

Editor's Table.

CLEVELAND. Sermons by the late Alexander McClelland, D.D. Edited by Rev. Richard W. Dickinson, D.D. New York: R. Carter & Brothers, 12mo., pp. 424. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store.

These sermons are strong in thought, stirring in style, handling topics of immediate interest in a masterly, yet characteristic manner. Perspicuous and direct, not without a vein of sarcasm and freedom of expression which might be thought to exceed the bounds of pulpit decorum at times, they are thoroughly readable. The author received his collegiate education at Union and his theological education at the Associate Reformed Seminary of New York, where he listened to the lectures of Dr. John M. Mason. Licensed in 1815, when but nineteen years old, he soon after became pastor of Rutgers Street Church, New York; seven years afterwards he became professor in Dickinson College, Carlisle, and in 1829 he was transferred to Rutgers College, and afterwards to the Theological Seminary of the Reformed Dutch Church in New Brunswick, where he spent the greater part of his remaining days. Our city knew and appreciated his worth as a preacher, as appears by a call extended to him by the First Presbyterian Church on the death of Dr. Wilson, which, however, he refused to accept, considering himself more fitted for the professor's chair than for the pastoral work.

The book is handsomely printed in large type, and would form a serviceable addition to the preacher's library, besides being eminently popular in its vein.

LACDUFF. Curfew Chimes; or, Thoughts for Life's Eventide. By J. R. Macduff, D.D., author of "Morning and Night Watches." 24mo., pp. 71. New York: R. Carter & Bros. Second Edition.

THE EARLY DAWN. By the author of the "Life of Hedley Vicars." 18mo., pp. 35. Flexible covers. Published as above.

Dr. Macduff's book is an addition to the limited yet important branch of literature designed especially for the aged. It consists of thirty-one texts, each accompanied with an original poetic exposition or expansion of the idea. The thoughts are overflowing with Christian tenderness, and are well calculated to comfort and profit the class sought to be reached. The dedicatory verses are very beautiful, although we cannot accord any very decided poetic merit to the volume.

"The Early Dawn" is a story of the entrance of the simple, life-giving trust in a crucified Saviour into the breast of a dying and despairing man, well suited to exalt the power of the Gospel to save the soul.

THE SHADOW OF THE ROCK, and other Religious Poems. New York: A. D. F. Randolph. Square 24mo., pp. 224, gilt, bevelled edges.

WATERBURY. A Precious Saviour; or, What Jesus is to me. By Rev. J. B. Waterbury, D.D., author of "Advice to a Young Christian," &c. New York: A. D. F. Randolph. Square 24mo., pp. 160, gilt, bevelled edges.

Two attractive, tasteful, and profitable volumes for the closet, from the press of one who always seems to have an eye to the spiritual needy and thoughtful believers. The first volume of poetry, is doubtless of the publisher's own selection, and is a gathering of gems from the current literature of the day, including such names as Christina Rossetti, Charlotte Elliott, Anna Shipton, Bonar, Mrs. Stowe, Translations from the German, and with a few ancient pieces which have lately been brought to the notice of the Christian public. The selections are made with every mark of a cultivated Christian taste, and is a real treasure of sacred song.

Dr. Waterbury's book is composed of twenty-one brief and simple essays, each upon some distinct Scriptural character of Christ, accompanied by an appropriate piece of poetry. They will be found well adapted to turn the daily thought of the believer in a profitable channel. Both volumes are elegantly printed, and for sale at the Presbyterian House.

MULOCK. Two Marriages. By the author of John Halifax, Gent. New York: Harper & Brothers, 12mo., pp. 301. For sale by Lippincott & Co.

Doubtless the earnest wish and prayer of many an intelligent Christian, on contemplating with alarm the ominous features of modern light literature, has found a joyful response in the pure and healthful contributions of Miss Mulock to the otherwise turbid stream. She has handled other themes with success, but in the volume before us she seizes the very topics in which the unscrupulous novelist revels, and through which he diffuses most effectively the pollution of his own mind, and makes them vehicles of the best and noblest lessons to the reader. The first novel—for the volume contains two—is a most powerful reproof of those marriages of convenience without love, which arbitrary parents, especially in a community so pervaded by the caste-feeling as is England, force upon their children. The second story, "Parson Garland's Daughter"—by far the best contrived and most interesting of the two—shows how even a gross error and sin of youth may be mended by honorable action and by the Christian faithfulness and patience of all concerned, although its penalty pursues both guilty and innocent, even through this life. Few pictures ever drawn by novelists are more affecting than that of the old parson grieving over his wife of a year, whom long ago he had loved with so pure and fervent affection and had lost; fondly hoping to have her place approximately filled by her who should be the worthy object of his only son's equally noble affections; crushed for a time by the cruel and utter disappointment of this expectation,

and then, under the guidance of Christian principle and true fatherly affection, rising from his disappointment, and, through many trials, becoming the benefactor of a misguided son and daughter-in-law alike. What a different course a corrupt writer would have given to the whole story, is intimated by the conduct of an aristocratic family which is most skillfully brought upon the scene.

