# Editor's Table.

MCCOSH ON HAMILTON AND MILL. McCosh. An Examination of Mr. J. S. Mill's Phlosophy. Being a Defence of Fundamental Truth. By James McCosh, LL.D. New York: R. Carter & Bros. 8vo., pp. 434. Price \$3. For sale by Clax-

All England is ringing with the conflict between the sensational and a priori philosophies, represented by the late Sir W. Hamilton and his friends on the one hand, and by Stuart Mill, the historian Grote, Prof. Bain, and the Westminster Review on the other. The spirit of Locke, or rather the worst elements of it—of Hobbes and Hume, has gained resurrection in the theories of Mill. The French mind, ever a congenial soil for the material philosophy, has furnished the most able advocate of the system in the positivist Comte; and Mill, captivated and discipled by Comte, is now engaged, with a large measure of success, in restoring the dominion of the system in Great Britain.

His opponent in this volume is indeed no blind disciple or admirer of Hamilton, nor does he write his book chiefly to defend the system of the great Scotchman. Upon his own ground, and for the interest of truth solely, he engages in the conflict. He first shows that Mr. Mill's professed methods of thoroughly his own, and reproduced them in investigation rest upon sensation and association of ideas. He charges him, however, with admitting of other means of explaining the facts of our consciousness, and compares his school to the alchemists, who, "when they put earth into the retort, never could get anything but earth, and could get gold only by introducing some substance containing gold." Notwithstanding the effort of Mr. Mill's philosophy is to dispense with intuitive principles, McCosh gathers out of his writings concessions enough, to admit of being arranged under as many heads as the letters of the Greek alphabet, of the reality of intuitions. There is a sort of humorous ostentation in McCosh's parade of these admissions, which. however, he declares he does not mean to use merely as concessions, but "because they contain important truth." He then proceeds more directly to the discussion of Mill's erroneous principles; shows that sensation, instead of being an ultimate, irresolvable fact, is really complex in consciousness; and that it is incapable of originating thought, except by stirring up a mental capacity in the soul, far above its own sphere. Step by step he proceeds to exhibit the inadequacy of Mill's account of the leading facts of consciousness: shows that it unsettles the foundation of knowledge and "leaves us standing on a bridge of which we do not know that it has a support at either end;" convicts him of the lowest and most revolting views of Truth, as nothing more than "the consciousness of present sensations and the possibilty of other sensations;" as "nothing more than an accordance of our ideas with sensations and laws of the association of sensations; which sensations come we know not whence, and are associated by resemblances we know not how;" proves him to be a disciple and close follower of Hume, with a higher moral tone in his writings, but with a less comprehensive view of the capacity of the mind. "Hume discovers flagrant contradictions in human intelligences; Mill maintains that the most certain principles reached by us, being all the product of circumstances, might have to give way before new circumstances or in other conditions. One is an avowed skeptic or professed pyrrhonist, the other is a supporter of the doctrines of nescience and relativity, holding that we can never reach truths which may not be modified or set aside in other times and circumstances."

The critic concludes by exposing the falsity of Mill's charges of insufficiency against the Ethics of the New Testament, and by examining Comte's famous law of sociology and the substitute for theology offered by the Positivist school; which, however, Mill and the British followers of Comte have had the good sense to reject-much to the disturbance of their crazy French master general acceptance of the book, as tending and would-be High Priest.

Like all McCosh's works, this "Defence' is written in the most luminous style, it being a high pleasure rather than a task to read it. It rests upon tried and sure principles of philosophy and of common sense. It is animated by a devout regard for truth and for the present and future interests of man, imperilled by the new and specious forms in which the sensational philosophy is reappearing among the scientific circles of Great Britain. Keeping clear of the grave errors of Hamilton, on the relativity of knowledge, he effectively exposes and demolishes the far graver errors of his immediate opponent.

The book is got up in a truly luxurious style and at a moderate price for such an pels us, with sincere regret, to withdraw our edition; but it is matter of regret that publishers sometimes needlessly embarrass the circulation of a book, which, like this, could be produced in a form but half so expensive, and thus brought upon the study new organ is Dr. Howson's article on Stantable of almost every studious pastor.

