

Editor's Table.

ELLIOTT. A Critical and Grammatical Commentary on St. Paul's Epistles to the Philippians, Colossians, and to Philemon.

We regard the commentaries of Bishop Elliott as among the very best indications in the sphere of scientific theology at this time.

The Commentary before us is marked by the same scholarly simplicity, directness and brevity in all methods of aiming at the sense of the sacred writer as previous ones.

The diligence with which the author has studied the ancient versions, not only the Syriac, Old Latin and Gothic, but the Ethiopic and Coptic also, has given additional value and fullness to the critical part of the work.

His amended English Version at the end is executed with the same religious fidelity and veneration for the associations of the authorized version in all pious minds.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS. THE NATION'S GRIEF. A discourse delivered in the Chapel of the Officers' Division of the United States General Hospital, near Fortress Monroe, April 29, 1865.

THE ANNALS OF IOWA; a Quarterly publication, by the State Historical Society, at Iowa City, July, 1865.

You often say, "How much good I would do with my money if I were as rich as this man or the other!"

Miscellaneous.

THE POPE'S LOTTERY.

The Dean of Canterbury, after a visit of observation to Rome, and close investigation of Romanism at home in the Papal city, gives the following account:—

There is a great institution at Rome, which in fact may be called the institution of Rome: greater than the Church, far greater than the trade, or the well-being of the city.

In order to do this, let the reader accompany me to the square, called Madama, behind the General Post-office, at a quarter before twelve on Saturday, the drawing season.

In the middle of this balcony is placed a glass barrel, with a handle to turn it round. Behind it stand three or four officials, just ushered in by sound of trumpet.

What does all this mean? In almost every street of Rome is a shop, and in the larger streets several, for the sale of lottery-tickets.

The tendency of all this is demoralizing to an extent which cannot be appreciated by those who have not seen it on the spot.

When the lottery was first established, its object was the furnishing a marriage portion for certain designated girls at the public expense.

But here comes in another fact worthy of notice. Up to the beginning of 1863 the drawings of the Roman lottery were

held only fortnightly. In the alternate weeks the Romans played in the other Italian lotteries by turns.

There is one terrible feature in this matter, of the truth of which I am, on all hands, assured, and which of itself justifies the strong language which I have applied to the government of the priests.

But its conduct in another particular is severely commented on. Sacred times with their strict rules, so ostentatiously paraded on the walls, with texts of Scripture annexed, are set aside when the lottery requires it.

Much more might be added in regard to other abuses, but this paper is sufficiently long, and enough has been adduced to show the English reader the true state of things here.

To a practiced eye everything here indicates that the present state of Rome cannot last much longer. Causes are at work stronger and deeper than the duration of French occupation or the life-time of the present Pope.

Why did God love man? How little do we understand what God's grace is! And how slow are we to perceive that grace is for the sinner, simply and solely as a sinner.

But man was ungracious and ungrateful. And, moreover, God loves those who love him. But man did not love God. The sinner in his natural, carnal mind, never loves God, but is enmity against him.

My first thought was, where is the train that can bear me swift enough to the cell? I dreamt not of delay. Delay appeared cruel; until, at the very threshold of the prison, I bethought me thus—How can I tell him? The news will kill him.

But fearing to break the royal pardon to him too suddenly, I added: "Would you like your life?" "Sir," he responds, "I do not trifle with me."

He looks inquiringly at me, but is silent. "Can you read this?" "And now those hot eyes are directed down upon the paper. As he intently reads, putting my arm around his shoulders, I say: "There, my poor fellow; this is your life!"

As I had expected, he dropped down at my feet. There he lies, as it were dead! It was more than he could bear.

Would to God, that thousands, like my poor prisoner, were so overwhelmingly affected as to fall as dead with joy at the far more momentous and glorious announcement which I bring to them this day!

But now, revived, he asks—"Sir, who sent me this?" "The Queen sent it." "Why did the Queen send it to me?" "I cannot say. It was grace in her—her act as sovereign. It pleased her to do it."

It was the laudable ambition of Cotton Mather to say, "He did not know of any person in the world who had done him an ill office but he had done him a good one in return."

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Having learned that E. Clarence Smith is about to establish an English and Classical School for boys in the city of Philadelphia, I desire to say that Mr. Smith was a classmate of mine in college, and was one of the first in his class in all the studies of the course.

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