

Editor's Table.

DONALD MITCHELL.

MITCHELL. Doctor Johns: Being a Narrative of Certain Events in the Life of an Orthodox Minister of Connecticut. By the author of "My Farm of Edgewood."

This story, the scene of which is laid mainly in New England, and which is supposed to close but little more than twenty years ago, strikes us at once as having a flavor of too great antiquity. Dr. Johns belongs at least to the early half of the preceding century.

Dr. Johns is, indeed, not to be condemned for representing a mere dry doctrinal presentation of truth as unlikely to produce saving effects; but he is to be blamed for making an impression adverse to the saving efficacy of the great truths themselves of the Bible and of Gospel teaching.

We are sorry that Mr. Mitchell could not construct his plot, without putting one of the leading characters in a position which is an affront to the decencies of all civilized society with which his readers are familiar.

RURAL STUDIES. With Hints for Country Places. By the author of "My Farm of Edgewood."

This might be described as a Treatise on the Natural Capacities of the Soil for æsthetic treatment; a book to show how one can be his own landscape gardener and Rural Architect.

MARSH. Life of Rev. Wm. Marsh, D.D., by his Daughter. Author of Memorials of Captain Hedley Vicars in two Volumes; 12mo., pp. 580.

It is impossible for any man faithfully to live the life and do the work of a pastor for nearly two-thirds of a century, without presenting an object worthy of the study and regard of the Christian. Dr. Marsh was a man of God, thoroughly and happily occupied by his work, a man whose whole interest was in the line of his duty as a Christian minister.

The book is printed in Edinburgh, and is one of the most exquisite specimens of work in this line that we have ever seen—at least in a case where display does not seem to have been intended.

ROBERTS. Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver. A collection of Hymns and Tunes for Sunday-schools. By Edward Roberts. New York: Mason Bros. pp. 176.

A good collection of music. A cultivated taste and a thorough regard for the decencies of Christian worship seem to have governed in the composition of the music, while the words are evangelical in sentiment and generally poetical in form.

AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY. PAUL YENNER, or the Forge and the Pulpit. Based on Facts. 12mo. \$1.25. Postage 20 cents.

The hero of this book is the son of an intemperate father, whose place in the smithy and the family he takes quite early in life, and remaining steadfast through many perplexities, burdens and temptations, sees his father rescued, procures the means of going through college and becomes a minister of the Gospel.

MARTYN.—The Hopes of Hope Castle, or The Times of Knox and Queen Mary Stuart. By Mrs. S. T. Martyn, author of "The Women of the Bible," "Allan Cameron," etc. \$1.15. Postage 20 cts.

The warp or frame work of this story is "veritable history." The scene is laid in Scotland during the stirring times of John Knox, Mary Stuart and the opening of the Reformation. A young lady, the daughter of a noble family, has just returned from France, where she had been educated in a convent, to her ancestral home.

TISCHENDORF.—When were our Gospels Written? An Argument by Constantine Tischendorf, with a Narrative of the Discovery of the Sinaitic Manuscript. Translated and published by the Religious Tract Society of London, under an arrangement with the Author. 30 cts. Postage 8 cts.

The result of the researches of this great scholar, indefatigable inquirer, and humble believer, are not more important in the department of criticism than in apologetics. Within the very brief space included in these treatises, he has crowded an immense amount of information and argument of the highest value at the present stage of controversy.

KING.—Bible Prayers, arranged by Rev. Jonas King, D.D., Missionary at Athens, Greece. 30 cts. Postage 4 cts. American Tract Society, 1210 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

This little volume, by the veteran Missionary, contains absolutely nothing but Scripture language, besides titles and indexes. Ministers and private Christians will find it a great help in quickening their spirits and imparting a Scriptural character and variety to their prayers.

RANDOLPH. FRANCKE—GAGE.—Faith's Work Perfected; or Francke's Orphan House at Halle. By A. H. Francke, Professor in the Halle University, and Founder of the Orphan House. Edited and Translated by Wm. L. Gage. Same as above.

There can be no better answer to the doubts of an unbelieving yet intensely practical age, than such facts of a living Christianity, as those brought to notice in this little book. Mr. Gage, the American translator and editor, deserves the thanks of the Christian public for discovering and condensing into an easily readable form, the original documents in which Francke recorded the beginnings, the struggles and the final triumphs of his great enterprise of faith, in behalf of orphans and other needy persons.

THE LITTLE PREACHER, by the author of "The Flower of the Family," "Henry and Bessie," "Little Susy's Six Birth days," etc. New York: Anson F. Randolph. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Publication Committee.

An admirable story of a very plain, not to say rude, German family and settlement near the Black Forest, one of whose juvenile members early shows an aptitude for the high calling of the preacher, and through many tribulations at length succeeds in reaching the sacred desk.

BEATTY.—Pastor's Register for Private Use. Arranged by Rev. W. T. Beatty, 2nd Edition. Same as above.

