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# Editor's Sable.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS. THE LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW. January, 1866. American Edition.-Contents : Livingstone's Zambesi and its Tributaries ; Simon de Montfort, Earl of Lei-cester ; Tennyson's Enoch Arden ; M. Sainte-Beuve ; Grote's Plato ; Miss Berry's Memoirs; Palgrave's Arabia; Caricature and Grotesque in the Literature and Art; The Coming Session.

REPORT of the General Superintendent of the Philadelphia Branch of the United States Sanitary Commission, to the Executive Committee, January 1st, 1866.

THE GREAT QUESTION FOR THE PEOPLE! -Essays on the Elective Franchise; or, Who has the Right to Vote? By John such tender parts of ourselves, as wife and Hancock, Counsellor at Law. Second Edi- children, is hard to flesh and blood." tion. Sold at all book stores. Price 25 cts. The First Edition of this able essay of 5000 copies was issued by the Union League

# LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

AMERICAN-Auctions.-Messrs. Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co., a new auction firm in New York, sold, March 13th, a private library which included a second folio Shakspeare. They also announce a sale of a large and valuable collection of American and foreign gold and silver coins and medals, the property of a well-known New York collector. Also several hundred volumes consigned from England as the library of Daniel O'Connell, and containing his book-plate, coat of arms, and autograph. The library of J. B. Fisher, of Austerfield Farm, Cauden Co., N. J., was sold at auction, March 5. The catalogue consists of 299 pages, and 2525 items. A large proportion of the volumes relate to American travels and early history. The list of voyages round the world and in the Arctic regions is very complete, and includes many rarities. The collection of State History, Indian History, Indian Captivities, Travels and Surveys in the Rocky Mountains, is rich and extensive. The departments of American Poetry and Bibliography are worth attention, and the collection of volumes on Witchcraft, Demonology, and Miracles is full.——Mr. Wheeler's "Diction-ary of Noted Names of Fiction," has been published in the well-known series, "Bohn's Standard Library."-During the month of May next, Leavitt, Strebeigh & Co., New York, will sell at auction the entire collection of Autographs and Autograph Letters of the late Mr. I. K. Tefft, of Savannah, Ga. This collection has been the labor of a lifetime, and for many years well-known throughout the country. Many of the let-ters are in very choice condition, with portraits. Also, wo bound volumes-one a complete set of letters and autographs of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence, and one of the Signers of the Constitution of the United States .---- Appletons, N. Y., have purchased the stereotype plates of Prof. Owen's Classical Series, and will in future publish them.---The Pilgrim's Progress, unabridged, with 96 illus-trations, is published at the remarkably low price of ten cents, by Eyre & Spottiswoode, N: Y. In England there is even a penny edition, which is selling in immense numbers.----Smith's History of the World, re-published by Appletons, has reached the third volume, completing Ancient History. The same house has issued An Introduction to Devotional Study of the Holy Scriptures. Book on Anatomy, Physiology, and Hygiene. | printing press. For the use of Schools and Families. By John C. Draper, M. D, with one hundred and seventy-five illustrations.——Messrs. Lip- volume of M. Labarte's "History of the seventy-five illustrations ---- Messrs. Lippincott & Co. have recently imported large quantities of Eoglish books, including ten thousand copies of Clark & Wright's "Forests' Ravagers" (the insects destruc-Globe evition of Shakspeare, which is priced in the catalogue at \$2 25. A New Magazine .- Messrs. Bunce & Huntington will publish, in April next, the first number of a new periodical, to be en- Broglie's "Church and Roman Empire in titled "Town and Country;" a fortnightly magazine, devoted to American literature. It will be a large octavo of eighty pages, printed in clear type, on fine paper, and stitched in a handsome cover. The contents will be solely original, and will consist of contributions from the foremost names in American literature.

lively, that he awakens within his readers | week, early enough to provide a full week s sentiments kindred to those which we im- store of wood on Saturday. Quit all your agine would fill the mind of a visitor in the work on the Sabbath ; reverence that day ; burying ground of Bunhill Fields, London. and, at the end of six months, whatever Around him are gathered the monuments you will say you have lost by keeping the and the dust of Bunyan, Owen, Watts, and Sabbath, I will pay you, to the amount of hundreds of their Puritan brethren; but one hundred dollars." The poor man solthe distant roar of the London streets min- emply confirmed the contract, and the landgles the sense of the living present with lord engaged to be responsible for the due levout meditations on the olden time. A few lines from one of John Brainerd's

letters reveals a glimpse of Christian ex-perience so profound that I must copy them; thus: "It has pleased a sovereign God to bereave me of all but one dear little babe; I know he is just and righteous in giving me a bitter cup to drink, for I am worthy. But to lose such dear friends,

The narrative of the missionary work among the Indians of New Jersey, begun by David and continued by John Brainerd, is most instructive; and, as the beginning of the efforts of our Church in that direction, deserves the most attentive study.

