

Editor's Table.

SHEDD.—HOMILETICS AND PASTORAL THEOLOGY. By William G. T. Shedd, D.D., Baldwin Professor in Union Theological Seminary, New York City. Published by Charles Scribner & Co., New York.

This volume embodies the bulk of the lectures delivered by Dr. Shedd while a Professor in Auburn Seminary, together with Essays printed in the American Presbyterian and Theological Review. Differing in origin, they agree in a common purpose, and in the masterly power with which the subjects are treated. They are thoughtful, suggestive and complete. Dr. Shedd finds the power of the preacher, not in any formal preparation for his work, but in the apprehension of positive Christian truth in the Word of God. With this as an inspiring and guiding power, he can rise to sincerity, eloquence and beauty as a pulpit orator.

The part of the book assigned to Pastoral Theology is briefer than the other, but not less weighty. It is the result of deep study, if not of wide experience, and will deserve attention.

As to the mechanical execution of the book we regret that its wide margins, and fine execution, will put it beyond the reach of many who would profit by its perusal. We think it deserves the honor of a cheap edition.

JAMES.—The Bankrupt Law of the United States, 1867. With Notes of American and English decisions upon the Principles and Practice of the Law of Bankruptcy, adapted to the use of the Lawyer and the Merchant. By Edwin James, of the New York Bar, and one of the framers of the recent English "Bankruptcy Amendment Act." 8vo. Pp. 325. Harper & Brothers, publishers, New York. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

The method of right legislation on the subject of bankruptcy is one of the most difficult of problems. The old English laws on the subject were purely barbarous, though not so bad as the Roman, which punished the offence with slavery. The U. S. acts of 1800 and 1841 were both failures, as neither of them secured the great object of discharging the honest but unfortunate debtor upon the complete surrender of his property, and at the same time of protecting the creditor against dishonesty in the debtor. The law of 1867, it is hoped, will work better. It is here given by Mr. James (formerly of the English bar) with a copious collection of cases and decisions under each section. The work will no doubt rank as a classic among the lawyers, but is of interest, and intelligible, to others; as for instance, pastors on \$1000 a year and editors whose subscribers wont pay up.

LONGFELLOW.—The Poetical Works of Henry Wadsworth Longfellow. Complete Edition. Pp. 361. 8vo. 16mo. Boston: Ticknor & Fields, 1867. Price \$1.50.

This Diamond Edition of Longfellow is (as our Irish friends say) "a jewel of a book"—fitly bound in the green of unadorned nature, and the gold of the thirty years of poetic sunlight that lie between its covers. Longfellow has taken a stronger hold of the American people, as a whole, than any other of our poets. Lowell has more concentration, wit and ethical power; Whittier more of the fire and ring of a great lyricist. But these affect rather a class, while he reaches the whole mass of men,—cultured and uncultured alike—appealing to feelings the most universal. From the publication of the Psalm of Life, in 1839, up to the present, his works have commanded the public ear and many will hail with pleasure the appearance of this exquisite bijou edition of his whole works, while awaiting his Dante.

TEGNER.—FRITHIOF'S SAGA, from the Swedish of Esaias Tegner, Bishop of Wexiö, By Rev. Wm. L. Blackley, A. M. First American Edition, edited by Bayard Taylor. Pp. xxviii: 201. Published by Leopold & Holt, New York.

The relics of the old Norse Literature, which date from before the introduction of Christianity into Scandinavia, form a subject of study of the most absorbing interest. The Sagas and Eddas, in which these are embodied, attracted attention in the great revival of national feelings, when the Lutheran Reformation pervaded Sweden, but their study sank into a new pedantry. When a similar revival took place after the French Revolution, they were studied in a spirit at once more critical and sympathetic; and Grundtvig and Ohlenschläger in Denmark embodied their studies in original poems of acknowledged merit. Tegner, the Swede, ranks below neither of these, and in his Frithiof's Saga, we have the most characteristic work of the most popular of Swedish poets. The good Bishop is already known through Longfellow's beautiful rendering of his "Children of the Lord's Supper;" and of the "Saga," which is founded on the old Norse poem, four English editions have already appeared. The present is most conformable to the sense and metre of the original. The theme is the adventures of a great viking (or "hays-man," not "sea-king") on sea and land, among gods and men.

CARLETON.—How to MAKE MONEY and How to KEEP IT. By Thomas H. Davies, Author of "Cosmogony, or Mysteries of Creation," and "Answer to Hugh Miller and Geologists." Pp. 322. Published by G. W. Carleton & Co., New York. For sale by T. B. Peterson & Co., Philadelphia.

