Coitor's Table.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND THE-OLOGICAL REVIEW FOR JULY.

The number for July is an improvement on its predecessor. The first article, by Prof. Henry B. Smith, is an analysis with proof-texts, of about one-half of Julius Muller's System of Theology. This analysis is the pre-Mosaic time, we may be free to based upon a small work published in Germany by one of Muller's auditors, with the consent of the Professor, as a help to those attending the lectures. Prof. Smith was assisted also by manuscript notes of the lectures in giving greater fulness and clearness to the statements. The analysis is the more valuable from the persistent refusal of Prof. M. to publish his lectures, and we have in these pages probably the fullest account of his system anywhere in print. It is well worth the perusal of the student, and his careful attention should be given to the proof-texts, which, in the little German work, are the leading points, (its title is Beweisstellen); the texts being there given, in full, in Hebrew, Greek, and German. Prof. Muller's system has its decidedly objectionable points, as the doctrine of preexistence, and loose or inadequate views consequence of these explorations. The upon the doctrine of the decrees, upon in- Bedouin tribes extend but a little distance spiration, and in the doctrine of eschatolo- from the Northern frontier, and are sepagy. A leading merit is that REDEMPTION | rated by a line of deserts from a fixed and is its starting point. This he declares to well-governed population. The Wahabees, be "the focus of the Christian religion." the Puritans of Mohammedanism, occupy He also keeps equally clear from the error this central region. of Schleiermacher, who makes religion a mere feeling, (that of "absolute dependence,") and the opposite error of rational- manner, the superiority of this to the ists, who would reduce religion to knowl- earlier editions of the same, and some edge. Religion, he says, is fellowship with other dictionaries, (Bailey 1720, Johnston God, as personal, indicated by love, rever- 1775.) The points of comparison chiefly ence, prayer, &c. And again, Religion is qualitatively superior to philosophy, since it is not merely a knowledge of God, but a life in God of which life knowledge is only one of the elements. We shall look with interest for the remaining half of the analysis. ing many sound and patriotic views; but

good that we regret its brevity. His aim undertake the part of loyalty, without in is, by enlarging upon the difficulty of pro-· ducing a truly good sermon at the present In this article, Mr. Lincoln's name and day, to induce students and preachers to character are plainly made the supports on devote themselves to the needful work of which to hang an elaborate argument preparation with appropriate energy. His concluding remarks, upon the importance of method in the sermon, with a view to make it carry all the freightage of truth practicable and in the most available form, especially in this age of rapid and direct movement in matter and mind, is full of wisdom, and gives the secret, in great part, of an effective, rightly popular, and permanent ing prisoners and the like; and that they

article of Prof. Shedd, calculated to exalt of offences. The tendency of this whole learning too highly in the eyes of the min- argument is demoralizing and encouraging istry, the following article, or we might to unrepentant rebels. It is, of course, to rather say appeal, from Dr. Wayland, be expected that the action of the old would be quite sufficient to dissipate it en- | School Assembly, excluding ministers and tirely, and to recall the preacher to the sim- bodies, who had gone into rebellion, from ple and grand object of his profession and the Church, until they give evidence of re- and patriarchs. to the spiritual sources of power needed in pentence, should greatly displease the redischarging its duties. Dr. Wayland takes viewer, as the next article, on the Assemthe wonderful ministry of David Brainerd | bly at Pittsburg, shows it did. This is a among the Indians, as his text, and from remarkable critic, who pretends to hate the that he knew nothing about his subject that urges the duty of preaching Christ crime, while he would still fraternize with Braving all risks, he wrote to his son to crucified upon the ministry of our day and | the criminal! country. He says :-

all desire of ecclesiastical distinction, local some policy towards inexorable rebels position, reputation for learning, or elo- adopted at Pittsburg; and that Princeton quence, increase of salary, or any of the temptations that now so thickly encompass a minister of Christ, and devotes himself at side, in this conflict with the loyal spirit in all hazards to the preaching of Christ cru- its own denomination, as well as in the comcified in such a way that his whole audience munity generally. Ere long we think it for himself nothing but holiness, and for his hearers nothing but the salvation of has departed, Ilium fuit. We are sorry to the Poet, and the Alexandre the Romancan understand him, when he asks of God their souls, . . people begin, nobody be obliged to write these words of serious cer. can tell why, to come to the house of God, one and another is inquiring what he shall do to be saved, and silent awe pervades the assembly, so that a passing stranger, coming in by accident, feels that there is an atmosphere of religious thoughtfulness such as he never witnessed before," &c.