As for the rest, the paper, print, binding, and lettering of the book are every way admirable; and the index is a model of its kind. The book is issued by the Presbyterian (N. S.) Publication Committee at Philadelphia. For one, I heartily thank Dr. Brainerd for these delightful pages; and I should be gratified if this brief notice should be the means of putting them into a wider circulation in this part of the coun-Е. Р. Н. try. Danville.

FOREIGN.-The total number of new books published in England during the past year, 1865, is summed up as comprising 4952 titles. Deducting from this the American books introduced to the London market, and works recorded merely on account of some change in their form or reduction of price, 4496 remain as original additions to the previously existing stock of literature. As there is no compulsory return of the statistics of publishing, and very little attention given to obtaining the names of books issued in the provinces, or outside of the great centres of the business-London and Edinburgh-the real number may be probably taken with sufficient accuracy at five thousand.-The Nation.

FRANCE .--- "La France Litteraire du 15me Siecle," is just ready to appear. It gives a catalogue, with critical notices, etc., be glad of your money. How much am I of every book known to be printed in the French language from the introduction of other; "I never prospered so as I have. typography in France, by Ulric Gering at Paris in the year 1470, to A D. 1500. Messrs. Tulasne's "Selecta Fungorum Carpologia" (a work in three quarto vols. with 61 plates, printed at the imperial printing office) is regarded as one of the most important botanical works which have appeared these last ten years; the destructive part played by fungi in the economy of nature is exhibited in a full and new light. -The French Government, says Childs'

American Literary Gazette, in 1860, engaged the county authorities to publish a sort of index to those valuable documents hidden under many an inch of dust of their archives. This invitation was an order, and it was accepted with alacrity. Thirtyfive folio volumes have already appeared and thirty-five other volumes are in proofreaders' hands. No less than 4,608,239 documents have been indexed. The invitation was not made to counties alone: cities and charitable foundations have like-

the silent past. The author's sympathies | provide a supply for the week; and herewith both the past and the present are so after, leave off your other labors, every payment of the money.

# THE SECOND MEETING.

About five months afterwards, the merchant put up again at the same public house for the night; and before he retired to rest, began, as before, to distribute to each person present a tract. He observed a plain well-dressed man who seemed to be eying him with special interest, and who, when he approached him, said, "Did you never distribute tracts here before, sir ?' "Probably I have; I am not unfrequently distributing them." "Did you not, four or five mouths ago, give a tract to a man here who said he worked on the Sabbath ?" The merchant, who, as the time for fulfilling his engagement had not arrived, had not before thought of it during the evening, then replied that he recollected the circumstance very well "Well, sir," continued the other, "I am that man. I carried home the tract you gave me"-it was the tract entitled, Subjects for Consideration-"and told my wife every word of our conversation. She said you were right; and we sat down together, and she read the tract aloud. So much affected were we with the tract, and with what you had said, that we scarcely slept any all night. In the morning we arose, I went and procured a handful of wood, with which to get our breakfast, and after breakfast was over we sat down and read the tract again. By and by one of our neighbors came in, as was usual, to loiter away the day in conversation. We told him what had happened; he said you were right; and my wife then read the tract again to him and myself. Other neighbors came in, and we did the same by them. They came again the next Sabbath, and we again read the tract to them; and now, sir, we have at my house. every Sabbath, a religious meeting: that tract has been read every Sabbath since I saw you, and the reading of it is now accompanied with religious conversation and prayers !" "Well," said the merchant, "if you have kept your promise, you perhaps would

since I observed the Sabbath to keep it holy. When I saw you before, I had no cow-now we have a cow, and all our wants are comfortably supplied. We were never so happy before; and never can be thankful enough for what you have done for us." The landlord assured the merchant that he never had known such an alteration in a neighborhood as had taken place in that, since he was last there. Before, the whole neighborhood spent their Sabbath at work. or in visiting, fishing, hunting, and other amusements; but now, they were seriously attentive to the subject of religion, and must every Sabbath for the worship of God.