We can most cordially recommend this book to the older class of readers.

DIAMOND EDITION OF DICKENS.

DICKENS. The Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club. By Charles Dickens. With Original Illustrations by S. Eyttinger, Jr. Boston: Ticknor & Co. Pp. 464. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The great enterprise of this Boston house develops itself in specialties as well as in the regular line of their business. Their "Blue and Gold" series has been famous for ten years. They have now commenced a series of publications which meets the want of cheapness in American issues, while it furnishes a compact, readable, tasteful volume, exceedingly convenient to handle or to carry, and giving a wonderful impression of the *multum in parvo*. This is accomplished by using a very small, yet remarkably clear and handsome type, on paper of fine quality, bringing the text within easy reach of almost all classes of readers and purchasers. Here is the voluminous *Pickwick Papers* within a compass that one can cover with his hand, or put in his pocket, and handsomely and abundantly illustrated, for \$1.50, or without the illustrations, for \$1.25. We have rarely seen any thing finer in execution than the engraved head of Dickens, constituting the frontispiece of the illustrated edition. It is contemplated to publish the complete works in this style, comprising twelve or thirteen volumes at the rate of one a month.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

GERMANY.—Recent Theological Works.—The German correspondent of the *Bibliotheca Sacra* mentions the following works: Beginnings of Reformatory Movements in Spain under Charles V., from original documents of the Inquisition at Toledo, by Dr. E. Bohmer, Leipzig; Zeller's Lectures and Treatises on Historical Subjects, Embracing topics from ancient Greek and modern German history, relating mainly to the course of philosophical development. The author is a distinguished member of the Tuebingen School. Von Hofmann's Second Volume, Third Part, of The Holy Scriptures connectedly studied; a learned and extended attempt to show the authenticity of each writing from its historical characteristics. Godet's Examination of the most important Critical Questions raised at the present time relatively to the Fourth Gospel; a very acute defence. Wagemann's System of Christian Doctrine [Lutheran] for the Educated. Gangauf's Augustine's Defence of the Trinity. The author is a Roman Catholic, but has done good service by the book (Augsburg.) History of Doctrine in the Patristic Period, 325-787 A. D., 2d vol., 2d section. Doctrine of God. Also by a Roman Catholic, but much praised by Protestant critics. Matthias's Commentary: Galatians. Fifty-two pages are employed on the word *justifies*, Mediator, ch. 3, 20. Niedner's Manual of Church History from the earliest period to the present day. Berlin. Pp. 978, 4 thaler. An eccentric, but able and valuable work. The Godman the Image of the Invisible God, by Keerl, Basel; 2d volume of a work on Christology, well worth reading. Biblio theological Lexicon of the Greek of the New Testament: to illustrate the influence of the Christian doctrine upon the language in which it was conveyed, or as Schleiermacher said, "the word-moulding power of Christianity." To contain five to six hundred pages. The author has been working on it nine years.—Dr. Karl Freiherr von Hock, Imperial Privy Councillor of State of Austria, has published a work on "The Finances and Financial History of the United States." The author states in his preface that he began his special studies on the subject in the fall of 1862, induced to do so by the wonderful aspect which the finances of the United States began to present, by the readiness with which burdensome taxes were borne and loans contracted after a long period of immunity from taxation.

ITEMS.—The Prince de Polignac, who served in various capacities in the rebel army during the rebellion, is endeavoring now to do the South service with his pen. In a late number of the "Revue Contemporaine," an organ of the French liberals, he has a long article on "The American Union after the War," from a thoroughly rebel point of view.—A recent letter from Beirut mentions the curious fact that a professor in the Librarian College at Monrovia is now at Beirut for the purpose of acquiring the Arabic language and purchasing Arabic books so as to act upon the Arabic-speaking tribes in the interior of Africa, who are now fast encroaching upon the borders of Liberia. He also proposes to send two young men from Liberia to the Syrian Protestant College in Beirut in order that they may acquire the same language.—The monastery of Arcadi, which was lately blown up by the Cretan insurgents, was eight hundred years old, and was the finest and richest monastery in the Levant. It contained a very rich library, with rare Byzantine manuscripts, all of which perished in the ruins.