The subordinate duties of life are worthy of our consideration as well as the principal. One of them—"to provide for one's own," is discussed in this book with a good deal of keen insight, and in a way that may be instructive to many. The radical defect of the book is that it embraces only one side of the question; "How to spend it," which is the most difficult question, not being touched on. Had he gone farther than he did,

he must have gone higher. The spending must of necessity involve moral principles, and these our author has systematically ignored.

PROMETHEUS IN ATLANTIS: A Prophecy of the Extinction of the Christian Civilization. Published by G. W. Carleton & Co., New York. For sale by T. B. Peterson & Co., Philadelphia.

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PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

"A SHINING LIGHT." A discourse commemorative of Rev. Frederick Starr, Jr., late pastor of the North Presbyterian Church, St. Louis, delivered to his people, February 24th, 1867, by Rev. Henry A. Nelson, pastor of the First Presbyterian church, St. Louis. John v. 35. "He was a burning and shining light; and we were willing for a season to rejoice in his light."

A LAWYER'S TRIBUTE TO THE BIBLE. The Literary Character of the Bible; A Lecture delivered before the Wilmington Institute, at Wilmington, Delaware, January 8th, 1867, by H. Bucher Swoope, Attorney-at-Law.

THE BIBLICAL REPERTORY, and Princeton Review, No. II; April 1867, contains,—Western Presbyterianism; The Epicurean Philosophy; Emanuel Swedenborg; The Position of the Book of Psalms in the Plan of the Old Testament; The Philosophy of Mathematics; Short Notices.

ATLANTIC MONTHLY, May 1867. Contents:—The Guardian Angel, V; History of the Sewing Machine; Heart and Hearth; The Genius of Dickens; Germany in New York; Katharine Morse, VII; Sorrow; The Plaintiff Non-suited; Some Unappreciated Characters; Oldport in Winter; Marble Quarries; The Custom of Burial with the Head towards the East; Heroes of Central Africa; Reviews and Literary Notices.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS, No. 29, May 1867. Contents.—Round-the-World-Joe, IV; To Far Out; Ruby's Visitor; A Modern Cinderella; Misses Smyth's Silver Wedding; Good Old Times, V; Base Ball and Cricket; The Assassin's Paradise; Maying, with Music; Round the Evening Lamp; Our Letter-Box.

THE LADY'S FRIEND, for May, 1867. Contents:—Steel Plate; Colored Fashion Plate; Illustrations of the Fashions; Music—Fire in Flint; Spring Songs; How a Woman had her Way; Signonette; April; Skeleton Leaves or Phantom Bouquets; In the Present; No Longer Young; The Mother's Prayer to the Virgin; Orville College; To Stella, at Home; Kavardiska; Novelties for May; Editors, Department.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

AMERICAN.—The Messrs. Harper of New York, and Peterson of this city, have paid to Mr. Chas. Dickens for advance sheets for their editions of his works the sum of \$60,000. Yet

when Ticknor & Fields sent him £200 as a share of the profits of their Diamond Edition, he wrote back, saying, "I think you know how high and far beyond the money's worth I esteem this act of manhood, delicacy and honor. I have never derived greater pleasure from the receipt of money in my life;"—as if this were the only occasion on which American publishers have dealt generously with him.—A translation of Dante's "Inferno" by Dr. Theophilus W. Parsons of Boston is announced. The first seventeen cantos were published some years ago. Dr. Parsons' minor poems have been collected in a superb privately-printed volume,—"The Magnolia."—Private editions of Halleck's "Fanny," of Hick's "Biology of Crawford" of the "Letters of Col. John Laurens" (printed for the Bradford Club) and of Dr. Francis's "Old New York" have recently been printed.—Gould & Lincoln announce "Progress of Doctrine in the New Testament," (the Bampton Lectures for 1866) by Thomas Dehany Bernard of Exeter College.—The first volume (A and B) of Strong and McClintock's new "Biblical Cyclopaedia," and the first number of the reprint of "Smith's Dictionary of the Bible," have appeared.—"The Journals and Note-Books of Nath. Hawthorne" are about to be published in two volumes. Parts have appeared in the Atlantic.—Brown & Goss of Hartford have published "An Inquiry into the Origin of Anæsthesia," by Senator Truman Smith, recalling an old and bitter controversy.—Mr. John Meredith Read, Jr., of Albany, is writing a new "Life of Henry Hudson," with the aid of original documents drawn from the rarest sources in England, Holland, France, and Spain; to be illustrated by Albert Bierstadt.—Mr. C. P. Culver, of Crawfordsville, Ga., is preparing "The Distinguished Civilians of the late (so-called) Confederate States of America; or, The Inside and Outside View of Secession."—Mr. W. T. Linton, of New York, proposes to issue a "Complete History of Engraving on Wood," with numerous illustrations, printed in England in the best possible manner.—W. J. Widdleton has published a fine library edition of the "Æneid of Virgil," translated into English ballad metre (Scott's) by Prof. Conington, of Oxford University.—In the Historical Magazine Mr. Fred. Knapp charges Jared Sparks with suppressing some passages in certain autograph letters of Washington which Mr. Knapp has seen, and tampering with other passages, in order to make the hero appear more devoted as a Christian than he really was, and more conversant with the requirements of modern propriety.—Hon. Edward McPherson, Clerk of the U. S. House of Representatives, announces that he has in press a "Political Manual for 1867," which will take up our political history where his last manual ended, July 4, 1866, and carry it down to April 1 of the current year, or the end of the late session of Congress.

