

News of our Churches.

FULTON, NEW YORK.—The pastorate of this church, one of the prosperous charges in connection with the Presbytery of Oswego, was recently vacated by the transfer of Rev. Edward Lord to Adams, New York. It is now about again to be filled, Rev. F. A. Spencer having accepted a call to it. Mr. Spencer spent the earlier part of his ministerial life as pastor in Westmoreland, in the same Synod, (Utica,) but has spent the last twelve years in the same capacity in New England. His ministry has thus far been an exceedingly useful one, both as pastor and preacher, and his return to Central New York is an event which is hailed with much satisfaction.

REV. SELDEN HAINES, D.D., formerly pastor in Rome, New York, has returned to that place, with a view of making it his permanent residence, intending to labor in the Gospel as calls in the neighborhood may arise. Dr. Haines has filled different pastorates in the State of New York, always, we believe, at important points, and in all cases making for himself a noble record.

REV. W. WISNER MARTIN, late of San Jose, California, arrived at New York week before last. We have before noticed his projected installation at San Jose, as having been put off on account of his sickness, and that he was lying very low and in a very critical condition. He rallied sufficiently for the voyage home, and we are happy to see it stated that he seems no worse for it.

EAST TENNESSEE.—Rev. James A. Griffes, who went out under the auspices of our Home Missionary Committee, has accepted an invitation to a permanent settlement over the church in New Market, in connection with Union Presbytery. Writing to *The Evangelist*, respecting the churches of the Presbytery, he says:—"They are all more or less depleted by the results of the rebellion. Those members, however, who remain, seem imbued with the spirit of labor, and are anxious to revive the ordinances of the Lord's house. Hence, whatever effort is put forth by missionaries commissioned by the Presbyterian Home Mission Committee, is duly appreciated and heartily welcomed. The churches stand ready, notwithstanding the desolation of war, to do what they can to sustain the preaching of the Word, and to reorganize and sustain Sabbath-schools and prayer-meetings. But it ought to be constantly remembered that these churches are terribly weakened, numerically and in material resources; that the church edifices, too, are sadly out of repair, and some of them utterly destroyed." Mr. Griffes thus offers his field to the notice of Christian people disposed toward emigration:—"If any of your readers at the North are longing for homes in a more genial clime, let them come to East Tennessee and find a most genial and healthful climate, a fruitful soil, beautiful scenery, mountains, hills, valleys, rivers, and 'branches' fed by springs, the like of which you do not see at the North. Let them come into the New Market Valley and buy up the farms vacated by rebels; let them come and line these unemployed water courses, with mills and manufactories, and arouse the hum of busy life; let them come with the spirit of Christianity to fill up our depleted churches and help us make good the wear and tear and loss by war, and they will all be most heartily welcomed. There is room and a welcome for farmers and mechanics, for all who will come and apply industry, skill, and capital to the as yet but partially developed resources of this beautiful and fertile country; especially so if they will come imbued with the spirit of an earnest Christianity."

ANOTHER VETERAN GONE.—Rev. Truman Baldwin departed this life at Cicero, in Central New York, July 27, at the advanced age of eighty-four years. The wife of his youth preceded him to the land of the glorified just three years previously; and on the 12th of August, their daughter, the wife of D. M. Linsley, of Kalamazoo, Mich., joined herself to the same saintly society. Mr. Baldwin's active ministry belonged to the days of the past, and was exercised in Charlotte, Vermont, and Pompey and Somerset, N. Y. His pastorate in each of these places was one of marked results, such as building up a feeble church, the conversion of sinners, and furnishing valuable recruits for the ministry. His memory will be the blessed one of the just.

