

Editor's Table.

CARLTON AND PORTER'S BOOKS.

STEVENS. History of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America. By Abel Stevens, LL. D. Author of the History of "The Religious Movement of the Eighteenth Century, called Methodism," etc.

These two volumes are a continuation of the author's labors in the field of Methodist Church history. His former volumes on the "Religious Movement," &c., belonged chiefly to the transatlantic phases of the history; these bring before the reader the extraordinary developments of the system in our own land.

Creation, Providence, Original Sin, the Incarnation, and Redemption. He then proceeds to consider the Supernatural, the Limits of Science, the Inspiration of the Scriptures, God according to the Bible, Jesus Christ according to the New Testament. All these points are handled with reverence, candor, and an elevated tone like that of Pascal, though without the deep and ardent intensity and nervous force of language of Pascal, and carry one far above the din of controversy into a region of calm, where faith and philosophy seem to have forgotten their differences, and walk in happy union and mutual confidence.

The history is brought down to 1790, when the Methodists of the country numbered 57,631 members, having increased from 14,988 in 1785! Dr. Stevens is a writer of acknowledged ability, skilled in the elucidation and arrangement of facts, and thoroughly in love with his great subject. His previous works have promptly taken the position of standards, where, doubtless, the present and forthcoming volumes will be readily allowed to stand.

With greater ingenuity even than usual, the gifted and powerful writer has woven allegory and real life together in this story, in such a way as to show to the young especially, the contrast between the true good and the false show which the world chases after.

SCIBNER'S BOOKS. MILLER. Lectures on the Science of Language, Delivered at the Royal Institution of Great Britain, in February-May, 1863. By Max Müller, M. A., Fellow of All Souls' College, Oxford, &c. Second series. With thirty-one illustrations. New York, Chas. Scribner. Published by arrangement with the Author. 12mo, pp. 622, laid tinted paper.

CLAYTON. Queens of Song. Being Memoirs of some of the most Celebrated Female Vocalists, from the Earliest Days to the Present Time. By Ellen Creighton Clayton. With Portraits. New York, Harper & Brothers. Crown 8vo, pp. 543.

Our readers will find in Müller's books readable and lucid discussions of most interesting problems in the study of languages. At this late day in the progress of the science, they need scarcely be admonished of its great importance to every student, and of the extraordinary compass of truth, which is often packed away in the history and peculiarities of a single term, or of the light which is cast upon human nature, in some of its most important aspects, by the

revelations which a single word or expression can be brought to make, under the skillful treatment of a competent teacher of the science.

For sale by Smith & English. GUITZ. Meditations on the Essence of Christianity, and on the Religious Questions of the Day. By M. Guizot. Translated from the French under the superintendence of the Author. New York, Chas. Scribner & Co. 12mo, pp. 356, large type.

The honored and truly great Christian philosopher of France in these meditations offers his contribution to the settlement of the religious questions now agitating all thoughtful minds. He reminds us that the assaults made by the enemies of religion are aimed at its very foundations, and affect the interests of all who claim the Christian name, Catholic and Protestant alike. Enumerating the solemn problems upon which men in all ages have exercised their deepest thoughts under the name of "Natural Problems," he gives the key-note of the "Meditations" in the following significant language:

"For myself, arrived at the term of a long life, one of labor, of reflection, and of trials—of trials in thought as well as in action, I am convinced that the Christian dogmas are the legitimate and satisfactory solutions of the religious problems which, as I have said, nature suggests and man carries in his own breast, and from which he cannot escape."

These dogmas he enumerates as follows:—Creation, Providence, Original Sin, the Incarnation, and Redemption. He then proceeds to consider the Supernatural, the Limits of Science, the Inspiration of the Scriptures, God according to the Bible, Jesus Christ according to the New Testament.

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Amid much to admire and rejoice in, and while admitting the sincere purpose of the venerable author to uphold the structure of evangelical Christianity, we regret to observe the looseness of his views on Inspiration. On this point he opens a door wide enough to admit a host of modern errorists, and weakens the entire fabric of his argument by maintaining the well-known but impracticable distinction, that the Bible is inspired exclusively and only on the subject of religion and morals. He even takes the trouble to give, in a note, instances of errors in grammar, which he thinks he and his son have discovered in the original languages of the Old and New Testaments—a piece of superfluous criticism which we are glad to see Professor Taylor Lewis has had the opportunity afforded him by the publisher to rebuke and expose in a supplementary note.

