

Editor's Table.

Task-Lyon. Recollections of Mary Lyon, with Selections from her Instructions to the Pupils of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary.

The gifted and pious Miss Fisk, formerly missionary of the American Board to Persia, well qualified by her relations to Miss Lyon, as a neighbor, pupil, and fellow-laborer in the Seminary, was engaged in the compilation of this volume at her death.

A Life of Miss Lyon has for some time been before the public. This work is intended to preserve many additional recollections, of deep value and interest, from the note-books of scholars, and from other data, covering the entire period of her life.

The volume is handsomely gotten up, and is embellished with an engraved view of the Seminary.

JUVENILES.

MCCONAUGHY. One Hundred Gold Dollars. By Mrs. S. J. McConaughy. Philadelphia: J. C. Garrigue & Co. 18mo., pp. 253.

A story designed to illustrate, by the contrast in the career of several boys, the opposite motives and modes of action which may lead to the pursuit of wealth.

The externals of the book, as with all the issues of this house, are really elegant; paper, type and binding being all that could be wished.

BROOK. Charity Helstone. By Mrs. Carey Brook, author of Margaret's Secret, or Working and Waiting. Philadelphia: Jas. S. Claxton. 16mo., pp. 313.

A story which, in part, is admirably fitted for juvenile tastes and wants. Charity is a real character and a profitable study for young readers.

DUTIES AND DIFFICULTIES; OR, MARY MATHEWSON. By the author of Joseph, the Jew. Philadelphia: Jas. S. Claxton, 18mo., pp. 270.

Another love-story forsooth, in the guise of a juvenile. A three-volume novel, out down and adapted in size and quality to the capacity of the young reader.

TROWBRIDGE. Nettie Wallace. By Caroline M. Trowbridge. Philadelphia: James S. Claxton. 18mo., pp. 189.

One of the truly good juveniles. A well-told story, in which the value of truthfulness, the injurious effects of vanity in dress, the terrible consequences of a school-girl's trick, and the beauty and power of Christian forgiveness are well illustrated.

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

HOURS AT HOME, October, 1866.—Contents: Pulpit Talent, by Horace Bushnell, D.D.; The Council of Nice, by Philip Schaff, D.D.; The Campaign of Rome, by Bessie R. Parkes; The History and Dignity of Apples, by Edward Spooner; American Artists, No. III., William Bradford, No. IV., William Morris Hunt, by H. T. Tuckerman; Verona, Mantua, and Virgiliana, by Gilbert Haven, D.D.; The Religious Drama in the Bavarian Highlands, by Prof. Ten Brook; The Hour of Prayer, by H. T. V. Esq., of London; (Original.) Jane Purley's Story, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. Chapter XIV. A Palace and its Queen, (Concluded); Saul and Jesus, by Dr. Breets, of Utrecht, translated from the

Dutch for Hours at Home; The German Burns, by Henry Harbaugh, D.D.; The Wife's Ambition, by Mrs. H. R. Potwin; Homer, by Isabella McFarlane; Books of the Month.

An admirable number. The first article is of the highest interest to the many clerical readers of the magazine, and will be sure to get from them a very general, appreciative and delighted perusal.

As the next number will commence a volume, this is the time to subscribe. The energetic publishers, Messrs. Scribner & Co., and the excellent editor, Rev. J. M. Sherwood, promise new attractions in the coming year.

THE SUNDAY MAGAZINE, for September, continues the curious story, or series of stories, called "Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood"; "Our Father's Business, or Methods to do Good," an admirable practical series, bringing out all the wide experience of the editor, Dr. Guthrie, in the aggressive evangelizing work of the ministry in large cities; Dr. Hanna's "In the Life of Our Lord"; Dr. W. L. Alexander's "Italian Reformers," with articles by De Liefde, Wm. Arnot, and others, and very instructive "Notes for Readers out of the Way," on current matters of religious interest.

The October number of this magazine commences a new volume, for which the publishers announce the following attractions:—My Chosen Friends, by Jean Ingelwyl; The Seven Consciences, with Cases in Point, by John de Liefde; Studies of Old Testament Characters, by Thomas Guthrie, D.D.; The Huguenot Family in the English Village, by Sarah Tylter. The new volume will also contain:—"A Series of Papers, by the author of "Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood"; A Series of Papers, by Henry Alfred, D.D., Dean of Canterbury; A Series of Papers, by J. S. Howson, D.D., Joint author of "Conybeare and Howson's St. Paul." Strahan & Co., publishers, 139 Grand street, New York.

This magazine is also on our list of premiums.

HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY, for October, was early on our table, with its wealth of illustrations, making its pages fairly sparkle and speak to the reader. Yet the illustrations are not by any means the exclusive claimants to regard. Port Crayon's Personal Recollections of the War, are very readable and pleasing, though without so much of incident as future sketches will contain. The expulsion of the Hutchinson Singers from the dreary, do-nothing camp of our American Benedek, in the heart-breaking winter of 1861, is mentioned by Mr. Strother almost with approval. The Cruise of the Rob Roy, with the daring, pleasure-seeking, but pious commander, is one of the greatest curiosities of the number or the volume. The Monthly Record of Current Events is quite colorless, politically speaking. By the way, in the last number, the "Monthly Record" was ignorant of the fact that the new Freedmen's Bureau Bill had passed both Houses of Congress over the veto, as our readers all know, and as Messrs. Harper doubtless knew it did, within the shortest possible time after the reception of the veto. The redactor of the news announces in that month that the old bill, which will expire by limitation a year after the declaration of peace, is the only one still in force. We do not see that this extraordinary and quite inexcusable blunder has been corrected, though possibly a correction made somewhere has escaped us.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for October, contains Childhood, a Study; Her Pilgrimage; Farmer Hill's Diary; The Darwinian Theory; Woman's Question; Soarabel at Albi; Miantovrona; Hawthorne's Note Books; The Norman Conquest; Novels of George Eliot; Griffith Gaunt; The Usurpation; Reviews. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. \$4 per annum.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS for October. Beautiful and attractive as ever; an improvement on some of the preceding numbers. Same publishers. \$2 per annum.

