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Editor's Sable.

GUTHRIE. The Parables of our Lord read in the light of the Present Day. By Thomas Gubrie, D.D. A. Strahan, publisher, London and New York. Square Svo, pp. 304. Gilt side and top. Phila.: For sale by Smith, English & Co.

Commentators have not failed to notice the universal applicability of our Saviour's parables to the circumstances and characters of men. Dr. Guthrie has employed the whole of this volume in expanding this observation. And his large powers of illustration have rarely found so broad a field, or been so effectively applied, as here. Preachers will find here a stimulus for thought, and all readers of the Bible will learn more of the richness of its contents and of their many-sided bearings upon human life and manners than they perhaps ever suspected before.

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A. L. O. E. Rescued from Egypt. By A. L. O. E. New York: Thomas Nelson & Sons. 16mo, pp. 465. Two illustrations.

the story of Moses, told in the form of lectures by an English vicar, is constructed a temptations of this world, the sacrifice of bulky pamphlet. prospects in life for the sake of Christian principle and the happy providential deliverance, all developing with the progress of the lecture on Moses. It is much in the same manner with the "Exiles in Babylon," previously noticed, and reveals new gifts and deeper capacities of a valuable sort in the mind of this prolific and profitable writer for the young. In its own way, this volume carries out the principle of the one previously noticed-that of the universal applicability of the great lessons of the Bible to the characters and circumstances of men.

VIEWS OF PROPHECY concerning the Jews, the Second Advent, and the Millenium. By a Layman. Phila. : Smith, English & Co. 18mo, pp. 94. Price 75 cts.

Written in perspicuous and direct style, by one who seems to have diligently and prayerfully studied Scripture, history, and human theories, this little book must interest all students of prophecy. The writer is a believer in the pre-millenial, personal advent of Christ, and, of course, upholds views of literal interpretation of prophecy, &c., which commentators and the mass of evangelical Christians discard. His views of the present religious condition and prostermediate state is also one of his dogmas. It must be read with discrimination, but is worth reading.

STEVENS. The Women of Methodism ; its three Foundresses, Susanna Wesley, the Countess of Huntington, and Barbara Heck; with sketches of their associates ton & Porter. 12mo, pp. 304. For sale by Perkenpine & Higgins. Not less wisely than chivalrously and justly are our Methodist friends giving to erected. the women of this body a prominent share in the interest of their year of jubilee. This substantial and well-printed volume is a worthy tribute to the Christian character, the zeal and the efficiency of many noble women whose lives, albeit marked with the peculiarities of their sect, furnish much to stimulate and instruct the children of God in all denominations and of both sexes. The volume also includes an account of the organization mentioned in the title, which proposes to raise \$100,000 to build two halls for the accommodation of theological students in commemoration of Barbara Heck, who first invited Embury to America, and whom the author terms "the Foundress of American Methodism."

personal indebtedness to the prayers and dying benediction of a pious mother. His efforts in behalf of this class have been rewarded in his own charge, which now includes sixty young men among its members.

DOING AND KNOWING. A True Narrative. By Rev. William Aikman. A remarkable specimen of experience in passing from infidelity to belief and from death unto life, is here delineated A rigid selfscrutiny, which did not in the least seem to interfere with the spontaneity of the exercises, furnishes us with a vivid picture of interior life, which is well described and turned to practical account by the writer. The tract might profitably be put into the hands of some classes of infidels.

THE TRIENNIAL CATALOGUE OF UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, December, 1865, is a monument of 'the patience, industry, fidelity and skill of the compiler, Rev. Dr. Hatfield. All that the Christian public requires to know of 1178 students, of various members of the faculty, Board of Di-Here are two stories running side by | rectors, Financial Agents, and Instructors side, and mutually illustrative. Around is here recorded with the utmost brevity that a lucid use of the English tongue al lows. A full index of the alumni, with story of English life, in which appear the date of the graduation of each, closes the

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, No. 1136, March 10, 1866. Contents : Religio Spenseri; A Visit to the Big Trees; Miss Majoribanks; Stuart Mill on Mind and Matter; The Times on American Trade; The Triumph of Ideas; Government of Colored Races; Belgian Bone Caves; The Dodo: Sir Brook Fossbrooke, Part IX. Poetry: The Uses of Decay; Mind and Matter; Fitz Dando's Lament; Evening Hymn; Nune Est Bibendum; Ins and Outs of the Case in Washington, by Punch. Short Articles: The County Crop of Chignons; Sydney Smith on Puns. Boston : Littell, Son & Company.

Miscellaneous.

REV. WILLIAM JAY.

Three persons, destined to figure largely in the annals of human fame, were born the same year with Jay, namely, Lord Wellington, Napoleon Bonaparte, and Sir Walter Scott. Wellington was born the same day, the first of May, 1769. Born to no secular honor or fortune, enough for Jay that he could speak of parents of sterling good sense, upright, practically religious, beloved pects of the world have the usual desperate by those who knew them. Thus reared in character with those of his class. An in- the shade of obscurity, obliged in the days of boyhood to earn his bread by manual labor, yet who would hesitate to choose his reputation and influence, rather than the fame of the three great names already mentioned?

