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Miscellaneous.

THE SOURCE OF THE NILE. The London Review says of the recently

published history of explorations in search of the source of the Nile, by Samuel White Baker :---Mr. Baker's work is full of interest-in

parts, profoundly exciting; the pictures suggested, rather than described, are often wild in the extreme, while the narrative of personal suffering has been very seldom It is impossible to contemplate without strong paralleled in the annals of travel. It must sympathy, not the perils she encountered, be observed, moreover, that Mr. Baker has | which we estimate as nothing, but the misry lakes hitherto known to exist in Africa sun-stroke, which nearly put a period to out by him to incite us to get rid of mira-Having stated thus much, which we do her existence in the most odious solitudes cles. Clerical opinion in theological matproblem of the Nile-that is, found the are described may be regarded as among spot at which its mysterious head emerges the most touching passages of a traveler's from the earth-he is cherishing a mere aurobiography to be found in any language. delusion. The source of the Nile is at this | He enters into the details like a man, and, moment as little known as it was in the though everything is drawn with a delicate time of Julius Cæsar, and it almost surpasses our comprehension how a traveler so intel- you, sitting by his wife's bedside, with the should fail to be unconscious of this. To a tree, or in some wretched hut in a wild make use of a common expression, Mr. Ba- African forest, enveloped in thick darkness, ker and all other travelers in Central Africa bave been simply beating about the wrong bush, while the bird they are in fever-stricken, half-famished, and surroundsearch of lies hidden far off in another. Yet Mr. Baker, Captain Speke, and Cap-tain Burton, may be almost said to have and to have looked wistfully in the direc- moved can read Mr. Baker's narrative lawyers if you wish to master the princition from which, through utterly unknown without extending to him and his noble lands, it comes rolling toward the Victoria | wife the warmest sympathy. Sometimes Nyanza, into which it flows in a deep flood as we read, we regret that a delicate two hundred and forty feet in breadth, and woman should have been exposed, though with a current of four miles an hour. This by her own choice, to so rude a trial of is the Nile whose source it is necessary to discover-a thing which no one has yet done or even attempted; but, until this husband's too. The fame arising from shall be done, it will be wrong to take credit scientific discoveries, from passing over among civilized nations for having thrown untrodden ground, from pursuing, through expanse of landscape, become no longer light upon a subject which philosophers and unknown regions, the course of a mighty conquerors have desired to illuminate in river, is doubtless sweet; but the satisfacvaiu. Bruce, Burton, Speke, Grant, Baker, have deserved well of the public for explor- a true and heroic wife, must be a thousand ing new regions, and adding largely to our | times sweeter. geographical knowledge; but, in spite of It would be absurd to reproach Mr. Ba-their efforts, old Nile keeps his secret still, ker for not performing impossibilities : we his source being a virgin spring, of whose waters no civilized man has yet tasted. it falls to the lot of a traveler to accomplish Christian theologians, Origen, Augustine, The Kitangule rises far away toward the once in a thousand years; but he should southwest, and its course is known to the be careful that he does not elaim too much. natives for eighteen days' journey before it The discovery of the source, or sources, of reaches the lake. How much farther its the Nile remains to be achieved by some stream must be tollowed ere the lake or tarn | future explorer, more fortunate, though not | tianity, is too paradoxical to command the is reached in the Blue Mountains, whose more bold or persevering, and, we may add, assent of sober minds. Dr. Strauss would lofty summits, from the shores of the Nyanza, may be dimly discerned by the teloscope of a river is. It may be all very well to argument, if the intellectual placidity in the southwest, no one can decide, but wherever this tarn may be, that is the source of the Nile. We say this under the impression that the accounts which former travelers have given are correct. There Geneva, and as other rivers may be to the to the knife againt culture, and a large promay, however, be other rivers, still larger Albert Nyanza, of which Mr. Baker has portion of the Protestant clergy in Gerthan the Kitangule, fulling into the Victoof these to its well-spring before we can be said to have cleared up the mystery which large as the Kitangule, which may be pro- churches of the Continent there are largefor three thousand years has defied the learning, the enterprise, and the energy of Nile. This, we say, may or may not prove found; and in this country, as every reader To return, however, to the Kitan- to be the case. If it be, then the Kitanman. gule; after pursuing a northeasterly course | gule loses its claim to be any other than an | honored representatives in every branch of for thirty-five or forty days, it falls into the affluent of the Nile. If it be not, to the secular knowledge, but number in their Victoria Nyanza, which it traverses in part, Kitangule itself belongs the name of Nile, ranks our ablest, boldest, most earnest, and as the Rhone does the Lake of Geneva; it and the discoverer of its source will be the most honest inquirers in theological scithen, through a gap in the rocks, breaks forth from the lake, and pushes its way through a channel honestly marked in parts with dots in the maps, to intimate that no one has followed its current the whole way. It may be assumed to be the same river which is again fallen in with farther on, and which flows into the Albert Nyanza; but beyond this the uncertainty increases. No doubt Mr. Baker was told of a stream which issued from the lake, and this stream he fairly enough infers to be the White Nile; but before anything is positively stated about that river, much research and only plan for ensuring success would be to of Renan, and the noise made about a book appoint a commission of travelers -ethnolowhole lake region of Central Africa, and be accompanied by a military escort suffiall idea of danger. A small screw steamer their shores might be examined and described. On the return of these commissions, after completing their labors, we might truly be said to have discov- of the relation between Strauss and Renan ered the sources of the Nile-but not till as somewhat similar to that described by then. One practice of our travelers we cannot lakes, mountains and falls. Why should tice might be tolerable; but, as the case great ferocity. now stands, it is altogether absurd, and we trust that, through reverence for science, geographers will firmly set their faces against so incongruous a mixture of names. Should foreign travelers follow the example aspect would the surface of Africa soon negro appellations, unpronounceable by the

