

Editor's Cable.

MARTEILLE.—The Huguenot Galley Slave. Translated from the French of Jean Marteilhe. New York: P. A. Leypoldt. 12mo. pp. 741. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

If readers have come to think the sufferings of the Huguenots for their faith something of an old and possibly tedious story, this autobiography of Marteilhe will more than undeceive them: It is far more wonderful than many of the creations of romance and fiction. Written with the freshness, clearness and graphic power peculiar to cultivated Frenchmen, and translated by that master of sweet and graceful English, Oliver Goldsmith, its literary merits alone form no small attraction. But the narrative is one of the most extraordinary perhaps ever written. The journey to the frontiers and the singular and sad providences attending the capture; the incredible hardships of life in the dungeons and on the galleys, with its equally marvellous, but rare alleviations; the kindness experienced sometimes at the hands of Catholics, sometimes of apostate Huguenots, but especially from Turks, many of whom were among the galley slaves, and who made it a matter of religion to serve the worse-treated Huguenots at the peril of their own lives; the graphic and thrilling descriptions of sea-fights, in which the galleys took part, form a succession of incidents, which, in their setting of martyr faithfulness to the truth as it is in Jesus, are of the most exalted interest and value. We commend the book as an addition, in every way, to our Christian literature, and worthy a place in all our Sunday school libraries.

GUTHRIE.—Out of Harness. By Thomas Guthrie, D.D. New York: A. Strahan, Crown Bro. pp. 388. \$2. For sale by Smith, English & Co.

The fact that Dr. Guthrie, when out of harness, can carry forward successfully such an enterprise as the Sunday Magazine, shows what a power and quality of work there is in the sturdy, deep-thinking, finely feeling, warmly speaking evangelical Scotchman. The volume before us is made up chiefly, if not wholly, of pieces which have appeared in that periodical, under the titles: The Edinburgh Ragged Schools, New Brighton, A Winter Gale, The Streets of Paris, Sunday in Paris and French Protestantism, Sketches of the Cowgate (seven papers), Winter, Autumn, The Pest, Providence and Prayer, Watch Night, The Rechabites, Unforgiving and Unforgiven.

To those especially seeking instruction and encouragement in evangelical labours among the poor in great cities, the volume will be most valuable; but the great heart and the uncommon powers of description and illustration, shown for instance, in "A Winter Gale," commend the book to every class of readers. It is very handsomely printed and bound.

OLIN.—The Perfect Light; or Seven Hues of Christian Character, by Julia M. Olin. New York: A. D. F. Randolph. 16mo. pp. 256.

Under this fanciful title and with an equally fanciful plan, the authoress has grouped brief biographical notices of the lives of seven Christian women, all but one well known in history or literature, and all but one belonging to the old world. They embrace The Good Duchess Renee of France; The Christian Lady Mrs. Garretson (granddaughter of Robert Livingston); The Angel Queen, Louisa, Queen of Prussia; The Dressmaker of Yarmouth, Sarah Martin; The Devoted Sister Eugenie de Guerin; The Pious Princess Helen of Orleans; The Noble Poetess Vittoria Colonna. These are all beautiful examples of the power of sanctifying grace upon the heart and life of woman, and are commended to the reader not only by their intrinsic loveliness but by the deep Christian sympathies and graceful pen of the writer.

WARNER.—The Word. The House of Israel. By the author of "The Wide, Wide World." New York: R. Carter & Bro. 16mo. pp. 504, illustrated. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store.

Pleasant talks are these of a family group around the winter evening fire-side upon the Book of books. Without stiffness or formality, they form a conversational commentary, introducing the best explanations and illustrations to the Sacred text which modern learning and research have supplied, in the familiar and agreeable style of which Miss Warner is such a complete mistress. The present volume is the second of the series, and covers the period from Isaac to the arrival of the tribes in Egypt. The opportunity which this periodical furnishes for illustrations of the most deeply interesting character is skillfully used. We commend the book to parents and teachers seeking to render the study of the Old Testament attractive to the young. The book is handsomely printed and bound, and is for sale at the Presbyterian House.

MOORE.—The History of the Cooper Shop Volunteer Refreshment Saloon. Philadelphia: Jas. B. Rodgers. 12mo. pp. 212.

This is a fitting memorial of one of those great voluntary contributions to the comfort of our soldiers during the war, which will do more to signalize our struggle than feats of arms on sea or land. In the latter respect the war for the Union, though destined to be forever famous, was not so much unlike other wars, as in the former. History will be searched in vain for parallels to our Christian and Sanitary Commissions and to our Volunteer Refreshment Saloons. Dr. Moore's book is a straightforward account of the Origin and progress of the Cooper Shop Refreshment Saloon and the Hospital connected with it, and a list of the regiments and the number of men entertained

there from the beginning. A brief notice of Miss Anna Ross, who fell a victim to her zeal for the suffering soldiers in the hospital, shows that these efforts were not made without great sacrifice. The very extended notice of Gen. Corcoran's reception in Philadelphia which occupies 24 pages in a volume of 212 pages and in which Gen. C. is called "that great man," needs explanation. We also miss the summary of the entire work of the Saloon and Hospital, which one would naturally look for in a book like this.

