

Editor's Cable.

TICKNOR & FIELDS.

Stowe.—Religious Poems. By Harriet Beecher Stowe. With Illustrations. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. 12mo. pp. 207. Bevelled boards. Gilt top. \$2.00.

Mrs. Stowe may not perhaps claim the rank as a poetess which all concede to her as a prose writer. The instrument of language is not so fully at her control as to give her verses artistic finish and musical lyrical flow.

DICKENS.—The Personal History of David Copperfield, by Charles Dickens. With Original Illustrations by S. Eytzinger, Jr. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Small quarto. pp. 494. For sale as above. \$1.50.

This is perhaps the best of Dickens' numerous productions; and is, we believe, preferred by the author himself. There is far more of the sweetness of human life, less of the absurdly grotesque, unnatural or repulsive in character or incident, than in some of his more recent works.

DIXON.—Backbone Photographed from "the Scalpel." By Edward H. Dixon, M.D. New York: Robert M. Dewitt, Publisher. 12mo. 316.

A strange book is this. The style is dashing and sensational. The topics are mainly drawn from the medical profession. The writer evidently regards himself as having a mission in the way of exposing abuses within the range of these topics; and he seems somewhat emulous of a martyr's distinction, such as may be won cheaply enough in such a field of writing.

EDGED TOOLS.—By the author of "the Win and Wear Series." New York: R. Carter & Bros. 18mo. pp. 316. Illustrated. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store.

In spirit, purpose and execution this is one of the very best of boys' books, with lessons of great importance for parents and teachers, for brothers and sisters alike. "The Edged Tools" are the influences wielded especially in the family upon the characters of children, and the perils of their misuse are described in vivid colors.

It is a long time since we have heard from this deservedly favorite writer. The little volume before us will hardly satisfy the eager appetite with which many readers have heard the announcement of another of his productions.

TALMON.—The Red Bridge, A Temperance Story. By Thrace Talmon, author of "Edith Hale," &c. 18mo. pp. 321. New York: National Temperance Society. Philadelphia: For sale by J. C. Garriques & Co.

Another proof of the vitality and breadth of the Temperance movement which we have happily lived to see renewed. It is a juvenile story designed to illustrate the wide spread of the evil of intemperance in the family, to encourage loving and prayerful effort in behalf of the victims of self-indulgence, and to inculcate other excellent religious and moral lessons.

of the important truth it is designed to convey. It is handsomely printed and bound.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

HOURS AT HOME FOR APRIL concludes the Fourth Volume of this increasingly valuable and popular monthly. Dr. Bushnell discourses of the Moral Uses of such very common and yet very dark things, as Bad Governments, the chief use of which, in his view, is the full revelation of evil made by them for the instruction and warning of mankind.

HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY for April continues its humorous and dashing adventures of the Dodge Club, or Italy in 1859. "Heroic Deeds" gives to well-deserved fame the brave deeds and endurance of Lieutenant Benj. H. Porter, who fell at the storming of Fort Fisher.

THE SABBATH AT HOME, by the (Boston) American Tract Society for April, is a decided improvement on preceding numbers. Dr. Dexter's Footprints of the Pilgrims in Holland is upon ground quite novel to readers of this generation.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April, besides continuations, has notable articles on the Sanitary Commission, on University Reform, and Travel in the United States, with a good variety of lighter articles.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS for April is a very rich number. Bynight's full page engaging "Going Halves," is an illustration of the progress of notions of equality and brotherhood among the boys of our day, exceeding the observation and experience of most, though based on actual occurrence.

THE MERCERSBURG REVIEW, New Series, Vol. I, No. 1, January, 1867; an organ for Christological, Historical and Positive Theology. Edited by H. Harbaugh, D.D., (Professor of Theology, Mercersburg, Pa.) Contents:—Introductory Article; Theology of the New Liturgy; False Faith and Feeling in regard to the Holy Ghost; The Sacramental and Experimental in the Mystical Union; The Genius and Theology of St. Augustine; Christian Patriotism; God in History and in Science; Recent Publications.

