

Editor's Cable.

WHITE.—The Massacre of St. Bartholomew. Preceded by a History of the Religious Wars in the Reign of Charles IX. By Henry White. With Illustrations. 8vo. 497 pp. New York: Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

This is a careful re-statement of that part of the history of France which culminated in the Massacre—the darkest and most harrowing passage in the annals of time. The author's more special researches cover the twenty-five years over which the reigns of Henry VI, Francis II, and Charles IX extend; and are fullest upon the last mentioned. Many new sources of information among the provincial records of France have been investigated in order to procure materials. The extracts from the Simancas archives, published by Gaohard, universally regarded as of great importance for the history of this era, the correspondence of Catherine de Medicis, as yet, only partially brought to light, and other valuable documents have been consulted, but while the author's judgment is inclined to the conclusion of Ranke and Coquerel, that the Massacre was almost unpremeditated, and while he freely recognizes the mixture of political with religious interests in the terrible civil strife between the Reformed and the Papists, and hesitates not to record the barbarities, not unfrequently indulged in by the Huguenots themselves, his verdict is substantially the same with that of enlightened history for the last three centuries. It is a plain tale without varnish or whitewash for either party; and it leaves the Massacre where it found it, the worst twenty-four hours that the civilized world ever saw, the bloodiest, cruelest outbreak of Papal rage against the truth. "Such a purely gratuitous massacre is unexampled in the annals of the world." Amid statements widely contradictory, he declines to decide upon the probable number of the victims, but he pronounces Dr. Lingard's figures, 1600 for all France, "monstrously absurd," and expresses a preference for De Thou's estimate as a man of calm, unexaggerating temper. His estimate for all France is 20,000. Others make it as high as 100,000. Mr. White follows up the story to the miserable end of Charles IXth, in which the divine vengeance was so clear as to be recognized by the dying monarch himself. The style of the book is clear, but it is without any special merit in a literary or philosophic point of view. Its aim seems merely to tell the story well. The fourth chapter, France at the Accession of Charles IXth, is one of the most interesting and valuable in the volume. The externals of the book are very handsome, and match it with Smiles' Huguenots, from the same publishers.

HERBERTSON.—History of the Westminster Assembly of Divines. By the Rev. W. M. Herbertson, author of the "History of the Church of Scotland." 12mo. 312 pp. New York: R. Carter & Bros. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Publication Committee.

This history should be in the hands of every Presbyterian. The manner in which the documents originated upon which our church organization and doctrine are founded, should be a matter of peculiar interest at this time, when it is proposed to make them the basis of a great Presbyterian Reunion. It is remarkable, indeed, how few the materials are for such a work. The original archives of the Assembly are supposed to have perished in the great fire of London, and other documents, bearing upon its proceedings, it is feared, shared the same fate at the burning of Parliament House in 1834. The chief matters of interest brought out in this volume, and which, in fact, constituted the main work of the body, relate to church polity and the question of Church and State. On doctrine, the historian says, "there prevailed such a degree of unanimity among the divines, that their deliberations on these points did not assume the character of controversy and furnished no materials for historical narrative."

KENNEDY.—Dunalian, or, Know What You Judge. By Grace Kennedy, author of the "Decision," "Father Clement," "Profession is Not Principle," etc., etc. 12mo; 447 pp. Philadelphia: Jas. S. Claxton.

A powerfully written fiction, the aim of which is apparently to show how true piety can shape to the highest and happiest results domestic circumstances full of peril and almost sure to end in the worst of disasters under ordinary worldly leadings. The scene is chiefly in Scotland, the religious sentiment is Evangelical and Presbyterian—two characteristics, which, at the time of the story were not so commonly associated as now. Amid much that is thrilling and exciting there is not a little that is unnatural. And while it was necessary to the moral purpose of the author to put her characters into great perils, we cannot say we are altogether content with the tone of the book. The boundary of moderation has been overstepped and the arena of a bad sensationalism has been at least too closely coasted.

MURRAY.—Father Tom and the Pope; or a Night at the Vatican. By the late John Fisher Murray. With Illustrative Engravings. 18mo. 96 pp. Phila: T. B. Peterson & Bros.

This is at once a most mirth-provoking, and vigorously argumentative brochure; one of the broadest and at the same time keenest of anti-Popish satires. It is prefaced by a brief essay from R. Shelton Mackenzie, going to prove that the author is not "Father Prout," (Rev. Francis Mahony, a Jesuit) but, John Fisher Murray of Dublin, for fifteen years a contributor to Blackwood. We are surprised to see that one of our city Catholic papers, perhaps not seeing through the joke, gives the work a first rate notice.

BAKER—OAK MOT—By the Rev. Wm. M. Baker, Pastor of the Second Presbyterian church at Zanesville, Ohio. 16mo. 226 pp. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

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NEARING HOME.—Comforts and Counsels for the Aged. 8vo. 464 pp. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

HYMNS OF THE HIGHER LIFE. Sq. 18mo. 224 pp. Gilt. \$1.50. New York: Broughton & Wyman. Philadelphia: Mrs. Jane Hamilton.