The typography, on heavy tinted paper, and the binding are very handsome.

WHITTIER.—The Tent on the Beach and other Poems. By John G. Whittier.

DIAMOND DICKENS.
DICKENS.—Our Mutual Friend. By Chas. Dickens. With Original Illustrations by S. Eytinge, Jr. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Sq. 4to pp. 478, illustrated. \$1.00. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The publishers have issued the second volume of this extraordinary specimen of compact, yet most handsome and readable typography. "Our Mutual Friend" is chosen for this issue, one of the latest, and by no means the shortest, of Mr. Dickens' works. Yet it is reduced to the compass of a pocket volume in this issue. And with its numerous, well-conceived and artistically executed original illustrations, it forms one of the handiest and handsomest issues of the American Press. We do not think any degree of typography or artistic excellence can redeem the repulsive traits of the story, yet one can scarcely resist the temptation which the combined attractions of the volume before us present, to a thorough perusal.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

HOURS AT HOME for March shows indications of a continuance of the progress of this valuable Monthly in all the elements of a sound popularity. A Dr. Bushnell's second article on the moral uses of dark things, discusses the question of the Non-intercourse between worlds. Rev. Henry H. Jessup, of Beirut, contributes a paper on the Cedar forests of Lebanon, which is handsomely illustrated; U. S. Consul Towle describes the arrangements for the Grand Exposition of 1867; Dr. Philip Schaff contributes "The Mother of St. Augustine"; "Tischendorf's account of his Audience with Pío Nono," is translated from the German; Prof. Schele de Vere furnishes an article entitled: "A Protestant Convert," in which the establishment of German Seventh Day Baptists at Ephrata is described, its history narrated, and an interesting sketch of Peter Miller, with entertaining Revolutionary memoirs is added. Donald Mitchell also continues his series, De Rebus Ruris, treating in this number of Village Greens and Railway Gardens.

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THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for March contains: The Guardian Angel, III.; Out on Picket, Glacial Phenomena in Maine, II.; The River; George Beddilion's Knight I, Mr. Hardhackon the Derivation of Man from the Monkey; Katherine Morne V.; All Here; Chicago; Labor; My Friend Birmingham; On a Marble, by Dubois; A Glimpse of Genoa; Rags; The True Problem; Reviews and Literary Notices. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. \$4.00.

LITTLE'S LIVING AGE.—No. 1188—9th March, 1867. Contents:—Books of Fiction for Children; The Village on the Cliff; The Revival of Letters; Why I go to Church; Why I don't go to Church; Dramatic Calamities; Mr. Bartlett and Mr. Friswell's Familiar Quotations; A Winter among the Swallows; New America, by Hepworth Dixon; Eaves-dropping at Biarritz; English Demoniacs; N. P. Willis; Naturalization of Foreign Birds.

LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW, January, 1867. Contents:—Charles Lamb and Some of his Companions; The Cholera Conference; Books of Fiction for Children; Crime in the State of New York; The Week's Republic in Palermo, 1866; Game and Game Laws; Ultra Ritualism; Yankee Humor; English Democracy and Irish Fenianism.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE, February, 1867. American Edition. Contents:—The Army; Ayrshire Cuning Song; The Gay Science; Col. Gordon's Chinese Force; Eaves dropping at Biarritz; The Tarret Ships of England and America; The Working Classes; Blackie and Jones; Democracy in America; The Union Released, or the True Regimen for Irish Evils; Brownlows, Part II.; Note—apology.

MEMORIAL ADDRESS, and Proceedings of the Twentieth Anniversary of the Settlement of Geneseo, Illinois, Nov. 19th and 20th, 1866. Published by a vote of the Memorial Meeting.

AMERICAN CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, Document No. 1. Contents:—Officers and Members; History and Transactions; Report of Secretaries; Religious Canvass of Cleveland; Parish System; Frankford, Philadelphia; Church Missions, Utica, N. Y.; Woman's Work, Boston; Open-air Preaching; Inner Mission of Germany.

AN APPEAL to the Germans in behalf of the Sunday Clause in the Excise Law of 1866, from the New York Sabbath Committee.

TWENTY-THIRD ANNUAL REPORT of the Society for the Promotion of Collegiate and Theological Education at the West—with an appendix. Receipts of the Society \$26,913.10. Benefactions to Colleges and Theological Seminaries in the last three reports \$6,546.00.