ANOTHER CHURCH HOUSED.—The *Christian Herald* has the account of the dedication of a church in the small but neat and thrifty village of Bantam, twenty-five miles east of Cincinnati. The dedication took place on Sabbath, the 27th ult. Rev. C. E. Babb, of College Hill, preaching the sermon. A collection was made, a little more than sufficient to complete the payment for the building and furniture. The *Herald* says of this enterprise:—"Two years ago, a little band of Presbyterians, who had been worshipping in an old house in the country, and were known as the Monroe Church, determined to build in the village. There were but thirty members in all. They had energy, liberality, and faith, and the result is, that they have completed a brick house of worship, 40x60, with a neat tower; have finished it in the best style, carpeted it, furnished it with a fine chandelier and pulpit lights, a sofa and chairs, a large pulpit Bible and Hymn book a communion service, etc." Rev. J. L. French is the pastor, and the *Herald*

adds, that he "has now one of the best church edifices of its size in the State, and one of the most interesting congregations, if we may judge by what we saw of them during our brief visit."

REV. HERRICK JOHNSON.—A London letter to *Pittsburgh* says that this much beloved pastor of the Third Presbyterian Church in that city, with his wife, had left for the Continent a few days previously.

Editor's Table.

THE FOREIGN QUARTERLYS.

From Messrs. L. Scott & Co., New York, through W. B. Zieber, Philadelphia, we have the reprints of the July number of the *Edinburgh, London, Quarterly*, and *Westminster Reviews*.

Among the eleven articles in the *Edinburgh*, we note that on *Idiot Asylums* as presenting, in available shape, a large number of interesting and valuable facts, gathered from French, English, German, and American sources, upon the humane and skilful efforts now being made for this class of unfortunates. The cheering, and in some cases, surprising success attending these efforts is fully described. Due credit is given to the efforts and the writings of philanthropists in this country and the Pennsylvania Training School for Feeble Minded Children, near this city, is specified as furnishing remarkable instances of improvement. Indeed, it seems to us that teachers of stronger minded children might learn the most profitable lessons of patience, gentleness, and ingenuity in communicating ideas, from these laborers in a more difficult branch of education.

We do not admire the haughty tone of the article on the Revision of the English Bible; in which all who oppose the immediate undertaking of that important work, are rated as ignoramuses or hypocrites, and in which the claim is made for the opposer of the plenary inspiration of the Scriptures that they are more anxious than believers to give the people an adequate version of the Bible. No popular version of the Bible would ever have been given to the people, and no enormous benevolent establishments for spreading it broadcast among men would ever have originated from the cold-hearted and semi-infidel school of exegetes represented by the *Edinburgh* critic. Only those who are convinced through and through of the inspired character and the inestimable value of the entire Bible would take the pains necessary to make it the book of the people. A new translation every few years may be very useful as a landmark among the scholars, but such a course would be utterly fatal to the far more important purpose of making the English Bible a household book, wherever the language is spoken. Nevertheless, we think the time is at hand when a judicious emendation of the text in the spirit of such scholars as Eliot and Alford may be made, and it is, we think, unwise for the Church to take a positive attitude against it. Rather should the discussion of the subject be encouraged, and light from all quarters be sought as to the means and method by which it may be most effectively and acceptably done.

The rise of a new poet is cautiously announced in the notice of Swinburne's "Atalanta in Calydon"—a drama in pure classical style, full of grand passages, showing wonderful mastery of language and variety of rhythm. Munro's *Lucretius*, with translation and notes, is commended as the most valuable contribution to Latin scholarship made by any Englishman in the present century.

Other articles are Watson's Life of Bishop Warburton, Early Italian Art, The Tunnel through the Alps, Gothic Architecture in Spain, China and Japan, Lady Duff Gordon's Letters from Egypt, and Dissolution of Parliament.

The *LONDON QUARTERLY* contains a most varied list of ten articles. The second article, on the "Appian Way—Pagan and Christian Sepulchres," gives an account of the recent discovery by an enthusiastic Italian explorer, De Rossi, of a tomb on the Appian Way, containing the sarcophagi of several of the early Roman bishops with their names distinctly engraved upon them. There is considerable argument in the article against the received opinion of almost continuous and bloody persecutions of the early Christians under the Roman Empire.