The indefatigable Dr. Gillett, of Harlem, whose pen is, we should judge, about as busy, and whose powers of observation, investigation, and of lucid reporting, are about as great and incessantly occupied, as those of any man we know of, gives us a full and valuable summary of Augustine's de Civitate Dei, a library of books in itself. Thirteen years was the great Atrican Father engaged upon this treatise, which includes Mythology, History, sacred and profane Philosophy, and the various branches of Theology. It is a monument of the learning of his time and remained an authority until the Reformation. It is the case of the Church versus Old Rome. Pity that it cannot be had seperately, like the "Confessions."

Other articles in this number are, a concluding one on the government of the Primitive Church, on the early Life of Milton -tame, commonplace, and inadequate-on Household Baptism, with a re-examination of Scripture passages; The College and the New Country, by President Tuttle, lively and readable, with some points well-put.

While this number interests us more than the last, we cannot feel that it fairly exhibits the great abilities of its chief editor, or of the wide theological circle in which it moves. We ask for decided improvement, or a return to an earlier standard of excellence, believing that unless there are pecuniary difficulties in the way, we shall see it ere long. The typographical errors are far too numerous and important for a work of this character.

BIBLICAL REPERTORY AND PRINCE. TON REVIEW.

ART. I .- Early History of Heathenism. From a patient and instructive inquiry into the early heathen writings and inscriptions, Persian, Indian, and Egyptian, the author infers the continuance, for some time after Noah, among the primitive tribes of men, of the knowledge of the true God. "In believe that multitudes were saved for God out of every land and nation, in accordance with the Noachic covenant. And it is pleasant to believe that the early message heart and on many a tongue, long and tracted migrations." This, let us recollect, is from Princeton. The concluding sentence is also worth transcribing: "Heathenism is man's development of God's revelation, and is related to the ancient dispensations as Romanism to the Christian."

The next article on Arabia, brings together, in a most interesting and instructive way, the results of recent explorations in that little known portion of the earth. Entirely different ideas of the interior of the country must now be entertained in

The Revised Webster is a scholarly and yet readable article, showing, in a luminous noted are Etymology and Definition. The very great superiority of the revised, over the last preceding edition of Webster is clearly shown.

President Lincoln, is an article contain-Prof. Shedd's article on Homiletics is so did Princeton ever, in all this rebellion, some way revealing its utter want of heart? against punishing treason as such. Because Washington and Hampden were of a neat and handsome pattern. It conrebels, therefore we must not punish the rebels of the South for treason! The writer is so stupid or so infatuated with his own sympathy for these criminals, as to declare that the people generally do not wish them hung for treason, but only for staryministry, so far as it depends on the pulpit. fail to make the proper discrimination in If any impression were made by this their own minds between these two classes

We are inclined to believe that the Old "When a minister has laid aside forever School Church will adhere to its wholewill continue to find itself on the losing dispraise of the managers of this sterling old periodical. The number before us otherwise is exceedingly able and valuable.

in England, three hundred years ago. New York: Carlton & Porter.

Another juvenile—a handsomely gotten up 18mo, of 209 pages, from a house which has furnished much safe and interest reading for the young. It is a touching, but not exaggerated, record of the patience of the saints in the days when theirs were literally fiery trials—a fiction only so far as it embodies in a personal narrative well authenticated scenes of the persecution of Protestants under Queen Marv. Lilian is a girl, whose child faith withstood alike the seductive and terrible arts of the English Antichrist, and who was finally brought to the stake, but saved at the last moment by the rushing in of a messenger with the announcement, " Queen Mary is dead, and Queen Elizabeth reigns!" The story has several pictorial illustrations. We are dell, afterwards, by adopting his mothers ching light, the eye is unconsciously name. Alexander Slidell Mackensic. He spined. I have seen more than one case for the copy before us.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS. RETURN OF THE VICTORS. A Discourse addressed to our Returned Soldiers, delivered in the Central Presbyterian Ch., Rochester, June 25th, 1865, by Rev. F.

F. Ellinwood, pastor of the church. This truly eloquent discourse breathing the warmth of a hearty welcome and kindly solicitude for the true interest of the returned soldiers in their new relations, has already been noticed in our columns. We observe in a note, that since the opening of the rebellion ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY volunteers have gone from the Rochester Central Congregation and Sabbath-school. One Sabbath-school class furnished thirtysix. Only sixteen are known to have of the country—to treasure up che fallen in battle or otherwise.

Illinois, May 4, 1865. Ry Rev. Matthew Simpson, D.D., one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. For sale by Perkinpine & Higgins, 56 N. 4th St., Phil-

LITERARY ITEMS. AMERICAN.