EUROPEAN LIBRARIES.—The city of St. Petersburg was founded nearly one hundred years after New York, and the imperial library of that capital contains not less than half a million volumes. The imperial library of France has long had the reputation of being the largest in the world. The collection is put down in round numbers at two millions of volumes. For some years past, it has been the ambition of the British nation to have the name of standing first in the world in respect to this matter, and the library of the British Museum has been rapidly augmented to nearly a million of volumes. The annual expenditure in this department is now, we believe, not much short of one hundred thousand dollars. The city of Munich, with a population about twice that of Providence, has in a single collection more than six hundred thousand vol-

umes. Florence, with the same population as Munich, has an aggregate of four hundred thousand volumes in its public libraries.

Miscellaneous.

THE GETTYSBURG ORPHANS' HOMESTEAD.

LETTER FROM GENERAL MEADE.

The following correspondence is commended to our readers. Surely it ought to effect all that is needed for the noble charity referred to:—

Philadelphia, Dec. 31, 1866.
MAJ. GEN. GEO. G. MEADE.

GENERAL:—Your late visit to the Soldiers' Orphan Homestead at Gettysburg, has gratified many friends of the Institution, and the earnest hope is entertained that the visit may have been a source of pleasure to yourself.

The Institution (the undersigned begs respectfully to say), stands on the historic spot with which your name will be most honorably associated in all future time. Although yet in its infancy, it affords shelter to fatherless little ones gathered from different States of our Union—children whose earthly hopes are buried with the gallant dead on the battle-field, and who are now the orphans of the Republic.

To render our Institution worthy the title of National, and especially to meet in some good measure the touching appeals coming to us from many widowed mothers to their children thus left upon the country's care, we greatly want an enlarged building, and an increase of funds, and we trust therefore, General, that you may favor our work with a line of commendation to the liberal and early patronage of the patriotic and Christian public.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
RICHARD NEWTON,
Chairman of Executive Committee.

Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1866.
REV. RICHARD NEWTON, D.D.,
Chairman of Executive Committee, &c.

DEAR SIR:—I have the honor to acknowledge your letter of the 31st ult., in relation to the Soldiers' Orphan Homestead at Gettysburg, Pa., and to state in reply, that it will give me very great pleasure to do any thing in my power to aid you and the others engaged in this laudable cause of caring for the helpless little ones who lost their support during the late war.

I regretted very much that my recent visit to Gettysburg was so hurried, that I had not the time to make a proper inspection of your Homestead. I saw enough, however, to satisfy me, that the children placed there are well cared for, and their wants, physical and mental, properly attended to. The selection of Gettysburg for the location of the Homestead, I deem eminently judicious, not only from its being the scene of one of the great battles of the war, but on account of its salubrity of climate, the resources of the place, and the facility with which it can be visited.

I do not think it can be necessary to argue with any one the necessity for caring for the orphans of our fallen soldiers. It is, however, proper, when appealing to the loyal and patriotic, to show why this duty devolves on us as individuals and citizens, arising from the fact that the National Government makes no provision whatever for orphans, beyond the pension drawn in the name of the father. And although the State government has acted most liberally and has provided for a large number, yet so great were the casualties of the war, there remain large numbers to be cared for by private means. I, therefore, hail, with great satisfaction, every new institution that is created; for I am satisfied there is work, and more than work enough for all. And in this belief, I most urgently recommend your Homestead at Gettysburg to all those who are able to give in aid of it, assuring them their money will be well appropriated, and devoted to the best advantage in your Institution.

Very respectfully, yours,
GEO. G. MEADE,
Maj. Gen. U. S. A.

Correspondents will please address the Secretary of the Orphan Homestead Association, J. FRANCIS BOURNS, M. D., No. 330 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

MRS. GLADSTONE.

A writer in Christian Work, an English magazine, thus describes the wife of the Prime Minister in the cholera ward of the London Hospital:

Here in this ward, as we enter, we find the band of visitors already mentioned, of which Mrs. Gladstone is the centre. These wards are very familiar to that lady; she has visited them daily when death was busiest. And now, in the soft "gloaming" of a September day, she goes from couch to couch, with smiles and kind, encouraging words. The patients all know her; she is associated in their eyes and hearts with goodness and pity. The flowers which she brings from time to time are to them a memorial of her fragrant good deeds, and methinks it can be said of her, as respects these patients, as was said of Miss Nightingale in the soldiers' hospital at Scutari, "they kissed her shadow as she passed." Mrs. Gladstone, soon after cholera began its ravages, sent numbers of children, thus made orphans, or themselves recovering from cholera, to the "Home of

Charity," Greek St., Soho, and afterward they were transferred by her to an affiliated house at Brighton. On one occasion—we tell the story as we heard it—the lady took two poor convalescent children to her own house in Charlton-house-terrace-Gardens. They were allowed to go about the house, and had all possible good and nice food. But they pined for their native Spitalfields and the gutter; each was a starling in a golden cage, but all the while saying, "I want to get out," or, in their own language, "We want to go home, to play in the streets!" Well, they were not to be blamed, while to their hostess and benefactress all honor is due.

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