the very guarded admission he makes in reference to-he will not say miracles-but to signs, wonders, and powers, inexplicable, as far as he can ornamental gardening should procure it discern, by any ordinary causes, or any without delay. Send 10 cents to Mr. sugar, 20,000 do.; making a total of 2,550,000 fortuitous concurrence of circumstances. The force of miracles, he says, must diminish. Truly it has diminished in his mind, and in all minds so unfortunate as to have faller into the twilight of Parasis.

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REVIVALS AMONG CHILDREN. Report on Report on Revivals of Religion. Adopted by the Suffolk County Sabbath-school Association and that this may be made from the best at the have faller into the twilight of Parasis. to have fallen into the twilight of Broad Church indifferentism. Other minds admire, adore, and cry out with Thomas: My Lord and my God! or with the heathen centurion: Truly this was the Son of God! or with the ruler of the Jews: No man can do these miracles except through him to the committee for the God be with him. While Milman declares: "Men believe in miracles because | topic, on which many minds are dwelling they are religious. I doubt their be- with profound interest. The subject is coming religious through the belief in miracles:" others prefer, even yet, to follow the example of Peter, who preached desirableness of revivals; duty of preto unbelievers, "Jesus of Nazareth, a paration for revivals; conduct of a revival man approved of God, by miracles, and wonders, and signs, which God did by him;" prefer, even yet, to cite with Paul are stated, and the argument is forcible, the witness which God bore to the great encouraging, and well calculated to salvation, spoken by the Lord, "both with signs and wonders, and with divers important subject. miracles and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will," or that word of the same apostle to those in Corinth inclined to question his authority: "Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you, in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds."

It is also somewhat remarkable, that we find no clear indications that Dean Milman regarded, with any special interest, the golden thread of Providence that runs through all the history of this wonderful people, more conspicuously than in the history of any other of our race; or that he marks with any special distinctness the fulfillment of prophecy in the various epochs of their career, and in their present condition. The periodof the history coinciding with the rise of Christianity is treated almost as if there were no authentic Christian record of that era, or at any rate, almost as if Milman were as unconcerned in them as grass; do you believe that?" an unbelieving Jewish historian. He says, vol. ii, p. 130, of the crucifixion of Christ: "We leave to the Christian his-eaten had, by digestion, turned to feathers on the backs of the geese, to bristles on the torian the description of this event and all its consequences, inestimable in their importance to mankind, but which produced hardly any immediate effect on the affairs of the Jewish nation." Is Dean Milman, then, confessedly not a Christian do you understand it?"

"Certainly," they replied.

"Yes, you believe it, he rejoined, "but do you understand it?" duced hardly any immediate effect on the

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HAMILTON COLLEGE. Catalogue for 1864-65. Total of Students, 187, of beautiful sugar has proved that what was at which some forty or more are absent or first regarded as a doubtful experiment has deceased; many being in the army or fallen on the field.

THEOLOGICAL ECLECTIC, for December, edited by Prof. George E. Day, contains: Conclusion of Guizot's Doctrines of Christianity the True Solution of the Problems of Natural Religion, and the Subject of the 22d Psalm, from Delitzsch. Cincinnati, William Scott.

MINUTES OF THE SYNOD OF MICHIGAN, at its Meeting in Detroit, on Thursday, October 28, 1864, with an Appendix.

This is a very full and valuable document, a model of its kind. It shows the ment, a model of its kind. It shows the beet" is also attracting considerable atten-Synod of Michigan to be a vigorous, tion in some parts of the West, and it is liberal, prosperous body. We are astonished, however, to find that amid such a lively regard to all other church interests, no more mention is made of Publication than if such a department of Christian enterprise had no existence in our de-

tion, at West Hampton, December 13, 1864. Published by the Association.

This report was ordered published, with a vote of thanks by the Association to Rev. EPHER WHITAKER, pastor of Southold Presbyterian Church. "and said report." It is a most seasonable considered under the following divisions: want of revivals; possibility of revivals; -all among children. Without aiming to be statistical, many interesting facts deepen the interest already felt in this

BELIEVING, BUT NOT UNDERSTAND-• ING.

"I will not believe anything but what I understand," said a self-confident young man in a hotel one day.

"Nor will I," said another.
"Neither will I," chimed in a third.
"Gentlemen," said one well known to me, who was on a journey, and who sat close by, "do I understand you correctly, that you will not believe anything that you don't understand?"

"I will not," said one, and so said each one of the trio. "Well," said the stranger, "in my ride this morning I saw some geese in a field

eating grass; do you believe that?" "Certainly," said the three unbelievers. "I also saw pigs eating grass; do you believe that?"

