

Editor's Table.

JUVENILES.

ADAMS. The Weaver Boy who became a Missionary. Being the Story of the Life and Labors of David Livingstone. By H. G. Adams. New York: R. Carter & Bros. 16mo., pp. 379. Colored Illustrations. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store.

The materials for this volume are drawn exclusively from Dr. Livingstone's own works, and the story may be relied upon as authentic. Fact was scarcely ever so much stranger than fiction, as in this history of the poor mill boy of the Clyde. All the religious and scientific world is waiting to-day in suspense to know the fate of one who, thirty odd years ago, was walking back and forth in humble attendance upon the motions of a spinning jenny, spilling out his lessons from the book which he had fixed among the machinery. We are glad at every fresh effort to get the story of a life so noble and so encouraging into a shape to attract different classes of readers and especially the young. The work is mainly one of compilation, but it is well done, and gives a very satisfactory and profitable view of the man and of his great enterprise for Christ and for civilization. It is quite handsomely printed, bound and illustrated.

PILGRIM STREET. A Story of Manchester Life. By the author of "Jesus's First Prayer," "Fare's Hollow," etc. 16mo. pp. 294. Illustrated. Boston: Henry Hoyt. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. The names of the unknown author's previous books are a sufficient guarantee for the narrative power, touching simplicity, and excellent design of anything new from the same source. The power of active goodness to rescue and elevate the degraded and poor youth of our great cities is the theme, well wrought out in the thrilling story of Tom Hazlam. Some passages are not unworthy of comparison with Dickens himself. Tux Bor's Victim. From the Religious Tract Society, London. 16mo. 189 pp. Boston: Henry Hoyt. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

A good story of school life in England. The truly characteristic English Boy: bluff, hearty, but unsympathetic; who holds his place at the head of the school by physical prowess, and who considers it a matter almost of good morals to have proved his fighting qualities; in short a juvenile specimen of John Bull,—is well described; and the necessity, under St. Paul's axiom of expediency, to present religion in a form adapted to his peculiarities, is finely illustrated, by the advice of Mr. Colville, in the conduct of Ludovic. The mutual influence of the bluff Armstrong and the tender "Ludi" is also an interesting and instructive feature of the book, which shows no ordinary talent.

Brook. Wishing and Choosing; or What is the Difference. By Mrs. Carey Brook. Philadelphia: James S. Claxton, 1214 Chestnut street. 18mo., pp. 148.

The very important difference between mere wishing and positive choosing is well illustrated in the diverse conduct of a brother and sister. It is a story fitted to impress upon children a lesson in morals and discrimination of the highest significance.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW. No. CCLXIX., January, 1868. American Edition. New York: Leonard Scott Publishing Company, Philadelphia: W. B. Zeiber. Contents: Gachard's Don Carlos, and Philip II.; Oysters, and the Oyster Fisheries; Anjou; Tyndall's Lectures on Sound; Liberal Education in England; Memoirs of Sir Philip Francis; De Frezenaue's Recollections of the Grand Army; Two per Cent; The Queen's Highland Journals.

The first article unfolds one of the dark pages of history which had not yet been disclosed when Motley wrote his volumes: the unhappy fate of Don Carlos, son and heir apparent of Philip II. of Spain. The solution of the mystery is, that the Prince, closely confined by his father on account of the excesses of his temper, which the father in many ways helped to exasperate, finally, in desperation, broke himself down by extraordinary excess and irregularity in his diet, and died almost as a suicide; his father willingly permitting the result. Oysters and Oyster Fisheries contains much curious learning from ancient and modern sources on this subject. Tyndall's Lectures on Sound is a fine resume of the position and progress of the Science of Acoustics. Liberal Education in England seems to favor great changes from the present almost exclusively classical method in Education in the mother country. Memoirs of Sir Philip Francis brings before us again the question of the authorship of the celebrated letters of Junius, which the reviewer without pretending to certainty, believes to be Francis himself. De Frezenaue's Recollections, of the Grand Army gives us a Frenchman's temperate estimate of Napoleon I. Two per cent. discusses the causes of the present wide-spread commercial stagnation, of which one of the symptoms is the fact that money has been offered to borrowers with good security in England at two per cent; or even less without stimulating business. The Queen's Highland Journals is a friendly—not obsequious—notice of the Queen's new book.

THE CORNELL UNIVERSITY, at Ithaca, N. Y. First General Announcement.

ANNUAL REPORT of the Managers of the Western Pennsylvania Hospital, for 1868. Superintendent and Physician, Dr. Joseph A. Reed. Number of Patients in Hospital, January 1st, 1867—49. Admitted during the year—174. Discharged and died—171. Remaining—63.