## IN JAMAICA the Legislature is following up the suppression of the revolt, by the enactment of several very stringent and severe laws to preserve the future peace of the country. Among the bills for that

one for "the Regulation of Religious

Worship." Its chief provisions were to



### **BR. BRAINERD'S LIFE OF JOHN BRAI** NERD.

The following appreciative and kindly notice appeared in a recent number of the Western Presbyterian (O. S.), Louisville, Ky. The signature is doubtless that of Dr. Humphrey :- . There are two Brainerds-David and

John. The biography of David, by President Edwards, has been before the world more than a hundred years; and to this day it is read with undiminished interest, such a sense, that he is alive to this day in the hearts of thousands.

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John Brainerd was the first domestic missionary of the Presbyterian Church in this country; trustee for twenty-six years the Synod of New York and Philadelphia; chaplain in the old French war: and by President Edwards. He was the friend of that generation of great and good men.

wise dusted their ancient documents and Foote's War of the Rebellion; also, A Text | exhibited them in the broad daylight of the

Announcements .- "Gallic Art" (or the tive of trees); M. Roussin's "A Cruise off the Coast of Japan;" P. Burggraff's "Principles of General Grammar;" the

third and last part of Prince Albert de the Fourth Century."——M. Lewis Des-noyers's novel, "Les Aventures de Jean Paul Choppart," has reached its 178th edition!

Miscellaneous.

# THE SAFE CONTRACT.

[The following is not new. It was first published, and well vouched for, about twenty five years ago.]

A respectable merchant of one of our principal cities was traveling, about five years since, in the county of B-----, in the State of New York, and arrived, on Saturday evening, at a public house where he had been accustomed to lodge in traveling and exerts an undiminished power over the that way. After having taken some repeople of God. He died at the age of freshment, in connection with a number of thirty, but his words have followed him in | travelers, he began the distribution, in a respectful manner, of a tract to each individual present. Before he had completed

the circle of his distributions, he offered a tract to a poor man, who declined receiving Dr. Thomas Brainerd, the well known and honored minister of the "Pine Street me, sir, for I can't read." "Well," said Church," in Philadelphia, has now laid the merchant, "it is probable you are a married man, and if so, perhaps your wife can read it to you." "Yes." said he, "my wife can read, but I have no time to hear it read." "You certainly can hear it read scientious diligence, and they have been it read. For certainly can near it read woven together with consummate skill. It is a gem in the treasure-house of Christian hiography. We should be compelled to go no more time on the Sabbath than on any other day; I am so poor I am obliged to work on the Sabbath. It takes me the six days to provide for my family, and on the Sabbath I am obliged to get my wood." "If you are as poor as that," said the merchant, "you must be very poor." "I am,"

said he; and proceeded to mention that he had no pow, and his family was very destiof the College at Princeton; Moderator of tute. "It is no wonder you are poor," replied the merchant, "if you work on the Sabbath. God will not prosper those who appointed to the work left at Stockbridge thus profane his day. And now," said he, "my friend, I have a proposition to make of Whitefield, the Tennents, Edwards to you. You, landlord, will be my surety father and son, Burr, Dickerson and others that my part of the contract shall be fulfilled. From this time, leave off working In following the author, we seem to enter on the Sabbath. If you have no wood with into a companionship with the men who which to be comfortable to-morrow, get a labored at the foundations of our Church little, for your necessity, the easiest way on this continent, and hold communion with you can, and then, on Monday morning.

require that every house, except the family hearth, in which religious worship is held. shall be registered; that no minister or teacher shall be allowed to preach or teach without being duly registered, and that fees ranging from £1 to £3 shall be paid fees ranging from £1 to £3 shall be paid for these several registries; and if gave to the Government power to cancel or suspend authority to preach or teach, to restore the authority, and to inflict peualties varying from £20 to twelve months' imprisonment, on any person who should preach or teach without regard to these regulations. The bill in its details, notwithstanding an exceptional section in favor of the Presbyterian and Roman Catholic Churches, created an alarm among the Dissenters, a highly respectable delegation of whom waited on the Governor, and presented strong object tions against it, going so far as to say that, sooner than submit to the conditions, they would feel constrained to shut up their churches and schools, and appeal to their friends in England and Scotland, and to the Queen and Parliament. They were courteously heard, and assured that the Government had no intention of embarrissing the work of preaching and instruction as performed under the authority of any respectable body of Christians, but only to put a stop to unauthorized strolling preachers, who, under pretence of Gospel labor, were infesting various parts of the island, preaching sedition to the negroes—a lass made up, for the most part, of discaded leaders, fugivites from discipline, rejected students, and notoriously licentious and immercal schoolmasters, who have been sus-pended or cast out of the Churches. The offensive bill has since been withdrawn ers, who, under pretence of Gospel labor, [ offensive bill has since been withdrawn, and another is in preparation which, it is said, will carry out the purpose of the Government without any detriment to the work of any respectable Church.



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