When a lad of fourteen, hearing a sermon enforcing the duty of family worship, he returned home, and, with becoming and successors. By Abel Stevens, LL.D. A Centenary Offering to the Women of American Methodism from the Ladies' Centenary Association. New York: Carl-the ground of inability, to the surprise of and ruling, and at once the office is prothe parents, William offered to officiate. With tears on their part, the offer was accepted, and immediately a family altar was Several distinguished ministers preached their first sermon before reaching the age of twenty. President Edwards and Dr. Archibald Alexander did so at nipeteen. Dr. Bellamy when about eighteen. Jay was but little past sixteen. Very youthful in his appearance and in the tones of his voice, he often went by the name of the boy preacher. In expounding, Scripture, however, he showed himself a man, and commanded the esteem of men. At the critical period of nineteen, urged they serve are to be administered under by Rowland Hill, he preached eight Sab- | their supervision and inspection. Thus the baths in London. His discourses, enlivened church bestowing its benefactions through by a style of chaste, beautiful simplicity, yet level to the humblest capacity, met proper discrimination would be made in the with uncommon favor. The place, accommodating thousands, was crowded to excess. This visit to the great metropolis, repeated for nearly fifty successive years, shows with what unflagging interest he was there who will put into operation such a system heard. But Jay's name and ministry are more intimately associated with another locality, the city of Bath, celebrated as a place of resort for its mineral waters. Strangers and visitors, at that fashionable wateringplace, came with eager interest to hear the word from his lips. Among his auditors were orators, statesmen, divines, poets, historians; men, too, of world-wide reputation, Fox, Burke, Sheridan, and Wilberand shining light, by whom God is leading | force. Attractive as were his public min- | faith, zeal, and purpose, else its value is messages of that pulpit, faithful, direct. tender, proved, in hundreds of instances, a savor of life unto life. An American clergyman of great excellence, having returned gyman or great excellence, having returned GARDEN CALENDAR FOR 1866. from a European tour, writes : "In reply GARDEN CALENDAR FOR 1866. to the inquiries of my friends, as to whose preaching I liked best, of all I heard while in England and Scotland, my answer has uniformly been, 'The preacher at Bath, whom you all know as the author of the

parents, sisters, and friends of young men. | usually the doctrinal, practical, and experi-The author beautifully acknowledges his mental. A sermon into which the three Rs of Matthew Henry. ruin, redemption, regneration, did not largely enter-" Jesus Christ, and him crucified"-pleased him not Intimately connected with this, and beyond ordinary precedent. was his felicitous manner of using the Scriptures. Having a large portion of the Bible in his memory, his discourses were so blended with appropriate passages, striking texts, as to impart no little unction to them.

Still another characteristic was the singleness of purpose. Wilberforce, acquainted with Jay for more than forty years, says, "I remember, when he was a very young man, the popular applause which followed him was enough to turn a young head; but he always kept his steady course. I never saw him in the least inflated by it. He seemed to shake it off as the lion does the dew from his mane.

It is a long period for one to minister actively sixty years to the same people. Those who have preached fifty or forty years can seldom use Caleb's language, As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me. As my strength was then, even so is my strength now, both to go out and to come in." This, however, with scarce any abatement, was the case with J-y. The entire term of his ministry at Bath covered a period of sixtythree years. That Gospel he had so long and eloquently preached supported him in the trying hour -Am. Messenger.

APOSTOLIC ELDERS AND DEACONS.

How many goodish men there are who, in truth, are well-nigh good for nothing In negative virtue they are not wanting, but of aggressive force they have none. They wish well and speak favorably of all meritorious undertakings. Their inclinations are of a nature to enable them to abound in every good word, while their "easy, go softly," temperment keeps them back from every good work. It is a serious question, indeed, whether or no such a grade of nugatory conscience as rules people of the above-named class deserves to be respected as wholesomely Christian? Our conviction is that we need to have re-

vised the apostolic idea of the Eldership and Diaconate. They who hold these offices are ordained in their spheres to be helps, aids, assistants, and co-workers with the angel or bishop of the Church. At present our Consistories are hardly more than financial boards. Their functions are exercised almost exclusively upon temporal matters. Often timid, fearful, and indifferent, they rule the Church by allowing its affairs to drift whithersoever the current of worldly prudence or fashion or ambition may run. Their administration frequently is feeble, puposeless, and therefore harmful. Meaning well enough, doubtless, they neverthe less contrive to throw well-nigh all responsibility upon the pastor; and the pastor is too often found ready to take it, and to undertake to carry it; which, however, he is never able to do. Now, we do not believe that these evils of administration flow so, much from want of capacity or of good-will in the particular members composing a Consistory as they do from a hurtful undervaluation of the importance of the Elde .ship and of the Diaconate, and from a too common confusion of the duties pertaining

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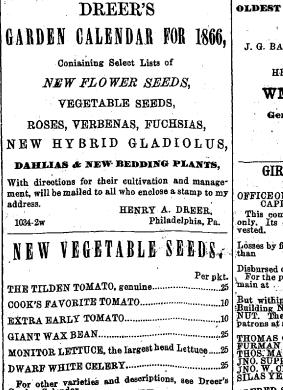
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