"Of course," said the three. "And I also saw sheep and cows eat

"Of course," it was again replied. "Well, but grass which they had formerly backs of the swine, to wool on the sheep, and on the cows it had turned to hair; do you believe that, gentlemen?'

They were confounded, and silent, and evidently ashamed, as they well might be.

BEWARE of the recoil of sinful negligences: we may break our necks over the orange-peel

The Annual Report of the Commissioners of Agriculture for the year 1864 is just issued. It shows that, notwithstanding the devastation and drains of the war, our agriculture during the year has been prosperous, the farmers of the country, with somewhat less than an average in amount, having stored in value, owing to its superior quality, a larger paying crop than was ever before gathered. The crops of the year, as compared with those of 1863, are

thus stated:-. 1863. 1864. 1864. 1879. 212 bush. 530, 581, 403 bush. 173, 677, 928. 19, 972, 975. 170, 129, 864. 176, 690, 664. 115, 786, 122. 18, 170, 540. 15, 786, 122. 18, 170, 540. 18, 18, 346, 730 tons. 163, 353, 682 lbs. 197, 468, 229 lbs. Indian Corn.... Wheat.....

The report announces that during the past year the distributions from the experimental and propogating garden, under the care of this Department, have been continued, consisting principally of grapes, strawberries, and other small fruits. The celebrated Yeddo grape, from Japan, has been largely propagated and distributed into various localities, in order to test its adaptability to soils and climates. It is yet too early to decide as to its value. The demand for seeds has been greater

than during any previous year, and returns from those to whom they have been sent are most gratifying, not only as to the quality of the seeds, but in the introduction of new and valuable varieties. The distribution it was determined this year to extend its dissemination still further, and, accordingly, the Department imported several hundred bushels, which have been scattered through every loyal State. Very superior varieties of oats from Sweden, and other grains, have been distributed. Of wheat and other grains there have been sent out over 38,000 bags, holding nearly a quart each, making over 1,000 bushels. The report also says that the introduction of sorghum and imphee, and the dissemination of the seed of these plants, by the Agricultural Department, has been worth millions of dollars to the country, more especially to the Middle and Western States, where they are destined to make a valuable and paying crop. The manufacture of large quantities of become a fixed and important fact, and, although sugar may not be everywhere made, there is scarcely a State where large quantities of most excellent syrup are not manufactured. The seed of these plants has, however, so much deteriorated by hybridizing with our broom corn that the Commissioner has determined to procure fresh seeds from their native localities, and has, accordingly, sent an educated, intelligent, and reliable person to China, with directions to purchase seed, and to ascertain minutely the method of making the sugar as practiced by the natives of that country. The manufacture of sugar from the "sugar hoped will prove successful and profitable. Upon this point the report says:—

"The manufacture of beet sugar, first introduced in France by the Emperor Napoleon I, not sixty years ago, has become an immense business there and on other parts of the Continent. The yield of beet sugar in 1861 was 480,000 tons, being onesixth of all produced in the world, and one-Floral Guide for the Spring of 1865.

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Reference is also made in the report to sheep husbandry, always one of the most important of agricultural pursuits, which has recently assumed an increased consequence from the great demand for woolen goods. The Department is endeavoring by obtain from the woolen manufacturers of the country definite information as to the quality and quantity of wool consumed by each, and the kind that is deemed most de sirable to increase; and the result of this investigation, when obtained, will be at once published for the benefit of the farmers, to whom, it is believed, it will be of so convincing a nature as to cause a very large increase of their flocks, with a correspond ing increase in the production of those qualities of wool most desired by manufac

COMPOUND INTEREST GIVEN.

I know a rich merchant in St. Petersburg, who, at his own cost, supported a number of native missionaries in India, and gave like a prince to the cause of God at home. I asked him one day how he could do it? He replied, "When I served the CREAMS LA MODE DE PARIS devil, I did it on a large scale and at princely expense, and when by His grace God called me out of darkness, I resolved Christ should have more than the devil had had. But how I can give so much, you must ask of God, who enables me to give it. At my conversion I told the Lord his cause should have a part of all that my business brought me in, and every year since I made Him that promise, it has brought me in about the double that it did the year before, so that I can and do double my gifts in his cause." How true what Bunyan said:

"A man there was, some called him mad; The more he cast away, the more he had. "There is," said God, "that giveth, and

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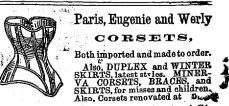
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