A DISCOURSE on the Life and Character of Howard Townsend, M.D., late Professor of Materia Medica and Physiology in the Albany Medical College; preached in the North Dutch church, Albany, Jan. 20, 1867, by Rev. Rufus W. Clark, D.D. Text—"I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord." Rev. xiv: 13.

Rev. Dr. Parr said to a defamer of Dr. Johnson, after the death of the latter, "Ay, now that the old lion is dead, every ass thinks that he may kick at him."

Rural Economy.

FOUR THINGS.

We hope our readers will not think that we are unseasonably "harping upon one string," when we again insist upon the necessity of laying definite plans for work to be done. This makes the difference between success and failure—between thrift and unthrift, provided, of course, that such plans are made, as may be, and are carried out. An old farmer knows by experience what may be done, by what has been, and it is well for the young farmer not to undertake too much. Depend upon it, time will not hang heavy on your hands. Do what you undertake thoroughly well, but do not "putter" and fuss to no account. Especially regard four things: *First*—Your own health and that of the family, especially that of the good wife—relieving her in every possible way, by servants, by washing-machine and wringer, by sewing machine, by your own helpful care, solicitude, and interest in her work and cares. *Second*—System: Having everything go according to a preconcerted plan. *Third*—Time: Being prompt, yet early, having chores done, breakfast ready at the moment, and the work of the day begun as early as possible at the same hour daily—and so through the day. Besides, allowing full resting spells, permit no loitering of men or teams. *Fourth*: If you employ one or more hands, impose a strict responsibility in regard to certain work, and enforce the same. Thus things will go smoothly.

There is one thing farmers are very apt to neglect, and that is the kitchen garden—many of them hardly glance at the hints in another column. A good vegetable garden is the most profitable part in any farm. Manure will pay best applied there, and labor will produce more comfort, food and gratification if expended in the garden than elsewhere. And in the neighborhood of villages there are always quick sales for fresh vegetables, and by the preparation of a little more ground and a small additional cost for seed and tillage, no inconsiderable income may be derived. Think of this while making plans for March and April work.—*Agriculturist*.

HINTS TO FARMERS.

Grass and Clover Seed may be sown as soon as the ground is bare and the frost is out. It is best to be done on a very light snow in case the surface is not frozen.

Secure Good Farm Hands.—February is usually the time to make the best engagements.

Working Stock, if not employed, should not be fed with too much grain, but roots should be in a measure substituted, and if hard worked, feed accordingly.

Manure may be hauled out to the distant fields when there is good sledding, but it should only be such as is well composted and which will neither wash nor deteriorate essentially by exposure. It may easily be put in this condition by the use of muck, but very little that is hauled to the field in the winter time is so protected from the action of the weather, and half to two-thirds is wasted.

Horses ought to be kept sharp-caulked, as ice is more dangerous if it exists only in spots than when it covers the ground. Feed four quarts of carrots with a handful of ashes and half as much ginger daily if they get "off their feed" for lack of exercise. They are approaching the time when they shed their coats, and as they are then liable to take colds, they should be well fed and in good condition.

Colts.—When there is a foot of snow on the ground the time is particularly favorable for training and breaking colts to saddle and harness. Gentleness, firmness and sugar are the specifics, with the common-sense use of which we warrant it easy to break any colt—not made vicious by bad boys or men.

Oxen should come out in fine condition for spring work on little besides corn-stalks, if these are properly prepared, namely: cut up, soaked and salted, with a very little meal upon them.

Beef Stock may have a little increase of meal and oil-cake when they begin to shed their coats.

Cows that are giving milk may well have wheat bran and oil-cake meal on their cut and soaked stalks.

Calves intended for veal may very early be taught to nibble hay, and finally to eat a good deal, and with what skimmed milk they can get in their boiled gruel, they will make rapid progress.

The Currycomb should not be neglected; its exercise on all kinds of neat stock and horses is a great prevention of disease and vermin, and is productive of thrift.

Sheep should be kept so assorted in flocks that all can get the proper allowance of feed. Provide a warm shed, feed straw and hay in racks, and grain in troughs; of course feed some roots, or hemlock boughs, or both.

Visit all the stock personally the last thing at night and first thing in the morning. See that they have water enough, at least twice a day, better three times. Give salt frequently, and let them stand several hours in the yards every day if fair.

Trees.—Avoid cutting trees that are full of sap at this season, or as soon as the weather is warmer—as the maple, beech, etc.

If Grape Vines were not pruned in autumn, take advantage of the first thaw, and do it this month. The wood from winter pruning is not so good for cuttings as that removed in the fall, and if used for this purpose must be carefully selected.

Currants may also be pruned, and the cuttings buried until the weather allows of their being set.

When the wheels of a clock move without, the hand on the dial will move without.

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