A second edition of Mr. Edward Mc-Pherson's " Political History of the United States of America during the Great Rebellion" has just been published by Philip & of salvation may have been carried in many | Solomons, Washington. The author, Clerk of the House of Representatives in both far, among emigrating tribes on their pro- made good use of his position, personally sessions of the Thirty-eighth Congress, and politically, to obtain, collate, and condense an immense variety of facts; and he digested them so well that the work at once became a text-book. In the new edi tion, the author has revised the whole volume, corrected errors, added much new material, and given the documentary history of the South Carolina Convention, &c. An entirely new chapter on "The Church | and the Rebellion" is full of interest; and, indeed, Mr. McPherson has spared no pains to make the book of permanent value. It has the closing advantage of a very full

> lishers are thus enable to command what, in the ordinary issue of books, would be regarded as an exorbitant price, and are sure of a clean sale. Thuse we see announced by a New York house, an octavo edition of five hundred copies of the "Bibliotheca Americana Vetustissima: A Description of Works Relating to America and printed between the years 1492 and 1551." The design of this publication is to give a list and critical account of all the works relating to America, which have been published in Italy, Germany, Spain, Portugal, France, England, Holland, and Mexico, from the time of the discovery by Columbus to the year 1551. Upwards of two hundred titles (where Ternaux has fifty-eight and Rich only twenty) have been collected, and copied from the original works themselves, nearly all of which are in the possession of several well-known American collectors, who allowed the use of those extremely rare books in the preparation of this volume.

Messrs. Ticknor & Fields have brought out the new "Farringford Edition" of Tennyson's Poems. They are printed upon heavy tinted paper of the finest quality. and bound chastely yet elegantly in muslin tains a new portrait of the poet-by far the best yet done—and three steel plates. The edition is complete, containing all the poems included in previous volumes. We add, with sadness of feeling, that if the accounts of the physical infirmities of the gifted author are true, this edition is likely to remain what it is now-a complete edition of his poems.

FOREIGN.

Music is sometimes turned to odd uses It is announced that at the inauguration of the statue of Dr. Jenner, which is to take place at Boulogne soon, a "Hymn to Beauty" written by Mr. Elwart will be sung, in which the great discovery of vaccination is to be successfully illustrated by choruses of children, young men, mothers,

Alexandre Dumas figures as the hero of rie advertised a lecture on the late poet Jasmin—the last of the Troubadours-but found at the last moment ask for the ground-work for the lecture. Between father and son no love is lost, as is proved by the epigrammatic nickname of "Le pere prodigue," which the great Alexandre received from his son. On this occasion Alexandre the Less was sulky, and sent back a message to the effect that if the father must lecture, he had better do so about something he understood—himself, for instance. The father took the hint, and delighted the Bordellais with an amusing sermon, the text of which was Jasmin

cousin Jerome.

the authorship of "A Year in Spain," the window. saying that he wrote it when a very young feading by twilight is dangerous.

man. The true author was Alexander St. Gadually accommodating itself to the reindebted to Messrs. Perkinpine & Higgins name, Alexander Slidell Mackensic. He died in 1848.

CORRECT. SPEAKING.

We advise all young people to acquire early life the habit of using good language both in speaking and writing, and to ave as early as possible the use of slang wor and phrases. The longer they live to more difficult of acquisition such langua will be; and if the golden age of youth the proper season of acquisition of langua be passed in its abuse, the unfortun victim of neglected education will doomed to talk slang for life. Money not necessary to procure this educati Every man has it in his power. He merely to use the language he reads inst of the slang he hears-to form his to from the best speakers, writers and po phrases in his memory, and habituate I doubt if a good lady, who called on me the

Funeral Address. Delivered at the self to their use—avoiding at the same time Burial of President Lincoln, at Springfield, that pedantic precision and bombast which bespeaks rather the weakness of a vain ambition than the polish of an educated mind. There is no man, however low in rank, who may not materially benefit his financial condition by following this advice. and cultivating, at the same time, such morals and manners as correspond in character with good words.

Miscellaneous.

SHOWING HIM A MIRACLE. Ernest Renan having said, in his "Life of Jesus," that the proper way of proving the reality of a miracle is to show one, a pamphleteer "shows" him one in a letter Upon the Establishment of the Christian

Religion," which we here translate :-

SIR-Permit me to-day to draw your attention again to the establishment of the Christian religion, a fact upon which we naturally differ in opinion. Like you, when I have striven to identify its cause with the mere forces of man, I have failed in my endeavor. The supernatural, then, has been the only conducting thread which has helped me to escape from the labyrinth, where I see you continually seeking to rectify yourself, without ever doing it, and condemned to escape therefrom only when The practice of publishing very limited you shall have proved that there is nothing editions of works is on the increase. Pub miraculous in the establishment of Chris tianity. Pardon this little digression; I go straight to the work. There is a religion called the Christian, whose founder was Jesus, named the Christ. This religion, which has lasted eighteen centuries, and which calls itself the natural developmen of that Judaism which ascends near to the cradle of the world, had the apostles for its first propagators. When these men vished to establish it they had for adversa-

The national pride of the Jews; The implacable hatred of the Sanhe-

The brutal despotism of the Roman em-The railleries and attacks of the philoso-

The libertinism and caste-spirit of the page priests;
The savage and cruel ignorance of the

. The faggot and bloody games of the cir-

The had an enemy in Ever miser; Ever debauched man;

Everydrunkard; Everythief: Everymurderer;

Every broud man; Every landerer; Every ar.