BRITISH.—A new biography of General James Oglethorpe, "the founder of Georgia" (he certainly founded the city of Savannah), is announced in London, to be written by R. Smith.—Admirers of Charles Lamb will be glad to hear that Bell & Daldy, in republishing the "Essays of Elia," have restored many important passages which were suppressed in previous editions.—The Marquis of Lorne, eldest son and heir of the Duke of Argyll, having paid a hasty visit, last year, to the West Indies and the United States, has written a book about it, called "A Trip to the Tropics, and Home through America." In Jamaica, he (grandson of Mrs. Stowe's Duchess of Sutherland) was evidently under the influence of the anti-negro party. The Athenæum says, "Lord Lorne saw a good deal of society, both in the South and in the North. His tone is good; without undue partisan feeling; and yet favorable to the great people with whom we have so many ties."—Mr. Hepworth Dixon's "New America" has gone into a sixth edition. It is "the book of the season." The new edition contains a preface in answer to the criticisms of Father Noyes, which appeared in the weekly Circular of the Oneida Communists.—Dr. Wm. Smith of Dictionary reputation, a Liberal and a Dissenter, is to be the new Editor of the Quarterly Review. Gifford and Lockhart will not rest in their graves!

—Robert Browning, John Ruskin and many others, are proposed for the Oxford Professorship of Poetry. Browning is ineligible, having graduated at London University.—There has just appeared "dedicated to Albert Edward, the 100th King of the World," a brochure, entitled "The History of the English Revolution of 1867," by Lord Macaulay's New Zealander, Anno Domini 3867, in which political and social life in 1867 are satirized.—Queen Victoria is not writing a book about her husband. That is being done by General Grey, one of her household. She did write, privately print, and illustrate with her own engravings from original designs, a volume relating to that part of Scotland where she lives in summer. We presume it is a standard for the Queen's English.—The publishers of Ecce Homo having sold ten thousand copies of the half-guinea edition have now issued one at six shillings; of this three thousand copies were subscribed. Almost as large a number have been sold in the United States.—A clever Londoner recently hoaxed the London Review and the Nation by publishing in the Pall Mall Gazette what purported to be suppressed passages of Gulliver's travels. When the critics (like Oliver Twist) asked "for more," he replied that a man who could write as admirably as Swift ought to set up for himself.

GERMAN.—At the end of 1867, according to a new copyright law passed some years since by the German Diet and agreed to by all the separate governments, all copyright, which had up to that time been prolonged by special privileges, ceases. The works of Schiller, Goethe, Wieland, Herder, Koerner, and many other German classics are among those that will then become public property, and cheap editions are now announced.—Henry C. Carey is the most widely known of living Philadelphians. Two German, (Berlin and Munich) editions of his greatest work have been published, and the edition of Munich by Dr. Adler (Lehrbuch des Volks und Socialwissenschaft) is nearly out of print, and a new translation is preparing. Besides versions of the same book in French, Italian, Swedish and Russian, another in Hungarian or Magyar has just appeared under the euphonic title "A Tarsadalmi Tudomány Kezikoönyve; Pest, Kiadja Heckenast Gustáv." His lecture on the Resources of the Union has also been published at Pesth.

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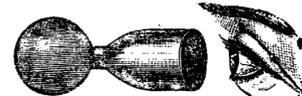
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