THE ANNALS OF IOWA.—Published quarterly

by the State Historical Society at Iowa City. January, 1868. Edited by Samuel W. Huff, M. D. Corresponding Secretary. Contents: The Army of the South-west, and the First Campaign in Arkansas; The Early History of Iowa; Indian Mounds; History of Johnson County; A Scene of the Border; Sketches of History and Incidents connected with the Settlement of Wappello County from 1843 to 1859, Inclusive; Sketches and Incidents Relating to the Settlement of Louisa County; Incidents of Prison Life in 1862; Poweshiek, Wapashashek and Kishkekosh; Officers of the State Historical Society for 1868.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

HEAVENLY ECHOES. A new collection of Hymns and Tunes for Sunday-schools and Social Meetings. By Horace Waters. Published by C. M. Tremaine & Co., New York. WARSER. Thee Little Spades. By the Author of "Dollars and Cents," "Mr. Rutherford's Children," "Casper," etc. 16mo., pp. 268. New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. HOUSEKEEPER. My Husband's Crime. By M. R. Housekeeper. With Illustrations. 8vo., pp. 115, paper. New York: Harper & Broz. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. BOOKS. Sooner or Later. By Shirley Brooks, author of "The Silver Cord," "The Godwin Kids," etc. With Illustrations, by G. Du Maurier. 8vo., pp. 348. New York: Harper & Broz. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

Theological.—Prayers from Plymouth Pulpit (Seribner,) have passed into the sixth edition.—Dr. Cumming's last is "When Shall These Things be;" or, "Signs of the Last Times."—The Presbyterian Publication Committee, announce "The Shannons; or, From Darkness to Light," by Martha Farquharson; "The Pet Lamb;" and "The Bird and the Arrow."—The American Sunday School Union announce "Pilgrim Street," "Frances Leslie," "Story of a Diamond," by Miss Whately; and "Maurice Guildford," "The Holy Bible. Translated from the Vulgate." "The Old Testament in the Douay Translation, and the New Testament in the Rheims Translation." With Annotations, References, etc. 12mo., pp. 736, 216. New York: P. O'Shea. \$1.50.—"The New Testament. The Greek Text of Scholz, the Readings of Griesbach, and the Variations of the Editions of Stephens, Beza, and Elzevir. With the English Authorized Version, and its Marginal Renderings. With a Greek-English Lexicon." Edited by Rev. T. S. Green. 18mo., pp. 624, 208. N. Y.: John Wiley & Son. \$4.25; Same, without Lexicon. Cl. \$3.00; (London price).—"Liberal Views of the Ministry, in Harmony with the Bible, the Prayer-Book, and the Canons." A Sermon, by Rev. R. Newton, D.D., pp. 36. Phila.: H. B. Ashmead.—"A Suggestive Commentary on the New Testament. St. Luke." Two Volumes. By Rev. W. H. Van Doren. [O. S. Pres.] 12mo. pp. iv, 520; 558. N. Y., D. Appleton & Co. per vol. \$1.75.—Dr. Thos. Fuller's "Comment on Ruth," &c., ed. by Nichols, or 8vo. 4s. 6d.—Prof. F. D. Maurice's "Sermons on the Ground and Object of Hope," or 8vo. 3s. 6d.—"Dictionary of the Bible," Edited by Prof. H. B. Hackett and E. Abbot. Vol. 1. 8vo. pp. xi, 896. N. Y., Ward & Houghton. Cl. \$6.50.—"Sermons Preached upon Several Occasions." By Robert South, D.D. In 5 vols. Vol. 2. 8vo. pp. 531. N. Y., Ward & Houghton. Cl. 8s. (By subscription.)—Rev. C. Kingsley's "Discipline, and other Sermons," fcap. 6d.—Smith's "Book of Moses, or the Pentateuch," 8vo. 4s. 0/6.

Historical.—Froude's "Short Studies on Great Subjects," and Lord's "Old Roman World," have gone into their third edition.—"God in History," by the late Charles Josias Christian von Bunsen, tr. by Sessena Winkworth, with an Introductory Essay by Dean Stanley." Vols. I. and II.—"The Primitive Inhabitants of Scandinavia," by Iven Wilson, with an Introduction by Sir Jno. Lubbock.—"History of Councils," by Gard. Hefele; tr. by Rev. W. R. Clark, Vicar of Taunton.

