

Editor's Cable.

FAMILY MEMORIAL.
T. H. R. Fragments of Family and Contemporary History. Gathered by T. H. R. Pittsburgh: 12mo., pp. 142.

The Robinson family, whose annals are here gathered with evident pains-taking and with scrupulous regard to every branch into which the family has diverged, is a Pennsylvania family, whose ancestry were Scotch-Irish. Its founders emigrated more than a century ago and settled, as was the wont of that brave and hardy race, on the outposts of civilization, in the neighborhood of Harrisburg, west of the Susquehanna. They shared in all the privations and sufferings of those early settlements, and bore an honorable part in the bloody struggles with the Indians and French which stain the annals of the middle of the last century. In the revolution they struck stalwart blows for independence. None of them was numbered among the Tories of that day. They took part again in the war of 1812 along the shores of Lake Erie, and in the valley of the Mississippi. Of those whose history is known, nearly to a man they ranged themselves in the conflict just closed, on the side of the Union, and furnished some of the illustrious victims of the struggle. It is also claimed that all their descendants adhere to the Presbyterianism of their fathers; but this claim is not endorsed (nor denied) by "T. H. R." Connected with the Robinson family, are the McCords, and Blaines, and many clergymen and men of influence are found among their descendants and connections. The Memorial, so far from being dry or of interest only to the immediate family, is an admirable piece of writing, being in fact, a condensed, vivid and eloquent history of the country, especially of the colonial period of our own State, in which the memorials of the family are skillfully interwoven. A register follows, showing the genealogy of the three families for seven generations, and space is left for additions in the future. "T. H. R." deserves the thanks not only of his numerous connections, but of antiquarians and church historians for having opened up so fully a page in the records of Scotch-Irish influence in the Church and the State.

JUVENILES.
GAYLORD.—After Years: A Sequel to *Culm Rock*. By Glance Gaylord. Boston: Henry Hoyt, 16mo., pp. 324. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Publication Committee.

One of the noblest of juvenile stories. The distinction between the sort of goodness which seems to be the gift of nature and that which is of grace, is clearly shown. The power of true piety, joined to a noble nature, to mould, change and elevate those who seem to have every other endowment but grace, is admirably exhibited. Perhaps the story loses in freshness and verisimilitude by the invariableness of these results in every case in which these influences are brought to bear. The wood-cuts are very poor, otherwise the externals of the book are really handsome.

DODGE. Rebe's Common Sense. By Alice A. Dodge. Author of "Jerry and his Friends," &c. Boston: American Tract Society. 16mo., pp. 320. Illustrated.

A book of marked ability. Rebe's common sense is her wise conclusion that the Scriptures deserve closer study among Christian people than they generally receive, and the volume is the history of the Bible-class which arose from her putting her abstract conclusion into practice. Teachers and students of the Bible will find it an interesting and valuable book. The gifted authoress has since deceased.

LITTLE SHEAVES, by Christie Pearl. Published as above. 18mo., pp. 254.

A pleasant and instructive record of what children and young persons may, in the ordinary course of life, accomplish for the spiritual good of associates and friends, and for the honor of the religion of Jesus.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BARROWS' COMPANION TO THE BIBLE. Part I. Evidence of Revealed Religion. By Rev. E. P. Barrows, D.D., Prof. of Biblical Theology, American Tract Society. New York: Paper, 12mo., pp. 139.

With simplicity, directness and convincing effect, the argument for the truth of the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament, is briefly stated in this treatise, which is designed for general circulation, as an antidote to prevailing infidelity. Our great publishing societies show a wise appreciation of the needs of the present by publishing popular arguments in the defence of the standards of our faith. Such a work is this of Prof. Barrows, albeit the style, in this age of racy newspaper paragraphs might be called slightly tame. There is yet a work to be done in answering objectors in at least as attractive and incisive a manner as their own; and in riveting the popular regard by the truth, if possible as effectively as it often is by error. To all who can be induced to read it, and many will be, Prof. Barrows' book will prove of great service; greater were the service by far if the book were so constructed as itself to induce the reading. Without questioning the excellence of this carefully prepared and instructive volume, we simply indicate a necessity in our popular religious literature as yet unsupplied, such as these societies are best fitted to meet. The work will be continued so as to embrace the Principles of Interpretation, introductions to the several books and all essential helps to the attentive reader of the Inspired Word.

WOMAN'S WRONGS.—A Counter Irritant. By Gail Hamilton. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. 12mo. 212 pp. Published and for sale as above.

In her wonted impetuous and forcible way, the authoress presents much that is just and timely as to the disabilities of woman's present condition in society. She has a very pretty quarrel with Dr. Todd, anon his old-fashioned notion of woman's dependence on man, the particulars of which we do not care to rehearse. We cordially endorse what we take to be the drift of the volume: by all means give woman every possible chance for proper and remunerative employment; and as to suffrage, let her vote on all questions of education and of social and domestic morals as a beginning.