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these remarks-which apply to the pro- | tors. His experience, on the whole, has | both these shades of tone are brought into | by description, and must be comprehended ceedings of nearly all recent travelers, been that of a theological Ishmael. It is play. Persons who habitually use but one, who, considering their strong propensity to impossible not to perceive that he writes as command but half the resources of the transform everything, may deserve our an injured man; and an injured man, be- speaking voice. Such is the case with gratitude for not obliterating Cairo and sides being naturally disagreeable, labors most Americans. We use as a nation the betrays that in his composition he is equal-Damascus from the map of the world, and under well-known disadvantages both in hard, piercing quality of tone—we talk with | ly careful and slow." calling one Hutchison and the other Mur- the apprehension and communication of contracted, rather than expanded throats. chison towns-we go on to observe that, truth. Hence, there is not in these volumes This contraction is not that modern one, viewed merely as a book of travels, Mr. that comparatively enjoyable sense of sky which produces the agreeably clear tone Baker's work is entitled to high praise. It and air, that glow of sunny warmth, of described, but it is that excessive contracwould be difficult to exaggerate the intre- which you are conscious in the earlier book; pidity displayed both by him and his wife, and the author falls into certain errors and contradictions which he avoided on the who may truly be regarded as one of the most unflinching and devoted of her sex. former occasion. In his new book, Dr. Strauss shows him-