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PILOTIN STREET: A Story of Manchester Life. By the author of "Jessica's First Prayer," "Fern's Hollow," &c. 16mo. 204 pp. Boston: Henry Hoyt. Philadelphia: Mrs. Jane Hamilton.

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PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

HOURS AT HOME, for April, fully sustains the claims of this monthly to the high position it is universally admitted to have attained in our periodical literature. "Picking up a Living," by James Greenwood; "The Date Palm Tree," "Knobs of Travel," "Through the Roof," and the "Burmese Court and its Philosopher," are articles with all the charm of novelty and instructiveness, added to a spicy style of writing.

Next month a new volume begins. C. Scribner & Co., New York. \$3.

THE THEOLOGICAL ELECTRIC, for March and April (Bi-monthly) has articles on Moral Theories and Christian Ethics; Paul's Metaphors from the Greek Games; The Christian Conscience by Dean Alford; Recent Researches in Jerusalem; Literary and Theological Intelligence. New York: Moore, Wilstach & Baldwin. \$3.

THE SABBATH AT HOME has admirable articles on the New England Indians, with illustrations and maps, by Rev. H. M. Dexter, D.D.; Studies in Bible Lands, illustrated, by Rev. W. L. Gage, and Holy Week at Rome, by Mary Lowe, with a good piece of Poetry: "I am the Way," by Eden Shirley, and many other articles for various ages and needs in the family. Boston: American Tract Society. \$2.

SUNDAY MAGAZINE (Dr. Guthrie) for March, is very good. George MacDonald's Sea Board Parish (a Sequel to Annals of a Quiet Neighborhood) is continued. Dr. Guthrie writes for Young Men; Islay Burns gives a fine biographical notice of Rev. Andrew Crichton; The Dean of Canterbury writes on the Epistle to the Hebrews; Dr. MacDuff contributes "Two Days at the Sea of Galilee;" other articles of interest and decidedly appropriate to the title and uses of the Magazine are given. George Routledge & Son, New York.

LIPPINCOTT FOR APRIL has noticeable articles from Louis Blanc (regular contributor) on the Situation of Europe; and one on Cuba. "La Reina de las Antillas."

BLACKWOOD FOR MARCH, contains: The Church in the Army and Navy; Linda Tressell, Part 6; The Temporal Power of the Papacy; A Renian Alarm; The National Character of the Old English Universities; Letters from a Staff Officer of the Abyssinian Expedition; Opposition Tactics. New York: Leonard Scott Publishing Co. Philadelphia: W. B. Zieber. \$4.

COLTON'S JOURNAL OF GEOGRAPHY for January has just been laid on our table. It contains timely articles on Canada, the Danish West Indies, and Abyssinia, with a map of the latter. Also a paper on Geological Geography, by James D. Dana, and one on What Geographical Science owes to Missionaries. New York. \$1.00 per annum.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for April, has among its more noticeable articles, "A Plea for the Afternoon," not a little inspiring to the aged; a judicious, impartial criticism of Spenser; Bayard Taylor on the little Republic of Andorra; "Our Roman Catholic Brethren," quite adulatory, by Parton; "The Poison of the Rattlesnake," popular account of a series of experiments with a number of living specimens by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, a young physician of high standing in this city. The Poetry is only moderately good. The notice of the busts of Palestrina, Mozart and Beethoven, lately placed in Boston Music Hall, is at once the finest and most valuable article in the number.

THE SCHOOLMATE for the month contains a continuation of Mr. Alger's ingenious story: "Fame and Fortune," with its usual variety—this month including three articles in the line of popular science. The articles on Chemistry describe many easy and pleasing experiments, with illustrations.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS has articles from Charles Dickens, Harriet Beecher Stowe, Mrs. Craik (Miss Mulock), and others. It is very fully and handsomely illustrated.

THE GALAXY, already known as a successful venture in the line of periodical literature, announces a great enlargement, with additional departments in charge of distinguished literary gentlemen, for next month. It promises to be the most elegantly illustrated Magazine of the country, the full page outs to be the work of the best artists. A new story from Marion Harland will be commenced in this forthcoming number, to be called "Beechdale," and to be elegantly illustrated. Sheldon & Co., publishers, 498 Broadway, New York.

NORTH BRITISH REVIEW—No. XXV. March, 1868. American Edition. New York: Leonard Scott Publishing Company. Philadelphia: W.

B. Zieber. Contents—Trade Unions; French Criticism—M. Reuan; The Financial Relations of England and India; Recent Spanish Romances; Popular Philosophy in its Relation to Life; Montalbert's Monks of the West; The Queen's Highland Journal; The Atomic Theory of Lucretius; Ireland.

THE EVANGELICAL QUARTERLY REVIEW—Edited by M. L. Stoever, Professor in Pennsylvania College. Vol. XIX—No. LXXIV. April, 1868. Contents—Revels; Advanced Growth in Grace; Confessional and Extra-Confessional; Schmid's Dogmatic Theology; Life and Labors of Franke; the Resurrection of the Body; The Three-Fold Writing on the Cross; Notices of New Publications.

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