THE STUDENT AND SCHOOLMATE for October, in the quality of its articles need fear no competition with other juveniles. Our little folks expect its coming with all their wonted eagerness. Boston: Joseph H. Allen. \$1.50 per annum.

BLACKWOOD for September contains: Sir Brook Fosbrooke XVI; Westminster School; English Converts to Romanism; Nina Balaska, III.; The Great Woods in Winter; The Great Unrepresented; Cornelius O'Dowd; The Legacy of the late Government. New York: The Leonard Scott Publishing Co. Phila: W. B. Zieber. Monthly, \$4 per annum.

Scientific.

PLAN FOR METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS AT SEA.

The Meteorological Department of the British Board of Trade proposes a systematic course of careful scientific observations on the weather on shipboard, upon the plan, and with expectation of useful results, as described in the following extract from the July number of the Edinburgh Review:—

The method pursued is to prepare a chart in which the surface of the globe is divided into spaces ranging between 80° N. lat. and 70° S. lat., and bounded by each tenth meridian and tenth parallel. These spaces, because of their uniformly rectangular appearance in the charts drawn upon Mercator's projection (those employed by navigators), were named "ten-degree squares."

Each of these has received a special number, and every one of them admits of a quarterly subdivision into smaller squares of five degrees. When those of the ten-degree squares are omitted which are now occupied by land or ice, there do not remain more than 330 (approximately) with which the Meteorological Department would have to deal. According to the present plan of the Department, all the observations have to be copied out of the registers, and sorted on some determinate plan into those of the 330 ten-degree squares p which they severally belong. But the way in which this is done admits of many improvements suggested by the Committee, and it is important that something should indicate the probable precision of the several results entered.

There would be something not merely very promising to science, but also very much akin to poetry, if we could justify the hope that every ship that sets out on a long voyage would not merely effect the interchange of commodities, but also at the same time be a marine observatory of meteorological phenomena. It is our national boast that all oceans are traversed by our vessels; how much nobler would be the boast that all oceans are traversed by our observers!

But, in order that this may be anything more than a dream of the future, every navigator must become more or less a scientific observer—the barometer must be his companion and monitor. His pen must be ever at hand, and the log-book must become the record of a multitude of useful observations.

By these, the humblest mariner may contribute his mite of information, and not a sailor under canvas need despair of giving efficient aid in the grand general advancement. Every naval student should be so taught this science that he may, if opportunity occurs, do something for Oceanic Meteorology; and he may possibly add so materially to our present knowledge of the law of storms, that in time to come it may be said of him, not indeed as it was said of Franklin,

"Eripuit oculo fulmen, sceptrumque tyrannis;" yet in a like strain—He disarmed the storm by eluding it, he defeated it by anticipating its approach, and escaping from its fury; thus he stole its wings from the whirlwind, its terrors from the tempest.

SEWING MACHINES AND NEEDLE-WOMEN.

At the late sitting of the French Academy of Medicine, Dr. Guibout read a paper on sewing-machines and their injurious effects on the health of needle-women. He stated that one day he had two consultations on the matter, the patients being unknown to each other, and belonging to different establishments. One of them declared that before she went there she was plump and rosy; but that now, after working at the machine for seven or eight months, her health had been constantly declining. She added that many of her companions were in the same state.

bilated ones leaving. It appeared from the discussion which followed, that the machine was not injurious to men, or to females that were not constantly at work at it.

[The editorial "better half" asks whether constant sewing with the needle is not just as destructive to health as constant application at the machines?]

ANOTHER ATLANTIC TELEGRAPH.

At the late meeting of the British Association, Mr. T. Holmes read a paper describing the route of the proposed North Atlantic Telegraph. There are to be four submarine lengths: the first, from Scotland to the Faeroe Islands, of 250 miles; the second, of 240 miles; the third, of 743 miles; and the last, of 717 miles. It will be laid with much less risk and at less expense than the cable between Ireland and Newfoundland; and the author calculated that messages to America could be transmitted at something like half a crown a word. (Applause.)

The North Atlantic Telegraph Company (limited) has been incorporated to effect telegraphic communication between England and America by means of several short lengths of cable between Scotland, the Faeroe Islands, Iceland, Greenland, and Labrador, or Belle Isle. The prospectus announces that substantial contractors agree to complete the whole of the works, with duplicate cables, for £1,372,000.

The route has been thoroughly and efficiently surveyed throughout, the soundings have been published by the Admiralty, and the surveys of the overland lengths by the Royal Geographical Society. Thurso is the selected point of departure in Scotland, whence the first length of cable, 250 miles long, will be laid to the Faeroe Isles. From the Faeroe-Isles cable will be laid to Berni Fiord, in Iceland, a distance of 240 miles.

The first overland portion of the route is then encountered, reaching from Berni Fiord on the east to Faxe Bay on the west coast of Iceland. The exploring party report that across this island there are four available routes for the telegraph, the one examined being 310 miles in length; a second, via Sprengland, 250 miles; a third, north of Vatna Jokull, 210 miles; and a fourth, along the south shore of Iceland, 260 miles long.

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