Not one of the vices, in fact, which abuse our poor lumanity which did not constitute itself their adversary.

To compat so many enemies, and surmoun so hany obstacles, they had only Their ignorance;

Their poverty: Thir obscurity; Teir weakness;

The fewness;

If bu had been their cotemporary at the Bald to Jog, their work, and we are sing to the conquest of the world: before ur word pagan temples shall crum ble, ad their idols shall fall upon their facer the philosophers shall be convicted face from the throne of Cæsar we shall hal the Roman eagle, and in its place we sad plant the cross; we shall be the techers of the world; the ignorant and the haned will declare themselves our disci-!"—hearing him speak thus, you would said, "Be silent, imbecile!" And ou are tolerant from nature and princi-, you would have defended him before Sanhedrim, and have counseled it shut up the fisherman of Bethsaida and companions in the madhouse. And t, sir, what you would have thought a btable madness is to day a startling reality, ith which I leave you face to face.

OUR EYES.

Indigestion is the principle source of Just now there seems to be in the old eak eyes. Reading in the cars often world an unusual amount of literary and eriously disturbs the vision. A delicate political affiliation. The new British Par- Ind wonderful apparatus within the eye is liament will contain an unprecedently large constantly busy in adapting it to the varying LILIAN. A Story of the Days of Martyrdom | number of men of more or less note in the local distances. The jerking motion of the literary world. Besides those who holdbars compels an exhaustive effort to mainover, we have as new members John Stuarttain the required adaptation. Thousands Mill, Thomas Hughes, and several others of eyes are spoiled by reading in cars and Mill, in his speech from the hustings, sur other vehicles. Recently I was consulted prised all his friends by his power in what by a railway expressman who had become we, in this country, should call stump or totally blind by reading the newspaper in tory. He was supposed to be so much the cars. Thousands who have never conslave of scholarship, that a dead failure i sciously suffered any inconvenience from that department was reckoned upon. But the habit, are obliged to wear glasses prehe won laurels decidedly. In the Bona maturely, to correct an unsteadiness of parte family, the ambition for authorshi visi n produced in this way. Reading is not likely to be confined to the Imperia with the gas-light before you is another historian of Cæsar. We have the announce cause of weak eyes. The light should alment that there is in press the first vol ways hang quite high and behind you, and ume of a history of the Bonapartes from the allowed to shine over your shoulder. If pen of Prince Napoleon, the Emperor convenient, it should be over the left shoulder. If using kerosene, it is best to The London Athæneum has credited the employ the lamps which hang on the wall. rebel emissary to Paris, John Slidell, with Neither should you read with face toward

grave disease of the eye, produced by an idue effort to use the vision too long at

White paint is another mischief to the yes. White paint outside, white paint inside, white paint everywhere. During the season of brightest sunshine the glare hurts the eye. I wonder if it is not in bad taste likewise? I notice that artists have none of it about them.

In our constant reading, the eye-sight as much tired by the white paper. I hope that the tinted paper, with a still deeper color, may become fashionable.

Avoid reading by artificial light when you can. We read too much. We read as we eat-pell-mell, hotchity potch; no mastication, no digestion. If, as a people, we read less, we might know more. Few indications are more unpromising in a child than a remarkable passion for books. I

other day, with her son, will ever forgive me for what I said to her. Her boy was of the regular Boston type, great head and eyes, with small and narrow chest. She said, in a mournful voice, but with evident pride :- "Ah, doctor, he has such a passion for books. As soon as he is out of bed he is down at some great book, and scarcely leaves it but for his meals. He never plays like other children." I told her, among other things, that unless she could break up that habit her son would very likely turn out a dolt. She left very soon, with the belief that I did not understand her son's case. I should have about as much hope of a man who gave himself up to childish sports as I should of a child who gave himself up to the habits and life of a man.

The newspapers have much to answer for in the way of small type and imperfect printing. I would cheerfully give two hundred dollars a year to support a newspaper which would give us, morning and evening, half a column of the really reliable news, instead of fifteen colums of diluted speculations and tricky canards, the reading of which hurts our eyes and wastes our precious time.—Dr. Dio Lewis.

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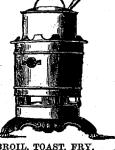
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