self exceedingly incensed against the clergy. It is hardly too much to say that he tries not labored and endured in vain, since he eries from fever, from ague, from hunger, to excite the commonalty against them. has discovered one of the most extraordina- from thirst-above all, from the effects of To get rid of the clergy is a reward held with the greatest pleasure, we feel bound to on the surface of this globe. The portions ters is represented as utterly worthless, on add that, in imagining he has solved the of Mr. Baker's book in which these trials the ground that the interest of the priesthood is too directly involved to admit of their judging fairly. This is not worthy of Dr. Strauss. He has got hold of a poor half-truth, and he parades it as if it were a whole truth. Every guild or profession is biassed in favor of abuses from which it deand refined hand, he places himself before rives influence, honor, or bread. You do ligent and so well-informed as Mr. Baker frankness of a private revelation. Under not expect lawyers to aid in the cheapening of legal proceedings; retrenchment in the military expenditure is not looked for with the howl of the jackal breaking now and from the colonels in the House of Commons; and neither the lawyer nor the solthen upon the ear, the husband and wife, dier has more jealously guarded the privied by the most grovelling and beastial of leges of his order than the priest. It is, savages, pass the livelong night, one in nevertheless, indisputable that every profession is the highest authority on its own deep agony; the other in utter unconscioustouched the great river with their finger, ness. No one who has any feelings to be affairs. You consult the works of great ples of law; you turn to famous captains if you mean to study the art of war. Why so? Because though greed is a characteristic of humanity, professional and unprofessional. there is a heat and force of nonleness in all but the basest souls to raise the intellect, love; but, throughout life, the remembrance of those hours must be her reward, and her when engaged in the contemplation of important subjects, to an elevation, from which the flesh pots of interest, lost in the visible; while the mountain ranges of principle, seen in their mass and grandeur, fill tion of sharing and reaping that fame with the prospect. Man is bad enough, but not so bad that one in a thousand of those theologians who have devoted their lives to contemplation of the great themes, God, freedom, immortality, has been a mere sperepeat that he has accomplished more than cial pleader for his order. The idea that Anselm, Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, incapacitated by professional bias to give an opinion, must stand aside while a few modern philosophers condescend to explain Chrischerishing juster notions of what the source never have taken up with such a tap room soothe the pangs of disappointment by which reigned in his first work had not calling such a river as the Kitangule an been disturbed. He has some apology in affluent of the Victoria Nyanza; it is such | the fact that the Ultramontane priesthood an affluent as the Rhone is to the Lake of in Roman Catholic countries, levying war only obtained a glimpse That lake, for many, State-fed and slavishly subservient ria Nyanza, both from the east and west, aught that is hitherto known, may rival in to the power that feeds them, present unand it will be necessary to trace every one dimensions the Caspian Sea, and be fed by favorable specimens of their class; but in one river, among many others, thrice as both the Roman Catholic and Protestant

nounced, as soon as seen, to be the real minded and open-minded clergymen to be is aware, the clergy have not only their

tion, which produces a certain acridity and pointedness. Americans think and speak and act intensely-hence this intensity in their voices, we suppose. But for all pleasant, conversational purposes we should do

hetter to allow the throat generously to expand, and suffer the tones to come out, as they then will do, rich and musical. Particularly would our American women gain greatly in attractiveness, if they would drop this sharp, Xantippe quality of tone so often heard, and allow that quiet, reposeful music to steal out which to every ear is so captivating .- Once a Month.

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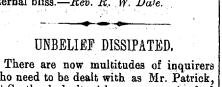
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I have no fear that the splendors of physical science will make the crown of the Christian faith pale and wax dim. Let them stand before the world, side by side, and let them both tell all they have to communicate concerning the nature of man and concerning the achievement of God. The human heart will declare that, marvelous as are the manifestations of wisdom, and power, and beneficence in the material creation, they are nothing compared with the transcendent glory of His infinite love for man, as shown in the incarnation and death of the Lord Jesus Christ; and that, vast as are the benefits secured for the race by a deeper and wider knowledge of the laws of the material universe, they are utterly insignificant compared with rest for the agitated and weary soul, the peace for the troubled conscience, the hope and triumph in the hour of death, the blessedness of present communion with God, the recovery of His image, the certainty of eternal felowship with Him beyond the grave, which hrist has brought within our reach.

Physical science may tell me of the rich and bountiful gifts which God has bestowed upon his creatures, and may dazzle me with the pomp, and splendor, and power of the ministers of His wisdom and love; but Christ takes me by the hand and brings me face to face with God himself; in His presence there is fulness of joy. He is the Father of my spirit, and you leave my deepest and intensest longings unsatisfied until you give me rest in His love and direct communion with His infinite and eternal bliss.—Rev. R. W. Dale.



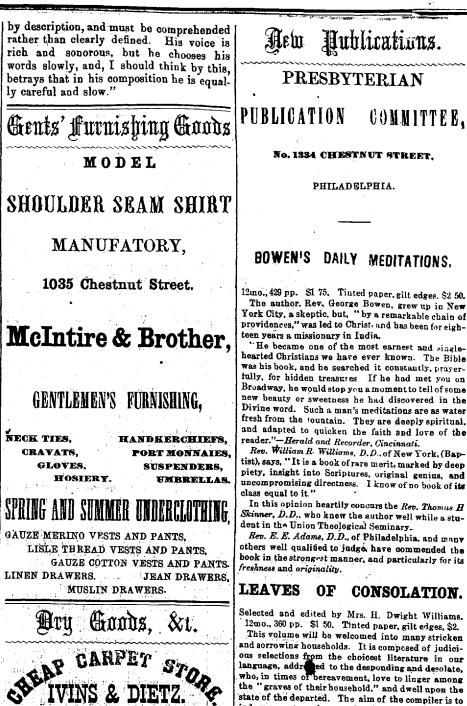
who need to be dealt with as Mr. Patrick, of Scotland, dealt with a woman who had been long anxious but seemed to obtain no relief.

