

Editor's Table.

AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN AND THEOLOGICAL 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.

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.

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Prof. Shedd's article on Homiletics is so good that we regret its brevity. His aim is, by enlarging upon the difficulty of producing a truly good sermon at the present day, to induce students and preachers to devote themselves to the needful work of preparation with appropriate energy.

BIBLICAL REPERTORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.

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.

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When a minister has laid aside forever all desire of ecclesiastical distinction, local position, reputation for learning, or eloquence, increase of salary, or any of the temptations that now so thickly encompass a minister of Christ, and devotes himself to all hazards to the preaching of Christ crucified in such a way that his whole audience can understand him, when he asks of God for himself nothing but holiness, and for his hearers nothing but the salvation of their souls, people begin, nobody 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.

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.

FUNERAL ADDRESS. Delivered at the Burial of President Lincoln, at Springfield, Illinois, May 4, 1865. By Rev. Matthew Simpson, D.D., one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

LITERARY ITEMS.

A second edition of Mr. Edward McPherson's "Political History of the United States of America during the Great Rebellion" has just been published by Philip & Solomons, Washington.

The practice of publishing very limited editions of works is on the increase. Publishers are thus enabled to command what, in the ordinary issue of books, would be regarded as an exorbitant price, and are sure of a clean sale.

Messrs. Ticknor & Fields have brought out the new "Farrington Edition" of Tennyson's Poems. They are printed upon heavy tinted paper of the finest quality, and bound chastely yet elegantly in muslin of a neat and handsome pattern.

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 greater beauty of vaccination is to be successfully illustrated by choruses of children, young men, mothers, and patriarchs.

Alexandre Dumas figures as the hero of another story. He advertised a lecture on the late poet Jasmin—the last of the Troubadours—but found at the last moment that he knew nothing about his subject.

We are inclined to believe that the Old School Church will adhere to its wholesome policy towards inexorable rebels adopted at Pittsburg; and that Princeton will continue to find itself on the losing side, in this conflict with the loyal spirit in its own denomination, as well as in the community generally.

Another juvenile—a handsomely gotten up 18mo, of 209 pages, from a house which has furnished much safe and interesting reading for the young.

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.

self to their use—avoiding at the same time that pedantic precision and bombast which bespeaks rather the weakness of a vain ambition than the polish of an educated mind.

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.

The national pride of the Jews; The implacable hatred of the Sanhedrim; The brutal despotism of the Roman emperors; The raileries and attacks of the philosophers; The libertinism and caste-spirit of the pagans; The savage and cruel ignorance of the masses; The flagrant and bloody games of the circus.

They had an enemy in Ever miser; Ever debauched man; Ever drunkard; Every thief; Every murderer; Every rascal; Every rascal; Every rascal; Every rascal.

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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.

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 columns of diluted speculations and tricky canards.

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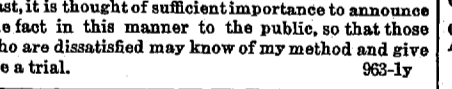
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