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BUSHNELL. The Vicarious Sacrifice, grounded on Principles of Universal Obligation. By Horace Bushnell. New York: Charles Scribner & Co. Svo., pp. 552. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

In this protracted and able discussion, Dr. Bushnell distinctly proclaims the antagonism of his views on the atonement to those of the Evangelical Church generally, adopting and advocating the "moral view," or that which resolves the atonement "by the power it wields on human character." There is, he thinks, "a clear

presumption that "the final doctrine of the subject will emerge at this point, and be concluded in this form." He condescends to admit, however, that "if it should still be said that he reconciles God to man by his death, that kind of declaration will be taken as only a more popular, objective way of saying that God is in him, reconciling men to himself."

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BROWNELL. War Lyrics and Other Poems. By Henry Howard Brownell. 16mo., pp. 243. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

There is much real poetic feeling, and command of language in these pieces, but a bad habit has been indulged of an excessive employment of parentheses, which detracts from the flow of thought and rhythm alike. Many of the pieces have been favorably received in the pages of the *Atlantic Monthly*.

THE CHICAGO NEWSBOY. **LUKE DARRELL.** The Chicago Newsboy. Chicago: Tomlinson Brothers. 16mo., pp. 377. Illustrated.

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LITERARY ITEMS. AMERICAN.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS of our Publishers as already made, are now in course of fulfillment. We add: The Bible, with Dore's illustrations; an English work to be supplied in this country in monthly parts at \$1.25 each, through Wilmer & Rogers, New York. The drawing and engraving alone of this work cost more than \$100,000. New agents of English works are constantly appearing in our leading literary centres. Messrs. Strahan & Co. are about to issue "The Contemporary Review," Royal Svo, to be edited by Dean Alford. A medical journal is about to be started in Richmond.

DeBow's Review is to be recommenced in New York. Widdleton, New York, has in press, "Poems relating to the American Revolution, by Philip Freneau, with Notes and an Introductory Memoir, by Evert A. Duyckinck," also in preparation; "Reminiscences of Printers, Authors, and Booksellers, in New York," by John W. Francis, M.D., LL.D. The small volume of Jean Ingelow's Poems has gone into a tenth edition in England, a success unequalled, it is said, since Byron.

M. W. Dodd's editions of Mrs. Charles works, (Schoenberg Cotta Series) alone of American editions have, and ever have had, the sanction of the author. Strahan & Co. announce Dean Alford's "How to Study the New Testament." Ticknor & Fields: Hereward, the Last of the English; Carleton's Winning his Way; Kirke's Patriot Boys and Prison Pictures; Wheeler's Explanatory and Pronouncing Dictionary of Noted Names of Fiction. D. Appleton & Co. have issued Buchanan's History of his Administration, \$2 50; Lecky on Rationalism, 2 vols., Svo., \$5. Little, Brown & Co., Boston, a condensed edition of the Great Bible Dictionary of William Smith, LL.D., Svo., \$6. This firm is also largely engaged in importing English books. C. Scribner & Co.: Prof. Fisher's Essays on the Supernatural Origin of Christianity, Svo., \$3 50; Agassiz's Structure of Animal Life, Svo., \$2 50; Dr. Spring's Reminiscences, with portrait, 2 vols. \$5. Walker, Fuller & Co., Boston: Youth's History of the Rebellion, vols. 3 and 4; Cudworth's First Massachusetts Regiment, \$2 50; The President's Words, \$1 25. John Wiley & Son, New York, have Ruskin's works in every variety of style and arrangement. A complete edition, in twelve vols., sells for \$31. Messrs. Roberts Brothers, Boston, are also deep in the English trade; they offer Dalziel's illustrated Gift Books, among which is the "Parables of our Lord," \$10. They also announce Jean Ingelow's "Stories Told to a Child," one of which, from *Guthrie's Sunday Magazine*, is now passing through our columns. The volume will be 16mo., price \$1 75. W. H. Appleton announces Mothers of the Bible; Girls of the Bible, by P. C. Headley; Boys of the Bible, by H. L. Whittier, each 19mo., \$1 50. C. J. Price, Philadelphia, is announced as an importer of English books; Leypoldt, Philadelphia and New York, announces Mozart's Letters, 2 vols., \$3 50, and Miss Muloch's Our Year for Children, \$1 25. James S. Claxton, Philadelphia, announces "The Young Wrecker of Florida Reef," \$1 50.