DICKENS.—The Personal History of David Copperfield. By Charles Dickens. With Eight Illustrations. Charles Dickens' Edition. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

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CLASSICAL SERIES.

CHASE.—The *Æneid* of Virgil. With Explanatory Notes. By Thomas Chase, A. M., Professor in Haverford College. (Chase & Stuart's Classical Series.) Philadelphia: Eldredge & Bro. 16mo., pp. 415.

We are glad to see a Philadelphia Classical Series, especially at a time when the study of the great monuments of ancient civilization, and when philology as a prime means of culture are widely disparaged. We like the series thus far very much. The revision of the text is carefully done, and is quite independent of mere authority; the notes are clear, brief, scholarly and helpful, in the best sense. A full analysis of each book, a metrical index, remarks of a general nature on classical versification, index of proper names, and suggestions to students, all give additional value to the work, though they do not overrun the limits of size or price needed in a school-book. The red edges are a great element of neatness. We hope Messrs. Chase and Stuart will find the appreciation which their work deserves.

PAMPHLETS AND PERIODICALS.

THE TRIBUNE ALMANAC for 1868. This is the most valuable political annual which is issued in this country. Even its astronomical part shows great scientific interest and accuracy; but the statistics of Congressional action, Progress of Reconstruction, personnel of the government, and particularly the returns of registration and voting in the Southern States, are invaluable to all who take an interest in public matters. Two pages, 71 and 72, are covered with full statistical tables, showing the area, population, capitals, governors, etc., etc., of all the States and Territories of the Union, and of all the countries of America and Europe. Price 20 cts. New York Tribune Association.

THE THEOLOGICAL ECLECTIC, A Repository, Chiefly of Foreign Theological Literature. Bimonthly. Editor, George E. Day, D.D. New York: Moore, Wiltach & Baldwin. Vol. V. No. 4. January and February, 1868. Contents: The Expiatory Nature of the Atonement; Secretan's Philosophy; William Law and his Influence on the Age; Notices of Recent Publications; Literary and Theological Intelligence.

LIPPINCOTT'S MAGAZINE for February is so decided an improvement on the first number, that the keen sense of disappointment felt by all concerned in the literary position of Philadelphia when this enterprise was inaugurated, is not a little abated. "The Christian Commission" is an article made up exclusively of the famous stories of some delegates and speakers at its great public meetings at Mingins, Chidlaw, Moody, Gen. Fisk and others. "Alaska—What is it worth?" is a paper about the worth of which and its illustrations there can be no question. A very appreciative notice of Mr. S. W. Duffield's rendering of Bernard's Latin hymn is included in its literary notices. We hope the founders of the Magazine may have every encouragement, and be able to vindicate the lately impugned literary repute of our city by their success.

HARPER'S NEW MONTHLY for February resumes Porte Orayon's Personal Recollections of the War, bringing the narrative down to and through Andover, with a profusion of graphic and stirring illustrations on a great and small scale. A Summer on the Plains, also, liberally illustrated. Miss Muloch's story continued: a Biographical sketch of the late Gov. John A. Andrew "by a member of his church," a Criticism of Motley's late continuation of his History, and a stirring, able and thoroughly good article on the Warfare of Modern Religious Thought give much more than usual value to Harper this month.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for February shows the usual combination of great literary excellence and loose thinking on the most important subjects which must be accepted as radically characteristic of this Magazine. Even Parton cannot write a capital counterblast against tobacco without oracularly pronouncing Buckle's History of Civilization in Europe "the most valuable work of this century." "Four months on the stage" is a defence of an actor's life, in which the odium attached to that life is charged upon the entire Christian fathers; where, centuries before their day, the best men of classical antiquity pronounced the stage demoralizing. Mr. Dickens continues the story: George Silverman's Explanation: "The Meeting" is a very sweet but very Quakerish poem; an argument in rhyme for that bald and barren sort of worship; we admire the poetry: those ever-diminishing few who will, may take the worship.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS for February. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. \$2.

THE SCHOOLMATE, February. Boston: Joseph H. Allen. \$1.50.

THE SABBATH AT HOME, February. One of the very best issues. The illustrations to the valuable article of Rev. W. L. Gage on the Homes of Abraham are very well executed. Boston: American Tract Society. \$2.00.

AMERICAN.—Recent Publications.—Boston: Gould and Lincoln: "Princess Ise: a Story of the Harz Mountains," for the Twenty-fourth German Edition. Illustrated, \$3.—"The Positive Philosophy," An Oration. By A. P. Peabody. 25 cts.—J. E. Hilton & Co., "Photographs from Don's Dante," \$7 50.—"Princess Ise" and "The Will-o'-the-Wisp." From the German. Cl. \$1.25.—W. White & Co.: "Arabula; containing a New Collection of Gospels." By A. J. Davis. [Spiritualist]. Cl. \$1.50.—Roberts Brothers: "The Layman's Breviary; or, Meditations for Every Day in the Year." From the German.—Little, Brown & Co.: "The Story of My Childhood," by Madam J. Michélet. From the French by Mary Frazier Curtis. pp. 218.—Ticknor & Fields: "A Journey to Brazil." By Prof. and Mrs. Louis Agassiz. Pp. xix, 540.—J. H. Carter & Sons, the Swedenborgian publishers, have issued "Sermons on the Ten Commandments." By Rev. O. F. Miller. Cl. \$1.

