

Editor's Table.

DEFIELD.—The Bible Rule of Temperance: Total Abstinence from all Intoxicating Drink. By George Duffield, D. D.; Senior Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Detroit, Michigan. New York: National Temperance Society, and Publication House. 18mo. pp. 206.

DEFIELD.—The Young Man Setting Out in Life. By William Guest, F. R. S. New York: American Tract Society. 18mo. pp. 137. For sale at the Depository, 1210 Chestnut Street. 30 cents, postage, 8 cents.

Since Henry Ward Beecher's Lectures to young men, there has appeared nothing so well adapted to meet the wants and arrest the attention of this important class of society as these lectures of Mr. Guest. They are abreast of the times in all their new and perilous developments; they have a nobleness and earnestness of tone, an aptness and beauty of imagery and a force of argument that will carry the reader along and lift him from the low atmosphere of materialism, sensuality and skepticism, which is seeking to stifle his better nature, and ruin him for time and eternity. The topics of the lectures are: Life, how will you use it? Skeptical Doubts, how you may solve them; Power of Character, how you may assert it; Grandeur of Destiny, how you may reach it. Our young men's associations could not do a better thing than put a copy in the hands of every young man they can reach.

NAPOLÉON'S CAESAR. 2 vols. folio. New York: Harper & Bros.

Having lately had occasion to consult these maps, we would express our gratification at the accuracy and definiteness which they impart to our ideas of the events of the great Caesar's life. Students of the wonderful campaigns in Gaul will be likely to find the maps of routes and plans of battles a greater help than the Emperor Napoleon's own rather heavy translation of the "Commentaries." The maps are, for the most part, beautifully executed. The Emperor's investigations of localities connected with the history, have had most interesting and valuable results, many of which are embodied in tasteful form in these delineations.

HEADLEY, P. C.—Half Hours in Bible Lands. Six volumes. Square 16mo. In a box: Patriarchs, Kings and Kingdoms; Grove, Tent and Altar; Spies, Traitors and Assassins; Prophets, Apostles and Magicians; Jesus the Redeemer; Friends of Jesus. Each 128 pages. By Rev. P. C. Headley, author of "Women of the Bible," &c. With numerous illustrations. Phila.: John E. Potter & Co.

These interesting volumes received only a passing notice during the pressure upon our table of the Holidays. The author goes over the whole Bible narrative, and recasts the scenes and incidents of sacred history, combining them with the results of modern investigation, interweaving well chosen poetical pieces and eloquent comments of his own, and adding numerous illustrations, some printed skillfully in three colors and some in one—mostly occupying a full page, some quite good, others very moderate and even coarse in quality; the whole leaving the impression of a moving panorama, with descriptive comments. The work, is calculated to interest the young in the Bible narrative, and while in some respects unsuccessful—as an undertaking on such a scale is likely to be—it is, on the whole, much to be commended.

BOOKS RECEIVED.—A Story of Manchester Life. By the author of Jessica's First Prayer, "Fern's Hollow," &c. 12mo. 294 pp. Boston: Henry Hoyt, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. THE BOY'S VICTORY.—From the British Tract Society, London. 12mo. 189 pp. Boston: Henry Hoyt, Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

Miscellaneous.

THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS, II. To hear certain fopdoodles speak of the "Pennsylvania Dutch," one might be led to believe them to be a handful of Gypsies, of German origin, and to be found only along untiled ridges, lying across the interior of the State. The real fact, however, is that the entire commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is a German State, notwithstanding its founding by an English Quaker. Doubtless the staid old Friend little thought, when he published his invitations patent along the Rhine and various other rural districts of the Teutonic population, to settle in his Trans-Atlantic Province, that these people would one day take, hold and possess it, as peculiarly their own. The Pennsylvania Germans are found throughout and all over its domain. The counties of Berks, Bucks, Montgomery, Lehigh, Lancaster, parts of Northumberland, Dauphin, Schuylkill—yea, it is difficult to mention a single county in which they may not be numerously met.

with. Certain theatres may be mentioned, where they have actually displaced the preceding Scotch-Irish element, such as Adams, and parts of York. The same may be said of the Kittatinny valley.