We need hardly say that the article on the "Close of the American War" is written in the narrowest vein of Southern partisanship. According to it, Mr. Davis is a hero whom the North will not venture to punish, Mr. Lincoln was a common-place man, the figment of States Rights is exalted to the dignity of a political axiom, treason is no crime, &c., &c. The views of the principles involved may indeed be colored by intense Tory principles, but what are we to say of such gross misrepresentation of facts as the assertion, that "never was war encountered by a people so unprepared as the South," that "the first Secretary of War in the Cabinet of Jefferson Davis, General Randolph, was well known as an abolitionist" that "Booth was not a Southerner and had no connection with any State of the Confederacy?" We are not simply amazed at such utter mendacity, but we soberly ask ourselves how we can receive these British reviewers

as guides on the simplest matters of fact in which their prejudices are involved? Such recklessness, which in the case of Reviewers holding eminent and responsible positions in the literary world, is nothing less than a crime—must draw its own punishment in creating a general distrust of the statements and conduct of the Review.

Other articles in this varied list are "Grouse," "Browning's Poems," "North Polar Explorations," "Gleanings from the Natural History of the Tropics," "The Church (of England) in Relation to Political Parties"—an article which we should read with a lively remembrance of the untrustworthiness we had detected in the one on our war; "Carlyle's Frederick the Great," "Sanitary Reform in the Metropolis," "The Elections."

The *WESTMINSTER REVIEW* utterly unlike the *London Quarterly*—which is thoroughly orthodox and thoroughly anti-Republican—is, and has been, a consistent, earnest, and able advocate of the National cause through the whole war; and as our readers are well aware, the most powerful and insidious assaults upon the foundations of revealed religion written in the English tongue appear, or are eulogized in its columns. The present number contains a favorable notice of the "Later Speculations of Comte," in which the atheism of the author is tenderly dealt with and shown to be not inconsistent with "religion" by J. Stuart Mill. But the almost insane ravings into which this idol of Mr. Mill suffered some of his latest lucubrations to degenerate, are also referred to, and the picture drawn of him, even by his friend, is not without some broad lines of the ludicrous. Mr. Mill, however, is full of pity, and feels more like weeping than laughing. There are also articles on "Herbert Spencer's Biology," "Mill's Political Economy," (popular edition), on "Imperial History," "American Novelists—Theodore Winthrop," "The Principles of our Indian Policy" and the usual comprehensive Review of Contemporary Literature, in which special prominence is given to works of a rationalist or infidel-scientific character.

The most interesting article to us here, is the one entitled, "The Anti-slavery Revolution in America." This is a luminous, fair, and genial essay in which the whole course of sentiment on slavery in our country is succinctly stated, and the final development of the strife of opinion into a conflict of arms is drawn. Much of this article reads as if written in reply to the one described in the *London Quarterly*. In regard to the preparedness of the South for war, the important admission of the rebel E. A. Pollard, is quoted, to the effect that "Mr. Floyd, when Secretary of War, under Mr. Buchanan's administration, by a single order, effected the transfer of 115,000 improved muskets and rifles from the Springfield Armory and Watervliet Arsenal to different arsenals in the South." Considerable space is also given to show "that in the beginning of the war there was a substantial balance in favor of the South." A strong and needed protest against President Johnson's surrender of the free blacks to the mercy of their former masters, and a hope that Congress will refuse to sanction such a course next winter, are expressed.