FOREIGN. **MARTIN BOSSANGE,** of Paris, the oldest bookseller in Europe, died on the 24th of October, having attained within a few months of the advanced age of one hundred years. He had the full possession of his faculties almost to the last moment of his life. Murray, of London, announces the Correspondence, from 1769 to 1782, of George III. with Lord North, from the Royal Library at Windsor, edited with notes and an introduction, by W. Bodman Donne, and to be published with Queen Victoria's permission; "The Zambesi and its Tributaries, and the Discovery of Lakes Shirwa and Nyassa, 1858-1864, by David and Charles Livingstone, with map and illustrations; Lives of Boulton and Watt, the steam-engine builders, by Samuel Smiles; a second volume of "Lectures on the History of the Jewish Church" (Samuel and the Captivity,) by Dean Stanley.—An illustrated edition of Dr. O. W. Holmes' "Autocrat of the Breakfast Table," is in the press.—M. Thiers has completed the first volume of a "History of Art."

Rural Economy.

FALL MANURING FOR CORN. It is sometimes a question with farmers whether they ought to apply manure to land in the autumn, which they intend to plant with corn or potatoes the following spring—letting it remain on the surface throughout winter. Frequently it is convenient to do so. Spring is a hurrying season. Rains delay the work; mud hinders the drawing of manure. If they can keep it without waste through the summer and fall, adding meanwhile ingredients to swell the bulk and increase the richness, they can draw and spread it in the winter even, when there is more leisure.

But does it waste by being exposed to the elements through the winter? We think not, chemically at least. It may be washed or floated off from steep hill-sides, or flats liable to overflow. But on level or moderately rolling land, there is probably not only no waste in applying the manure in the autumn or winter, but it will benefit the crop grown the next season, much more than if put on in the spring. Some of our best farmers have adopted this practice, and they find it to work well. How can the manure waste? Will any one tell us?

As fermentation takes place, consequently no gases are evolved to pass off. But sheep to manure, says one, when there is no snow on the ground, by the wind and frosts. Drawn into a load of manure, and spread it, and a day it will not weigh more than a quarter as much as when put on the wagon. True, nothing more of the liability of sheep to but what dries out of it? Water—nothing else of value. Dry straw is just as enriching as wet straw. It is questionable even whether barn-yard manure will lose any of its fertilizing qualities if spread on the surface of the ground in midsummer, and exposed to the sun and winds till completely dried. The gases that are given off, and taint the air, are of little value to the crop. They will return in sufficient quantities to the plant, by absorption through its leaves.

The advantages of manuring on the surface in the fall are great. Much of the soluble part of the manure is taken up by the water and carried into the soil, where it is ready for immediate use by the following crop. If the ensuing summer be very dry, a coat of ordinary barn-yard manure may not materially benefit corn, if put on in the spring just before ploughing, from the fact that it will not decompose, and become available plant food, from want of moisture, early in the spring. At any rate, if applied in the fall, the manure would stimulate the corn quicker than if put on late in the spring. If it be wet ground to which the manure is applied, it will cause the grass to sprout earlier and ranker, thus furnishing considerable pasture for sheep in the spring, or the grass will be so much gained in green manure if turned under. We believe in manuring in the fall. Clean the hog-pens, scrape the barn-yards, draw some muck, empty the sinks, and withal prepare for making and saving manure during the winter, so that next autumn will find you with a more ample supply than ever before. —*Rural New Yorker*.