OURTIS. The Mystery of Iniquity Unveiled; or, Popery Unfolded and Refuted, and its Destination Shown in the Light of Prophetic Scripture, in Seven Discourses. By Chandler Curtis. Boston: Crocker & Destination of the Property of The Proper

Brewster. 12mo., pp. 416.

this volume. And as Protestants will con- to be, to ask forgiveness for noting the almost everything on the subject beyond a few great historic facts, we are glad that, from time to time, there are found those who do not grudge the labor and expense of renewed efforts like this of Mr. Curtis, to rouse and instruct them. The soul-destroving errors, the gross superstitions. the syssions of this corrupt church, are not more and success. The former part of the The Pastoral Work, &c picture is drawn in dark and truthful colors by the author. Without any purpose of originality, he confines himself mainly to citations of the statements and opinions of others, which he has been content to arrange under such heads as: The arrogant claims Christian Church; their position as to the Rule of Faith; their sentiments as to the Sacraments; Idolatrous Worship; Deceptions; Intolerance and final Destiny as a Church. The facts are compactly and lucidly stated, though we think the faculty of condensation might have been exercised to great advantage on many of the citations; and we should have had a far more readable book, if the writer had made the sentiments

too conspicuous in the make-up. As to the deeper question of the elements of power in Romanism or the religious philosophy involved in this portentous phenomenon, we seek for them in vain in this book. The writer or his authorities give the year 1867 as the probable terminus of the Church's existence.

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knowledgments to foot notes, or to the

preface. Paste and scissors are altogether

A WORK OF FAITH. History of the Consumptives' Home and the First Annual Report, to September 30, 1865. With an Introduction by Rev. F. D. Huntington, D. D., and Rev. E. N. Kirk, D.D. Boston.

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## PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

DEAN ALFORD'S CONTEMPORARY RE-VIEW for May, contains: University Reform in Relation to Theological Study; Dr. Pusey's Eirenicon; Crete; Pastoral Work: The Conscience Clause; Origines Evangelicæ; Dean Stanley on the Hebrew Kings and Prophets; Politico-Ecclesiastical Questions of the Day in Italy. Title and

The Dean of Westminster's article on Dr. Pusey's Eirenicon will command general attention. The critic, while denying the practicablity, probability, and desirableness of the union contemplated by the author, yet expresses joy at the publication and to diffuse a general spirit of charity; as giving currency to the "liberal" position that we need not believe all in order to believe something; and—will the reader, who has been disposed to recognize the substantial orthodoxy of the review credit it?-because the Thirty-nine Articles are shown in the Eirenicon to be "chiefly historical landmarks of the faith of the Church at a given time, which cannot bind the consciences of future times," and because, in the calm and pleased reception given to the treatise containing this doctrine, the critic sees this "good cause triumph!" This seems to throw open the Review to the loose and latitudinarian school of Maurice, Colenso and the Essayists and Reviewers, and comformer acceptance and approval of it. as the standard of an enlightened but genuine orthodox faith. Much nearer to the position we hoped to see maintained by this ley's Second Series of Jewish History. And yet, while the praise given to this work is copious and hearty, the blame is so deferentially and apologetically expressed as to enhance rather than diminish the reader's appreciation of it. We cannot approve of such an excess of courtesy as to emasculate of such an excess of courtesy as to emasculate of such an excess of courtesy as to emasculate of such an excess of courtesy as to emasculate of such an excess of courtesy as to emasculate of such an excess of courtesy as to enhance rather than diminish the reader's paper. One of them, the proprietor of Le Soleil, offered M. Hugo \$100, 000 cash for the privilege of so publishing the reader's paper.

tent themselves to remain in ignorance of exceedingly grave error of Dean Stanley in levelling the Divine element in the Bible until it is in imminent danger of being lost altogether from his representations. Dr. Howson's tone is almost ominous of his own future acquiesence in such views.

Other articles in this number are "University Reform in Relation to Theological tematic idolatry, the unsounded depths of Study," showing the extraordinary neglect iniquity, fraud, vice, impiety and cruelty, of a due training for the ministerial office and the arrogant claims and lofty preten- in the Church of England, and tracing some of the recent anomalous movements remarkable than its vast power, popularity, in that body to this source; also on Crete,

> THE WESTERN PULPIT, April, 1866. to the Purity and Power of the Ministry, nister, D.D.; Rev. R. W. Patterson, D.D.; ed in 1526, and discovered by him in the Rev. W. W. Everts, D.D.; Rev. Charles library of the University of Gottingen Elliott, D.D. Published by Rev. R. F. The Poet Cowper.—There has lately

Mute College, Washington, D. C., 1866,

CITY EVANGELIZATION. Papers from the Records of the New York City Mission and Tract Society. Published by the N. Y. City Mission.

THIRTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT of the Managers of the Pennsylvania Institution for the Instruction of the Blind. Presented to the Corporators, at their Annual Meeting, Dec. 21, 1865.