AMERICAN MONTHLIES.
HOURS AT HOME. A popular monthly, devoted to religious and useful literature, edited by J. M. Sherwood, September, 1865. In this number, we find twenty-four pieces of prose and poetry; most of which are quite brief, too many, in fact, being mere sketches, with the appearance of being hastily put upon paper, though none are without value. The opening article, Dangers and Demands of the New Era, is a just and needful view of the responsibilities and solemnities of our times. A leading part in shaping the destiny of the nation is truthfully ascribed to the press. Five more chapters of Geoffrey the Lollard are given. The course of Lord Arundel and Hide and Sec in Forest Tower are graphically described, but there is a want of vigor in the bulk of the story. "Magdalene" is a perfect prose poem, the gem of the number. "The Bands of Orion," and the conclusion of Archbishop Trench's lecture on the "Social Aspects of the Thirty Years' war," are selected articles of high character. Of the poetry, we decidedly prefer the "Toast to the Bee," by the author of Geoffrey the Lollard. Hero worship on Lake Lucerne is a sprightly and charming piece, but we are cut short before we are ready for it, and our friend, Hon. C. T. Hulburd, tells us only the least bit about the religion of Sir Walter Scott and his biographer; well, there was not much of it to tell about, and we must suppose Mr. Hulburd did all his material would allow. We rejoice to become better acquainted, through Dr. J. P. Thompson's article, with such a true hero as Brigadier General Ransom, whose life, short as it was, left ineffaceable memorials of the most sublime bravery and devotion.

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THE *ATLANTIC MONTHLY* for September, maintains fully its eminent reputation as a literary organ. "Oupou Bouds" is the commencement of a story that promises well in every respect. The uneasy conscience utterly destroying the

enjoyment of wealth selfishly withheld from worthy objects, appears in the immediate foreground. "Needle and Garden" has dragged its slow length as far as No. IX; although not without interest, it lacks the dramatic elements requisite for such a series of articles. "Up the St. John's River," is another of those spirited and minute sketches of the skirmish warfare of the department of the South, by Col. Higginson, we believe. "The Luck of Abel Stedman" is an admirable magazine story, Abel Stedman being of the Micawber type, and the woman for whose death he was vainly waiting, being as original a character as Miss Havisham, or Lady Hester Stanhope. "Running at the Heads" is the absurd title behind which is concealed an account of Jeff Davis' capture, written by one of the participants. A grand patriotic ode, in what may be termed Pindaric measure, covers several pages of the *Atlantic*. It is a noble lyric, originally written for and recited at the Harvard Commencement. Half of the book notices, only four in number, are occupied with works antagonistic to revealed religion, Spencer's Social Statics and Hedge's Reason in Religion. In conformity to the prevalent tactics of the enemies of inspiration now-a-days, it is claimed for these authors by the critic of the *Atlantic*, that they are truly religious, and their works true supports to faith. So we were told of the spiritualists who almost universally rejected Scripture, that their revelations were a real support to some of the main doctrines of revelation. We do not see it. *Timeo Danans et dona ferentes.*

OUR YOUNG FOLKS for September, is fresh, racy and pure, but the latest part is that in which the nearest approach to religious teaching is attempted: "Father Brightness." It is veritable milk and water. The veteran counsellor of our childhood, John Todd, in his green old age, can put such poor, pale, feeble moralizing as this to utter shame. We miss "Our Pets," and Mayne Reid's "Afloat on the Forest." Boston, Ticknor & Fields.

THE STUDENT AND SCHOOLMATE is an admirable little monthly, which holds up its head bravely in the face of much competition. Its stories are entertaining, its regular dialogue and exercise in declamation must commend it to school boys and girls, often puzzled for exercises of this sort.

PUBLICATION COMMITTEE'S LATE ISSUES.
WHY DELAY? Jacob Helfenstein, D.D., 18 mo. p. 168.
A very simple, kind and earnest appeal to delaying sinners; as unpretending a weapon as David's smooth stone from the brook, but the brief invocation at the commencement may prove a sling mighty enough to bring down giants of indifference and prostration.

THE INVALIDS' WORK, by M. E. F., 18 mo. p. 120.
A deeply interesting narrative, illustrating the wonderful power of Christian cheerfulness and devotion to keep up the strength, and prolong the active usefulness of one lingering, seemingly for years, upon the very verge of the grave. The scene is laid in Western New York, and must be full of interest to the large number of our church members residing there.

DIK AND HIS DONKEY; or, the Boy that helped his Mother, 18 mo., pp. 130.
A capital story, very encouraging to the children of the poor, who would make themselves useful at home; enforced by contrast with the career of the idle and vicious, whom the well-disposed are taught to shun by a sad lesson of disappointment and sin.