Placing himself beside her and looking steadily in her face, he said, "Do you believe the Bible ?"

"I do," she replied "Can ye tell me wha made the world?"

She smiled a little contemptuously, and after a pause said, "It was God! To which he immediately replied, "How d'ye ken? Were ye there to see?" She seemed surprised, perceiving that

there was evidently more meant by the



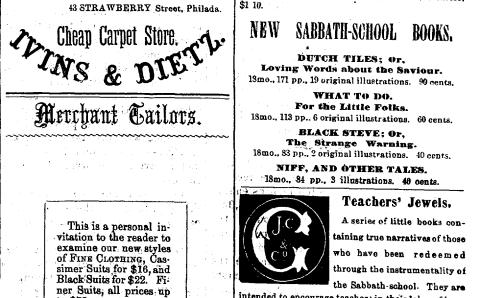
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It must, indeed, be admitted that the new work is in many respects inferior to the old, less dignified in style, less elevated in tone, in form less scholarly, in spirit less manly. Almost all that is good in the new is derived from the old; but there is much that is good, or at least respectable and this. An excess of conversational tone presentable, in the old which we miss in and a voice too high-pitched are excessivethe new. The truth is, though Dr. Strauss ly disagreeable, especially, in society. It investigation will be needed. If Great is profoundly unconscious of the fact, he draws, embarrassingly the attention of sur-Britain should think it worth while, the has been somewhat soured by the success rounding persons; the agreeable privacy of which he saw to be, in comparison with declaimer to a small audience. The effect gists, geographers, geologists, botanists, his own, a flimsy performance. He form-photographers—who should survey the ally extends the hand of fellowship to the companion, particularly if that companion Frank, but he whiffs aside his theory of be a lady, and of ordinary lady-like sensithe raising of Lazarus with the air of a bility. There is an extreme of all this, ciently strong to remove from the explorers gruff schoolmaster putting away the slovenly however, which is equally to be deprecated. thesis of a schoolboy; and he hardly dis should be taken, and put together on the guises his contempt for the French senti-lakes one after another, so that the whole of mentality to which he traces that accept to be repeated; more ver, imparting to the ance of the Gospel of John as historical, which he pronounces the organic fault of which, when combined with a certain bend-Renan's book. One cannot help thinking ing, or leaning toward the person with

Carlyle as subsisting between Frederick William of Prussia and George II. of Engsufficiently condemn-we mean that of land: the former a man of parts, but unimposing English names on African rivers, | couth and heavy-footed; the other a pretty. gentleman, of high, airy ways, and with tion, and be lost to geography by being at bottom a far lighter article. I hope it speech, then, should be calm, quiet, low. transformed into the Somerset? What is not disrespectful to the Herr Professor, The low tonce of most voices are the richest. had Lord Ripon or Sir Roderick Murchison | but my imagination insists obstinately on | to do with the Nilotic cataracts, that we representing him under the similitude of a verse in deep, mellow, contralto tones, the should find their names associated with that wild boar of the German woods, strong effect of which was exceedingly rich and realms to do with one of the great lakes, or, with a jerky grunt of much contempt, at and screamy. As the voice always has a her lamented consort with the other ? Our | high-flying rationalists like Ewald ("eagle | tendency to rise in conversation, we should

But besides the half-suppressed vet the chaplet which should have graced his own brows, Strauss suffers from the gentheologians have disputed his right to be openness and love of truth-a fact of which

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tances is what we need, to prove musical and agreeable talkers. The pitch of the voice and the volume of tone should be such as to render the person speaking easily audible without any undue straining of the listener's attention, and nothing more than conversation ceases, and you become the companion, particularly if that companion It is pitching the voice so low, and using conversation a confidential character, by whom you are conversing, we have seen ladies excessively and justly annoyed.

It should be remembered that a clear articulation will always well take the place of great volume of tone. Better, far better, a low tone with a clear articulation, than a boisterous tone with a thick and blurred We have heard women occasionally congayety and light-heartedness. We hear it to his shoulders.

uestion than she had supposed, and ther remarked : "No, I was not there, but the Word of

God says that He made it." "Ah, well, you believe 'a the Bible says, d'ye ?"