Just the very thing for the minister's use. It will enable him to outline his whole professional activity in a very brief form, showing him, too, at a glance, what he has yet to do, as well as what he has done. It contains ruled pages for registering Sermons and Miscellaneous Services, Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals, Additions to the Church, and above all, a complete register for pastoral visits, where he may see at a glance, the extent of his performances and his neglect; and may be able to silence perhaps the querulous parishioner by written testimony as to the date of that very remote last visit of his. The book is handsomely got up and strongly bound.

BROWNE.—The Land of Thor. By J. Ross Browne. Author of "Yusef," "Cassiope's Island," "An American Family in Germany," &c. Illustrated by the Author. New York: Harper & Brothers. For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co. 12mo. pp. 542.

Ross Browne's books, ever most readable and entertaining, are growing more valuable and may we not say, respectable; though there is still room for great improvement. We still feel that a spirit of wild exaggeration and a desire to provoke merriment imperil the truthfulness of the narrative on almost every page.

ORIS.—History of the Panama Railroad; and of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company. Together with a Traveller's Guide and Business Man's Hand Book for the Panama Railroad and the Lines of Steamships connecting it with Europe and the United States, the North and South Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, China, Australia and Japan. By F. A. Otis, M. D. With Illustrations by the Author. Published and for sale as above. 12mo. Pp. 317.

A book of rather novel character, combining business with literature in a very successful manner. The remarkable history of the construction of the interoceanic railway from Panama to Aspinwall is given in the first part of the book, with numerous illustrations in which there is a quaint intermingling of tropical wildness, ancient ruins and the marks of modern skill and enterprise.

patch of road, and which is only beginning to be developed. We generally think of the Panama Railroad in connection with California, but only one-third of the business of the road is with that State, an immense amount being done with South America.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS. HOW TO TEACH. By W. H. Groser, B. S. (Lond.) F. C. S. The Teacher; His Studies, The Treatment of his Class, and How to Produce Impressions upon the Heart and Conscience of the Young. Philadelphia: Rev. S. W. Thomas, Methodist Episcopal Book Room.

EIGHTEENTH Annual Announcement of the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania, 1867-68. SIXTH Annual Report of the Board of Managers of the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia. January, 1867.

CITY MISSION DOCUMENT, No. 9. A Church Directory for New York City. New York: City Mission.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

AMERICAN.—Recent Issues and Announcements.—The American Tract Society, New York, has republished a translation, which recently appeared in London, of a pamphlet written by Dr. Constantine Tischendorf, of Germany, giving a narrative of his discovery of the Sinaitic manuscript, and discussing generally the time when the Gospels were written.

ENGLAND.—Announcements and late Issues.—"Memoirs on the History, Philology, and Ethnic Distribution of the Northwestern Provinces of India," by the late Sir H. M. Elliot, K. C. B., arranged from manuscript materials collected by him, and edited by Reinhold Rost, 2 vols. ; "The Dervishes, or Oriental Spiritualism," by John P. Brown, with 24 illustrations; "The Religion of the Zoroastrians, as contained in their Sacred Writings, with a History of the Zend and Pehlvi Literatures, and a Grammar of the Zend and Pehlvi Languages," by Martin Haug, late Superintendent of Sanskrit Studies in the Poona College, 2 vols. ; "The Life and Teachings of Confucius, with explanatory Notes," by James Legge, D.D.; reproduced for general readers from the author's work on the Chinese Classics, with the original text.

"Language and the Study of Language, a Course of Lectures on the Principles of Linguistic Science," by William D. Whitney, Professor of Sanskrit in Yale College; A new translation of the hymns of the "Rig-Veda," the oldest records both of Indian and Indo-European thought and language, by Professor Max Müller; A "Handy Book for the Gymnasium," by E. G. Ravenstein and John Hulley; "The History of India as told by its Own Historians, comprising the Muhammedan Period," by the late Sir H. M. Elliot, edited from his posthumous papers by Professor John Dawson, 1 vol.; A new book by Martin Farquhar Tupper, "His Opinions about Stars and Creeds and Ghosts; His Arguments for the Future of Animals; His Strictures on some Recent Critics; His National Psalm and Hymns," the whole being "Proverbial Philosophy, Third Series."

"THE DAY."—This was the title of a daily morning penny newspaper, lately established in London, to rival The Times. It was very ably edited, but only forty numbers were issued, the cost of producing which exhausted the sum of \$250,000, which the richest English peer (the Marquis of Westminster) had appropriated to establish it.

"TYPOGRAPHICAL ADVERTISER."—Trubner's London Literary Record thus speaks of the Typographical Advertiser of this city: "The Typographical Advertiser is published quarterly, at 25 cents a year, by the old and celebrated type-founding firm of L. Johnson & Co., in Philadelphia, under the able editorship of Mr. Thomas MacKellar, one of the partners in that firm. I need scarcely dwell upon the manner in which the paper is printed. Our American Cousins seem to make it a point to try and outrun us in everything (as a proof of which I may mention the profit they derive from the Atlantic cable); be it sufficient to say—it is excellent."