BUY YOUR OWN CHERRIES, AND POOR LITTLE ELLEN, the Drunkard's Daughter, 18 mo., pp. 72.
Two good temperance tales.
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DAVID WOODBURN, the Mountain Missionary. By Curtis Brandon, 16 mo., pp. 310, 310. For sale by Ashmead & Evans.

It is a long time since we have met with a book of this class, which has afforded us so much unalloyed pleasure. It describes a series of events, illustrating, in a truly surprising manner, the adaptedness of the simplest methods of Gospel effort, when accompanied by the press, as in Colportage, to quicken the dull and inert intellect, to rouse the moral and spiritual natures of the neglected poor, and to leaven whole communities sunk in ignorance and irreligion with the desire for knowledge and spiritual light. The Mountain Missionary, is a lad whose early advantages were about like those of Abraham Lincoln; but who, when once roused by the Gospel, displayed such a rich nature, such an original and noble character, and such an unconquerable zeal for the salvation of his mountain neighbors, as, in the representations of the author, made him the instrument of an extensive and delightful work of evangelization among them; while his numerous adventures; and the abundant resources he displays in meeting the demands upon his prudence and faithfulness by the great variety and deep religious necessities of the people, make him a centre of uncommon attraction to the reader. David Woodburn is the very romance of Colportage. There is not a commonplace page, character, or scene in the book. Is it true? There is certainly a most lively verisimilitude about it. Granted, a man of the originality, force of character, and simple devotedness of David, and a

field as wild and remote from civilized centres as the mountains of West Virginia, and the incidents follow almost as a logical sequence. Besides, the writer, in a note, promises us, the public, that if we appreciate the present effort, "a continued narration of the life and abounding labors of this Mountain Missionary, to the period of his early decease at 27 years of age, will be embraced in a sequel. We shall be disappointed if the public does not speedily remove all doubts on the subject."

DEATH IN THE MINISTRY.—Our Western exchanges give the sad intelligence of the death of Rev. T. P. Gordon, D.D., pastor of the Presbyterian Church, O. S. in Terre Haute, Ind. It occurred on the 15th ult. Dr. Gordon was, at the time of his death, in the fifty-third year of his age, and twenty-fifth of his ministry.

Special Notices.

Philadelphia Tract and Mission Society.—The hundred and ninth meeting in behalf of this Society, will be held at the Roxborough Baptist Church, on Sabbath evening, 10th inst., at quarter before eight o'clock. Several addresses will be made.
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The Synod of Minnesota will hold its next annual meeting in Chaska, commencing at 7 o'clock P. M., on the last Thursday of September, 1865.
JAS. S. LE DUC, Stated Clerk.

The Synod of Keokuk meets at Keokuk, on Tuesday, the 12th of September, at two o'clock P. M.
G. C. BEAMAN,
Stated Clerk.

The Synod of Wisconsin will meet in the Presbyterian Church of Neenah, on Thursday, the 24th day of September next, at 9 o'clock, A. M. In the evening, the opening sermon will be preached by the Moderator, the Rev. H. H. Kelloug. Discourses on various topics will be preached during the meeting of Synod by the persons previously appointed.

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed on Sabbath morning, and in the afternoon there will be exercises in connection with the Sabbath-schools.
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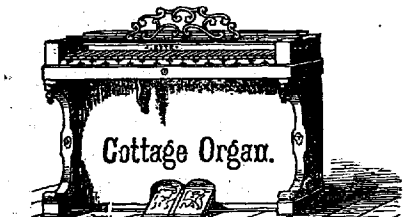
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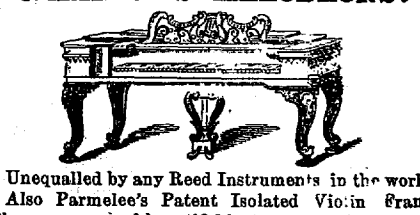
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