Biography.—The French Emperor is writing a "Life of Augustus."—Mrs. Ellet's Queens of American Society is in its third edition.—More About Junius, the Frazerian Theory, [Lord Macaulay's.] Unsound, by A. Hayward, Q. C.—The First Edition of the Queen's last book is said to have consisted of 150,000 copies.—A Rejoinder to Mr. Bancroft's Historical Essay on President Reed." By W. B. Reed. 8vo. pp. 114. Phila.: 75 cts.—St. John's Life of Sir Walter Raleigh, 2 vols. or 8vo. 18s. cl.—Hook's Lives of the Archbishops of Canterbury, Vols. 6 and 7, 8vo. 30s.

Travels.—M. Edmond About is gone to Egypt by invitation of the Vice-Roy, and is to write a book about the country, for which he will be as well paid as by France for his books of Rome.—Dr. Blanc's Story of the Captives, a Narrative of the Events of Mr. Rassam's Mission to Abyssinia is just out.

Poetry.—Dr. Holland's "Katharina" has reached the fourth thousand.—Appleton & Co. announce "Globe Editions" of Dante, Tasso, Scott, Burns, Milton, Hudibras; Cowper, Campbell and Pope; tinted paper, uniform style, price \$1.50 each. The Dante, Cary's version in Blank Verse, with Flaxman's line illustrations, is out.—Philip James Bailey's new poem is to be "A Universal Prayer."—Shakspeare Illustrated by Old Authors, by Rushton, 16mo. 6s.

Scientific.—Dr. Ambrose Tardica is writing a "Treatise on the Medical Jurisprudence of Infanticide."—At a recent sale in London, Andriotti's "Birds of America" (4 vols.) brought £160; and his "Viviparous Quadrupeds" (3 vols.) £52 10.—Edward's "Ventilation, or Dwelling Houses," royal 8vo. 10s. 6d.—Grindon's "Trees of Old England," 8vo. 2s. 6d.

Bibliography.—The Italian government has begun to publish a "Bibliografia d'Italia," which gives the title, size, price, publisher, and place of publication of every work which appears in Italy, the title of the most important articles published in Italian reviews and magazines; and a selection of foreign publications. Italy tends us another very important bibliographical publication, entitled, "Giornale della Biblioteco" (Journal of Libraries); which contains official documents relating to libraries, printing, and publishing; scientific, executive, and historical essays upon libraries; a review of the principal works or more important monuments of typography and manuscripts in the public libraries of Italy; and bibliographical review and record of all events connected with books.

Philology.—Whitney's "Language and the Study of Language" is in its third edition.

Miscellaneous.—S. R. Wells, (N. Y.), publish "Oratory Sacred and Secular. With Sketches of the most Eminent Speakers of all Ages." By W. Pittenger. With Introduction by Hon. John A. Bingham. \$1.50.—"The Classics in Education: an Essay read before the University Convocation of the State of New York, August 6th, 1867." By B. N. Martin. pp. 12. Albany.—"Photographs of Edinburgh," with Letter-press, by Ballantyne, 21s.—Grete's "Review of Mill on Hamilton's Philosophy," fcap. 3s. 6d.—"Statistics of the Coal Trade of the United States, moved towards the Seaboard, for 1866;" to which are added, "Prize Essays on Mining Bituminous Coal," from London Mining Journal, 8vo., pp. 11, 20. Pottsville: Miners' Journal Pr.—"Amalgamation and Sanitary Material," forming part of a "Report on Class XI. Group II., Paris Exposition, 1867." Prepared by Thomas W. Evans, M. D. pp. 31, Paris: J. Briere. Newspapers.—Harper's Bazar, the handsome new Fashion Paper, (Weekly), reached a circulation of 100,000 copies in about a month from the issue of the first number.

THE THEOLOGICAL INDEX OF THE GREAT DICTIONARIES.—A writer in the Monthly Religious Magazine thinks that those who have a distaste for Calvinism may find somewhat irritating and vexing occupation in turning over the pages of Webster's Dictionary, and noting how the technical terms of the Calvinistic theology, with extra-scriptural significations, have been wrought into his definitions. The Watchman and Reviewer (Baptist) reports: "Had it ever occurred to this same writer to turn the pages of Worcester's Dictionary, and see the Unitarian bias that some philologists and theologians think they find quite conspicuous? Webster's etymology, and his accuracy of definition are too well established to suffer by such insinuations, while we confess that it is very unfortunate for our Unitarian friends that his definitions give them so little comfort and support. Indeed, their chronic trouble seems to be with the true meaning of terms and words."

Miscellaneous.

THE PENNSYLVANIA GERMANS.—III.