HOW TO LOOK A HORSE IN THE MOUTH. When the incisors, or cutting teeth of the horse (called in man the front teeth) first protrude through the gum, their top face is not smooth, the edges are elevated, and the centre depressed. This depression in the cutting surface is called the *fossula*. The *fossula* is not subjected to friction during mastication, owing to the edges of the tooth. The *fossula*, therefore, soon becomes black, and the black spot thus left is called the "mark." In time, the elevated rim of enamel wears down, the cutting surface of the tooth becomes flat, and, as a consequence, the whole surface is exposed to attrition, and the mark disappears. The time occupied in wearing away the mark is pretty uniform—about three years. Now, since we know about the age at which teeth are put up, and about the time that the mark remains, we can calculate about the age of the horse, so long as any "marks" are left. At the age of three, the second set, or permanent teeth, are put up in the centre; and after this, one pair of permanent teeth appears every year till the age of five. The central pair of incisors consequently loses its mark on the attainment of the sixth year: and the pairs which appear in the fourth and fifth years lose their mark in the seventh and eighth. After the eighth year there is no accurate means of estimating the age of the horse; therefore all horses over eight years are technically termed "aged"—aged, that is, not a regards the decline of the vital energies but simply as regards the wearing out of their marks.—*Chambers' Journal*.

QUALITIES OF HAY. Timothy for mares, clover for milk, corn for fat. The timothy should be cured in all blossom, or a little later. Clover should be cut when first reddening, before it is fully matured. This is the time, and the ply time, to cut clover. Then all the nuttish juices are in perfection. Such hay or grass cured—has a light laxative tendency—just what is wanted in winter. It will be greedily eaten, even when somewhat touched with mould, and give milk with profusion. This never fails. On the other hand, timothy, instead of secreting milk will form muscle; hence the hay for horses, and hence preferred so generally. Straw, when early cut and properly cured, is nutritious, has somewhat the quality of clover. But how neglectful we are about the curing of straw, when it is one of the fine of employments. There is a fragrance about such straw, and the pale green tint, which make it a valuable and a most pleasant fodder.

Timothy then for horses; clover for milk; corn for fat. It is excellent to mix with meal, or fed carrots and beets with. We would, with thus fed, make but little difference between good barley or even oat straw, with early and properly cured, and timothy fodder, especially cows in milk. For yoke stock, tender timothy is excellent. We are so reckless in feeding; we feed piously; we feed what we have to feed without taking much pains to get a proper selection, or to prepare it well; for instance, we feed few cornstalks, raised on purpose for fodder, when yet this is one of the cheapest and one of the best hays that can be fed; and in the summer, in a drought, it is of the greatest advantage, fed green.—*Rural World*.

HOW TO CLEAN RIBBON. A lady sends us the following receipt for cleaning ribbons, which she wishes published for the benefit of those of her sex who wish to try a successful experiment as has done. In these hard times all nominal hints are acceptable.—Wet the ribbon in alcohol, and fasten one end of it to something firm; hold the other in your hand, keeping the ribbon out straight and taut; rub it with a piece of castile soap till it looks decidedly soapy, then scrub it with a sponge, or, if much soiled, with the back of a knife, keeping the ribbon slipping wet with alcohol. When you have exhausted your patience and think it just to clean, rise thoroughly with alcohol, and between cloths and iron with a hot iron. Don't wring the ribbon; if you do, you will get creases into it that you cannot smooth out.—*Exchange*.

SHEEP AND CATTLE DISEASE.—One gentleman near Edinburgh has exposed a dog to sheep to plague-stricken cattle in all dries, says one, when there is no snow on the ground, by the wind and frosts. Drawn into a load of manure, and spread it, and a day it will not weigh more than a quarter as much as when put on the wagon. True, nothing more of the liability of sheep to but what dries out of it? Water—nothing

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REMEDY FOR CRACKED HOOF. Take a piece of copper four inches long and two inches wide, and drill eight holes, four in each end, so as not to interfere with the crack, and screw it fast to the hoof, crosswise of the crack; then take a hot iron with a sharp edge, and burn the crack at the edge of the hair till it goes through to the quick. After this let the horse run on pasture, and it will begin to heal up in a few weeks. Care should be taken to close the crack tight before the plate is fastened on. So says a practical farmer of Pleasant Valley, Ohio.

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