BLACKWOOD'S MAGAZINE. American Edition. March, 1867. Contents:—The Army; Ferris; Hymns of the Populace; The History of Scotland; The Innermost Room; Co-operative Societies; Cornelius O'Dowd; Brownlows (Part III); The Ministerial Resolution.

REPORT of the Pennsylvania Hospital for the Insane, for the year 1866, by Thomas F. Kirkbride, M.D., Physician-in-Chief and Superintendent. Total number of applicants in 1866, 526; discharged and died, 230; number now under treatment, 290; expenditures in male department, \$69,076.05; expenditures in female department, \$72,115.99. Total, \$141,192.04.

Miscellaneous.

THE DEATH OF DR. LIVINGSTONE. OFFICIAL ACCOUNT FROM THE AMERICAN CONSUL AT ZANZIBAR.

Consulate of the United States of America, Island of Zanzibar, Dec. 9th, 1866.

SIR:—It becomes my painful duty to report the death of Dr. David Livingstone, the celebrated African explorer, who, as I wrote under date of May 9, 1866 (Dispatch No. 4), left here on the ninth of March last for the exploration of the river Rovuma, and the region between the great lakes of Central Africa, of which, as yet, but little is known.

As some articles are tanned by the same sun in which others are bleached, so are some people hardened under the same gospel by which others are softened.

known. Such was the geographical problem. But Dr. Livingstone had in view to affect the present enormous East African slave trade, through pioneering the way which might lead to lawful commerce.

But Dr. Livingstone had in view to affect the present enormous East African slave trade, through pioneering the way which might lead to lawful commerce. To have consolidated in one the successive discoveries achieved by himself on the 'Nyassa, Burton, on the 'Sanganyika, Speke and Grant, on the 'Victoria, and Baker, on the 'Albert Nyanza, would have been a fitting triumph for one who was the first to cross the African continent within the tropical zone; but these hopes have been wrecked by his untimely death.

It is hardly probable that any further particulars will ever be obtained in regard to Dr. Livingstone's death, as the Mavite are a wandering people, and it will be quite impossible to ascertain the particular tribe by whom Dr. Livingstone's party were attacked. I have the honor to be, Sir, very respectfully your obedient servant,

EDWARD D. ROPES, U.S. Consul.

Hon. W. H. SEWARD, Secretary of State.

FALLING AWAY.

One has right to think himself a converted man, only when he lives and feels like a converted man. Whenever he lives otherwise he should doubt his hope; if he continues so to live, he should throw it away altogether.

What greater folly can a man commit, than to be ever looking back to his past experience, for the evidence of his religion? Time obscures it. It grows dimmer and dimmer as it is farther and farther away.

I say not that the wanderer will be lost. That will be determined by his repentance and the unknown fathomless depths of God's mercy. When, however, I think of that long black night of shame and remorse, of conscience gnawing like a worm in the soul, of dreams that are like the presage of coming doom, of days of sin in which the soul wanders homeless and dares not go back to its Father's house, of desolation deep and dreary, of loneliness and despondency when the heart would faint cry out for help but cannot lift a prayer, of that startling at every alarm, of that wild clutching at earthly hopes lest they suddenly go out, of that trembling horror of death, of those voices in the soul like the wail of the lost, of that dark forboding of coming wrath whose up-heaving clouds cover with blackness all the sky, along whose edge plays the red gleam that tells of an angry God, of that going down to death, swinging out into the darkness and no overlasting arms underneath, catching at a hope and finding it a spider's web, dropping with a shriek into the abyss, when I think of this and then of those unuttered questions which call hoarsely for an answer in the bosom of friends as they bend over the lifeless form,— "Is he in Heaven, or is he in Hell?" When I think of all this, I say take heed, O my soul, that thou fall not, that thou wander not.—Rev. William Aikman.

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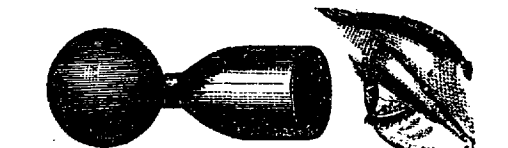
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