The inhabitants of Philadelphia, Lancaster, Reading, Germantown, Allentown, and other cities are largely of this class. Five-sixths of East Pennsylvania belongs to them. In almost every corner of the State such are to be found whose speech betrays them, in spite of all their caution.

In the State of New York, the Mohawk, Hudson and Schoharie settlements are traditionally German. Delaware and New Jersey once gave their farm-lands into their hands, and are about to do the same for the second time. Maryland, can boast of few agricultural spots that are not filled by their descendants. Baltimore is likewise infested by them—one-fifth of German origin. In the State, which boasts of being the "Mother of Presidents," the famous Virginia Valley is theirs. The Shenandoah, Rockingham, Pendleton and Hardee counties were settled originally by their ancestry, and there their children tarry. One-fourth of her population descends from them. The Universities of Helmstadt and Halle sent Missionary clergymen into the Carolinas—North and South. Their churches were planted in Rowan, Lincoln and Cabarrus, as well as in the Laurens, Edgefield, Lexington and Orangeburg Districts. It strikes the ear strangely to read of "Salzburg," there. A paper, styled "The Teuton," was published in Charlottesville.

In Georgia they are found likewise. Savannah and Augusta contain them. On the Carolina side, Hamburg flourishes, founded by Schultz. Another Hamburg lies within the State.

They constitute a portion of the population in Alabama and Mississippi. The only farmers there are those of German origin, as well as their mechanics. They constitute the laboring classes.

In Florida, the towns of Jacksonville and St. Augustine contain them. In Louisiana, New Orleans may number 20,000 Germans in speech or origin. We still hear of the "German Coast," far down there.

Parts of Tennessee and Kentucky are settled by removals from Pennsylvania and the Carolinas. In Nashville a "German Society" is formed, for the benefit of Widows and Orphans. Memphis swarms with them. In the Weakly District, we read of a Dresden. In the Morgan Region, 200,000 acres were purchased by a Company from Germany and Belgium. The Capital is Wartsburg.

But let us turn toward the Great West. In Ohio the Pennsylvania German is met with at every turn, especially in the middle and eastern portions. There we read of Bremen, Berlin, Münster, Freiburg and Glandorf; Cincinnati is with them as familiar as a Proverb.

Of later years, Indiana has opened to their entrance. But you find them already scattered throughout the State, as well as over Illinois and Missouri and Michigan.

Wisconsin, Iowa, Oregon, Texas and California has afforded a home to many of the Pennsylvania Germans.

Is there a State in the Union where they may not be found, outside of New England? Certainly we do not mean to affirm, that their language is in all cases preserved; but the marks of their parent stem are nevertheless to be plainly discerned.

If we step across the Northern border of the Union, we meet with Pennsylvania Germans in Canada. If they are but seldom met within the Lower portion, surely we may find them in the Upper land. Those of Pennsylvania exodus may be found around Williamsburg and other towns. Since the opening of the present century the Menonites constitute a sterling element of Canadian population. In 1801 the Waterloo District was settled by them. Being in want, they called to their Brethren in Lancaster County, and soon help came, wherewith to purchase 60,000 acres, which soon grew to 96,000 acres. A Society was formed in Pennsylvania, in 1806, and the Wanlich District, of 45,000 acres became theirs. All this territory, though first settled upon by the Saxons Erhardt more than fifty years ago, may now be said to be covered by the Pennsylvania Germans.

Thus has this Ishmael spread. If we reckon into the account the Germans and those of German origin, now living in the United States, we may without fear of error, consider the element, as constituting one-third of our entire population. And confining ourselves solely to those, who may legitimately be counted to the "Pennsylvania Germans"—no matter where they may be found, however loath they may be, to wretch their dialect—we count no less than one million!—Re-formed Church Messenger.

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