NEW YORK. G. P. Putnam & Sons publish "The Book of the Artists. American Artist Life: comprising Biographical and Critical Sketches of American Artists: preceded by an Historical Account of the Rise and Progress of Art in America." By H. T. Tuckerman. With an Appendix. Port. Large 8vo., pp. vi, 639. Cl. \$5; also "The Portfolio of Photographic Portraits of Eminent Artists. 30 Photographs, to match the large paper and 4to. editions" of Tuckerman's Book of the Artists. Roy. 8vo. \$15; 4to. \$20; singly, 75 cents, and \$1.—"Human Life, with Reference to its Duration." By William Sweetser, M. D. pp. xvi, 322.—Hurd

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Among the privately published books is the reprint of the following: "New England's Trials. Declaring the Success of 80 Ships employed thither within these eight years; and the Benefit of that Country by Sea and Land, etc., etc." Written by Captain John Smith, sometimes Governor of Virginia, and Admiral of New England. The Second Edition. Sm. 4to. pp. 30. London, by William Jones, 1622.

In *Harford*, Brown & Gross have published Poems, by the Rt. Rev. George Burgess, D.D., Bishop of Maine.

In *Providence*, the Narragansett Club have reproduced "The Bloody Tenent of Persecution." By Roger Williams. Sm. 4to. \$6.

In *Wallingford, Conn.*, there has been issued from the "Circular" office a "Hand-book of the Oneida Community." Pap. 35 cents.

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The Catholic Publication Society issue "Lectures on Reason and Revelation, delivered in St. Ann's Church, New York, during the Season of Advent, 1867." By Rev. Thomas S. Preston. pp. 266.—"The Inner Life of the Very Rev. Père Lacordaire," from the French. pp. xx, 552.—"The Comedy of Convocation in the English Church in two Scenes; edited by Archdeacon Chasuble, D.D. An English pamphlet of 138 pages republished by this Society. It is evidently the work of a skilled theologian and polished wit. Dr. Newman has been suggested as the author. Sheldon & Co. publish "A Parting Word." By Newman Hall, L. L. B. pp. 88.—"Waiting for the Verdict." By Mrs. R. H. Davis, [of Phila.], author of "Life in the Iron Mills," etc. pp. 361.—"Memoir of Rev. Geo. W. Bethune, D.D." By Rev. A. B. Van Nest, D.D. pp. iv, 446.

In *Philadelphia*, J. B. Lippincott & Co. issue "The Lives, Sentiments and Sufferings of some of the Reformers and Martyrs before, since, and independent of the Lutheran Reformation." By William Hodgson, [a Quaker.] \$2.—"The Voice in Singing." From the German of Emma Seiler. pp. 178.—"Ecce Deus Homo; or, The Work and Kingdom of the Christ of Scripture." [Orthodox and conservative.] \$1.50.—"Prayer-Book and Hymnal for the Use of the New [or Swedenborgian] Church." \$1.50. In *Cincinnati*, R. W. Carroll & Co.: "Reason and Revelation; or, the Province of Reason; and the Paramount Authority of the Holy Scriptures." By Rev. R. Milligan, President of the College of the Bible in Kentucky University. 12mo. \$2. [First edition sold in a week.]

In *Chicago*, Clark & Co.: "Upper Mississippi; or, Historical Sketches of the Mound-Builders, the Indian Tribes, and Progress of Civilization in the Northwest, from A. D. 1600 to the Present Time." By George Gale. pp. vii, 460.—E. B. Myers & Chandler: "Memoir of Swedenborg." By O. P. Hiller. Pap. 50 cents.

Announcements.—Messrs. Gould & Lincoln, Boston, have announced as in press, a "Theological Index to all the principal works in religious literature, embracing seventy thousand citations of books, reviews, and sermons, topically and alphabetically arranged under two thousand heads, by Howard Malcom, D.D." The references embrace works in Latin, German, and French; but chiefly in English. In each disputed subject, the writers are arranged under *pro* and *con*, and the names of sects, existing or extinct, are arranged under three heads, *pro*, *con*, and *history*. "Larsen & Brothers" about to publish Dr. Bellows's Letters from Europe. The Harpers are constantly making additions in one way and another to their establishment, which now gives employment to 600 individuals. Among other features introduced during the past year is a woman's composing room, where some forty women are engaged in setting type, and other avenues are to be opened by the house for the employment of women. The house has now been in existence for forty-three years, having been founded in 1825 by the brothers James, John, Joseph Wesley, and Fletcher. It now embraces seven junior members, employs upwards of fifty Adams presses, and issues considerably over two thousand separate works. The edifice covers about half an acre of ground, extending from Franklin Square to Cliff Street, and is seven stories high.

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