She said "Yes." "Ah, well, we'll see. 'This is my be-

loved Son, in whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him.' Wha says that?" "The Father." "Well, will ye do as the Father bids ye? He commands ye to hear the Son."

To this she assented.

"Weel, then, what does the Son say? Him that cometh unto Me I will in no wise cast out.' 'Come unto Me and I will give you rest.' 'Chaughter, thy sins, which are many, are all forgiven thee, and will He not say the same to you? Is He no saying it even the noo? Ye dinna believe that, ye dinna believe Him. I tell ye, ye linna believe a' the Bible."

She instantly saw the shame and sin of not trusting in a promising, present Redeemer, and as instantly ventured on His mercy and found the peace she sought.

PERSONAL SKETCH OF TENNYSON.

A writer, styling himself "Harry Harewood Leach," sends to the *Home Journal* a letter about Tennyson, from which we make the following extract:

"He (Tennyson) is, perhaps, five leet nine inches in height, but he stoops much the White Nile forfeit its ancient appella- much lace and bedizenment upon him, but articulation. The predominating tone of as he walks, and thus looks shorter. He dees not seem to be above fifty years of age, yet his gait is feeble, and the wearing of glasses adds to the impression of being older. His dress is extremely old-fashioned -indeed, he looked more like an old picranteed. Officers' Uniforms, ready-made, always on hand, or made to order in the best manner, anu on the most reasonable terms. Having finished many hundred uniforms the past year, for Staff, Field and Line Off-cers, as well as for the Navy, we are prepared to exe-oute orders in this line with correctness and despatch. The largest and most desirable stock of Ready made (lothing in Philadelphia always on hand. (The price marked in plain figures on all of the goods.) A department for Boys' (lothing is also maintained at this establishment, and superintended by experi-enced hands. Parents and others will find here a most desirable assortment of Boys' (lothing at low prices. Sole Agent fot the "Famous Bullet-Proof Vest." CHARLES STOKES & CO. of Mumbo Jumbo in the Mountains of the tusked, indomitable, grubbing at the roots musical. The voices of our American ture stepping out of a frame than a gentle-Moon? What has the Queen of these of the forest oaks, looking up, now and then, women are apt to be far too high-pitched man of the nineteenth century. His coat, short in the waist, was of a sort of linseywoolsey material, of a gray mixed color, courtier travelers forget themselves when of Gottingen," grunts Strauss,) or senti-they revolutionize geography after this mental poetizers like Renan, and then sink. grateful relief to the ear, and a pleasant sers of the same material. Around his fashion. If we had conquered the country ing his head in the ground again, and going shade to the light of the conversation, to ample shirt collar a black cravat was loose-and converted it into a colony, such a prac-at it with invincible snout and tusks of drop the voice occasionally from a high and ly tied. But nothing could be more picanimated pitch, and regain the cool, quiet turesque than the long black hair, fine as key-note originally struck. * * * In silk, (but plentifully mixed with gray,) painful consciousness that Renan has had point of sentiment the clear tone expresses which fell over his fine head down even

own brows, Strauss suffers from the gen-eral conviction that he has been a hard-used this tone becomes disagreeable, acrid and have the peculiar appearance about the lids "His eyes are dark gray, I think, and set them by our countrymen, what a strange man. The clergy have been against him; pointed. The voices of termagants and common to all students, and especially scolds illustrate this. On the other hand, night readers, which is very clearly per-^{Aspect} would the surface of Africa soon present, studded with Danish, Swedish, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portu-subled un with candor with which Neander recognized his sudder and Grack names, jumbled un with candor with which Neander recognized his sudden and Grack names, jumbled un with be absent while he is sadness and melancholy. In its extremes, his eyes seem to be absent while he is horror and despair. It is the indispensable speaking, searching everywhere for some-European tongue, and with the grand no. Dr. Strauss might have made mention, but tone in high tragedy. Now the conversa- thing that is not present—that strange menclature of the Koran! Having made does not—appears to have had few imita- tional tone is only heard in perfection when speculative look that is not easy to convey

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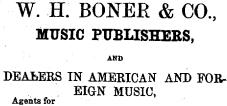
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