KAPIOLANI, The Heroine of Hawaii From "Hours at Home," for May, 1866. New York: C. Scribner & Co.

#### LITERARY INTELLIGENCE. American.

ANNOUNCEMENTS .- Strahan & Co., Neu York: Sir John F. W. Herschel's Familian Lectures on Scientific Subjects. Sir S Morton Peto's Resources and Prospects o America. Robert Buchanan's Londo Poems. Dean Alford's Family Prayers fo the Christian Year. Dora Greenwell "Essays." Lives of Indian Officers; By John W. Kaye. The reign of Law; By No Christian can look into this record of the Duke of Argyll. Days of Yore; By umble, believing, active effort for the relief Sarah Tytler. Dr. Macleod's "Réminiscence of a Highland Parish;" Revised and enlarged. Mackenzie & Irby's Travels in the Slavonic Provinces of Turkey in Eu rope. Cosas De Espana, or Spain and the Spaniards; By the author of "Flemish In teriors." Master and Scholar, and other Poems; By Professor Plumtre. A Second Series of the Parables of our Lord; By Dr. Guthrie.—D. Appleton & Co., New York: Recent British Philosophy; By David Masson. Tyndall on Heat; Revised and enlarged. Life of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States; By a Southerner. Appleton's Companion Handbook of Travel in the United States; Revised edition Appleton's Annual Cyclopædia for 1865 Principles of Biology; By Herbert Spencer The Works of Shakspeare; By Charles and Mary Cowden Clarke. 4 vols. large 8vo., beautifully printed on tinted paper cloth. --- American News Company, New York: The New Gospel of Peace, Part 4, carry on the work, but mention of it has and last. - Ticknor & Fields: Journal of Travels in Brazil; By Professor and Mrs. Agassiz. Treasures from the Prose Works of John Milton. Complete Prose Works men as Drs. Kirk and Huntington, it can of Whittier; New edition. Rainbows for Children; New edition. Breathings of a Better Life; Edited by Lucy Larcom. Lectures on Greece, Ancient and Modern: By the late President Felton. Boys' History of England; By Charles Kingsley. faith. the exhibitions of which, with their | Christiana Rosetti's Poems. Stories of rewards, in Dr. Cullis' journal, are highly Many Lands; By Grace Greenwood. Mrs. Aker's Poetical Works; In blue and gold. Character and Characteristic Men; By E. P. Whipple. Dante's Vita Nuova; Translated by Charles E. Norton. The Divine Comedy of Dante; Translated H. W. Longfellow. The Anti-Slavery Struggle in the United States; By William Lloyd Garrison. Life and Times of Voltaire; by Jas. Parton. J. B. Lippincott & Co.: A

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Foreign. Hugo's Popularity in France.—The correspondent of Childs' Gazette says:-The proprietors of two of our two cent daily papers have been striving to outbid each other for M. Victor Hugo's new novel, which they wish to publish in the feuilleton of such an excess of courtesy as to emasculate it. The Revue des Deux Mondes offered Brewster. 12mo., pp. 410.

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A Book RECOVERED.—In "Much Ado About Nothing," Beatrice asks Benedick if he had said that she was disdainful and had her wit out of the "Hundred Merry Tales." Recently Rev. J. J. Conybeare, poking among the rubbish of a book-stall, happened to pick up an old volume with a thick binding of pasted leaves; which binding of pasted leaves, on being wetted and parted, was found to contain portions of a true and genuine, but undated, copy of "The Hundred Merry Tales." Many pages were damaged; but, as luck would have it, more than one copy of the old chapbook, in the humor of which Queen Bess IS A PROTECTED SOLUTION OF THE PROTOX delighted, had been used by the binder, so that some pages were found twice over. A copy was put together from these pieces, with some few breaks and slips, and the Monthly Theological Miscellany, devoted large fragment, so oddly recovered, was given to literature by Singer from the and the Spiritual Improvement and Har- Chiswick Press. From that day there has mony of all Christian Believers .- Contents: been no doubt as to what book was meant. Sacred Music; The Lord's Dinner; Live A new edition, with introduction and notes not to Thyself; Plan of a Sermon; Our by Dr. Herman Oesterley, has just been under such heads as: The arrogant claims of the Roman Catholics relative to the Book Table. Chicago: Edited by Rev. published in London, more complete than of the Roman Catholics relative to the Joseph Haven D.D.; Rev. Henry Ban the first, from a unique perfect copy, print-

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