The Pennsylvania Germans are principally distinguished because of their dialect. The original and well-read English scholar regards it with the same curiosity as any other peculiar mode of speech would excite within him. But we do wonder at an educated German, affecting a surprise at it, degenerate and mongrel as it is. Although he would have us to believe that the German language were a unit all through Europe and the Old World. As though there were not as many dialects, tongues and modes of speech in "Teusch-Land," as there are smoke-pipes. As though Hoebel and Schiller sang the same uniform notes. As though all the Germans from all parts of Teutonia could readily understand each other. As though the multitudinous Schnapper-rei-en of the Fader-Land, when thrown together, were anything different from Babel itself. We confess to feeling a lively contempt for this kind of German cockneyism, which affects a nausæa at this Pennsylvania dialect, when you know that their stomachs are not, that in a regular Salnamander at home, with "Ritz-kasten" and all.

The Pennsylvania German dialect is no more an anomaly than are the various similar offshoots of almost every prominent language. The pure Saxon and Hanoverian tongues, are as widely different from the corrupt and uncouth Verhunsungen of the Northern and Eastern Provinces, as the Pennsylvania is from the High German. One reason why the French language is so popular at German courts, we imagine, is, that at least one common conversational or diplomatic medium may be found for Germanic. We should not forget, that similar degenerations are to be met with in the French, English, Latin, Greek, Spanish, Egyptian, Hebrew and other languages. The Ishmaelitic branch is a sad departure from the Abrahamic stem. Esau and his offspring, down to the wild and war-like Edomites, did little else than barbarize the speech of Israel and Jacob, his father and brother. What see we, during the continuance of Israel in Egypt, but a mixture of Hebrew and Egyptian? The Jews in Babylon sunk so fearfully in their language, that the Chaldaic Targums were necessary to their understanding the sayings of the Holy Scriptures. During the period of the Judges, a perfect Linguistic anarchy reigned.

We admit, that the decline from the pure German to the Pennsylvania dialect is serious and sad; but we maintain, that it is only one of many similar and parallel departures from the parent speech.—And candidly speaking, we prefer it to any horrid brogues spoken by many lately imported Germans.

The causes, which give rise to the Pennsylvania German dialect, are manifest to any one who will take the pains to think at all. The American Revolution contributed to a total suspension of intercourse between the Germans of the Old and New World. They became completely isolated from the fountain of their mother-German language and literature. What stream will not sink, if the spring be closed? Let us not forget too, that classical schools were wanting, and are still, among and for the Pennsylvania Germans. The emigrants were poor; they thought first and foremost of a livelihood for their wives and children. Teachers were wanting. Schools of a high and governing order cannot be built in a day. And let us remember finally, that they stood aloof from the English element, which controlled and carried things its own way. But, notwithstanding this separation, on the one side, there was nevertheless a constant intrusion of the English on the other. Hence their hybrid speech. Let these considerations be weighed, to which still other

might readily be added, and we may all see satisfactorily enough, that, as in every other sphere, there is no effect occasioned here without its corresponding causes.

If we notice some of the characteristics of our dialect, it will become apparent, that the so-called "Pennsylvania Dutch," is not any farther removed from the proper German, than the "Artemus Ward," a Nash and Pennsylvania, or Yankee English corruption is distanced from the genuine Anglican. We cast off the terminations of verbs and flatten the vowels in preceding syllables—saying Schlage for Schlagen; Macho for Machen; Sage for Sagen. We are not partial to reduplications, but use g'fange and g'ange, for gefangen and gegangen. The vowels a, i, and o, we change, or often times eliminate entirely; e. g. "A Nein," is with us "Neh"; "gethan" becomes getuh; "hollen" is hullen; "sollen" is sullen. W falls over into the sound of B: "Lobän" is "lowen"; "Liebe" is lieve. "The sch" is good German, and accordingly we say "Scherben" instead of Sberben. We are not over polite, it is true, and seldom Mister or Mrs. anybody, but use most people as "Duts-Bröder or Schwetere." When we find it convenient, we foist in as many English words as we please; we say "meeting-house," "Stohr," "Settlement," "Lawsuit," "speechmacher," "supper," "breakfesch," "turnpike," "seim mind uf zu macho," "en Race zu nehme," "zu schmoke," "zu travele"—in short, we take what suits us best, to render ourselves intelligible. We abbreviate every where. "Niz" satisfies us every whit, as well as "Nichts." For "Es ist," we simply say "Sic."—Reformed Church Messenger.

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From Charles Hedge, D.D., of Princeton Theological Seminary. I have examined the sheets of your Theological Index, for which I thank you. The work of Winton on the same general plan is not adapted to American students as his references are so generally to works not accessible to them.

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