HARPER AND BROTHERS' BOOKS. SPEKE. Journal of the Discovery of the Source of the Nile. By John Hanning Speke, Capt. H. M. Indian Army &c. With map and portraits and numerous illustrations, chiefly from drawings by Captain Grant. New York, Harper & Brothers. 8vo, pp. 590.

It is some months since this thrilling narrative of one of the most remarkable of the most famous tours of modern explorers was first given to the public; but the recent lamented death of the author and hero has thrown a new interest around the volume. The journal stretches over a period from May 1859 to February 1863, although the journey itself was commenced in April, 1860, and continued nearly three years to the last named date. The strange countries brought to light, the wonder of a semi-civilization in the heart of Africa, the dangers and privations bravely met, and finally the discovery of the great lake and its outlet, doubtless the long-sought source of the Nile, form a volume of surpassing interest and instruction. The illustrations are in lavish abundance, mostly full page engravings, and generally admirably executed. The maps are minute and elegant.

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singers and performers as a class from the doubtful position which it has occupied. DICKENS. Our Mutual Friend. By Charles Dickens. With Illustrations. New York, Harper & Brothers. Part I. 8vo, pp. 186.

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS. THE CONGREGATIONAL QUARTERLY, January, 1865, contains Noah Webster; Historical View of Sabbath-Schools; Hancock Church, Boston; The Indian Churches in Nantucket; "At Rome do as the Romans do;" The Functions of Ministerial Associations. Hints upon the Work of our Churches as Effected by the Present State of the Country. Proposed National Council of Congregational Churches. Congregational Necrology. Notices of Books. Editor's Table. Statistics of the American Orthodox Churches as collected in 1864. List of Congregational Ministers, with their latest known Post Office address. Congregational Quarterly Record, and other valuable statistical matter. Boston, Congregational Building, 25 Chauncy street.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE for January contains Tony Butler, conclusion. Visit to the Cities and Camps of the Confederate States, 1863-64, Part II. Italian Portraits. Cornelius O'Dowd, Part XII. Life in an Island. Day and Night. The Man and the Monkey. Nile Basins and Nile Explorers. The European Situation.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE for February 4 contains seven articles from leading foreign periodicals. Also John Jay and Parke Godwin on Edward Everett; Poetry and short articles. Littell, Son & Co., Boston. Weekly \$8 per annum, postage prepaid.

STUDENT AND SCHOOLMATE for February. "Olive Optic" editor. Joseph H. Allen, Boston, publisher, \$1.50 per annum. ANNUAL REPORT of the Chief Engineer of the Water Department of the City of Philadelphia, presented to Councils February 2, 1865. As usual, Mr. Birkinbine has presented us with a full and valuable report of his well-kept Department, to which our city is so much indebted for its health and prosperity. The Report treats of the Quality of the Water, the Drainage into Fairmount Dam, the Quantity supplied from 1854 to 1864, the Capacity of the Works and Reservoirs, and the Character and Efficiency of the Pumping Machines used. Important suggestions as to the increased supply every year becoming more necessary are made. The condition and operation of the works and distribution of the main pipes are given in detail. The ill effects of mere partisanship in the selection of men, without proper qualifications, to fill important subordinate posts in the Department, are forcibly exhibited. We trust the time is at hand when faithful services and competent men will be properly valued in every department of public life. Mr. Birkinbine has been connected with the Water Department longer than any official since the elder Graeff.

THIRTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind, presented December 15, 1864. This report shows increasing activity and zeal on the part of the officers of our well-known Philadelphia Institution for the welfare of the blind of our people, responded to, as we are happy to observe, with corresponding interest and encouragement on the part of the public. The Institution depletes the loss, during the year, of its honored matron, Mrs. Eliza White, who, for twenty-two years and a half, had filled the post. Mrs. Rebecca Roselle, occupies her place. One pupil also had died. Both of these deaths were accompanied with the comforting assurance of evangelical faith. One hundred and eighty-five pupils have been in the Institution during the year, thirty-one of whom supported themselves in whole or in part. Books for the blind are said to be growing scarce. CATALOGUE of Amherst College for 1864-65. Students 212. Spring recess commences April 5. Hickok's Empirical Psychology and Moral Science are taught in the senior year. Address before the Literary Societies of Waynesburg College, Greene County, Pennsylvania, September 19, 1864, by Hon. Waitman F. Wiley. The theme: Christianity in its Secular Influences—a fit subject for a Christian Senator of our country, which owes so much to these very influences,—is earnestly and ably handled. The impression of such eloquence, enlisted in such a cause, could not but be favorable upon the susceptible minds of the auditors.

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