

Editor's Table.

Publishers will confer a favor by mentioning the prices of all books sent to this Department.

It is with a strange mixture of feelings that we receive the first volume of Mr. Barnes' NOTES, CRITICAL, EXPLANATORY AND PRACTICAL, ON THE BOOK OF PSALMS.

"These Notes on the Book of the Psalms complete my labors in endeavoring to explain and illustrate the sacred Scriptures. At my time of life, with the partial failure of vision with which I have been afflicted for more than twelve years, with other cares and burdens resting upon me, and with the moral certainty that the infirmities of age, if I am spared, must soon come upon me, I could hope to accomplish no more, and I shall attempt no more. These notes were commenced more than twelve years ago."

"The work has been prosecuted with such leisure as I could command, the whole of it having been written, as all my other commentaries have been, in the early hours of the morning. I have frequently been compelled to interrupt my studies, by the condition of my eyes, and in more than one instance the work has been wholly suspended for more than a year at a time. I cannot close these labors without deep emotion. In looking back at a labor of this kind continued through so many years, and entered on with no expectation of the results which have been reached, I cannot be insensible to the responsibility which of having in that time sent forth to influence my fellow men, more than half a million of volumes of commentaries on the Scriptures in my native land, and perhaps more than this number in England, Scotland, and Ireland; and of having been permitted, to a limited extent at least, thus to speak in the French and Welsh languages, in the languages of India and in the language spoken by the millions of China."

These "Notes on the Psalms" are characterized by the excellencies which made Mr. Barnes' earlier expository works so eminently successful; which carried them not merely—though that is a rare honor for English commentaries—beyond the limits of the language in which they were written, but also beyond the bounds of ecclesiastical and doctrinal sympathy. The expository writings of this moderate Calvinist have won their way into places from which his doctrinal works would be instantly banished. In the families, the Sabbath-schools, the studies of the rigid Calvinists, of the Old as well as the New World, they have found a place, nor have they been less acceptable among the rejectors and the opponents of the great system of "Reformed or Calvinistic" truth. Rigid Calvinistic theologians have confessed that they have done more than any other books to recommend that system to the acceptance of the great masses of men.

Those excellencies, we take it, are the candor, fairness and common sense which forms the basis of their method, and the unwearied industry and patient care with which the meaning is elicited. "Turn" says Moses Coit Tyler, "to our honest, sensible, American commentator, Albert Barnes, and see what he says." His works are not burdened with technicalities; they furnish no elaborate "critical apparatus." They are meant to meet popular difficulties, to serve as popular guides. They inspire confidence, too, even where they elicit dissent. The reader sees at a glance that the design of their author is always "to find out what meaning is in the text, never to explain some 'private interpretations' into it."

The present volume opens with thirty-nine pages of general introduction in which the title, and the collection of the book, the titles of the Psalms (which Mr. Barnes regards as of inspired authority), the general character and practical use of the book, and the qualifications required for a commentator on it, are considered, besides a very full vindication of what are called "the imprecatory Psalms." In the three hundred and seventy-four pages which follow this, Psalms I-XL are carefully commented on.

The book, as we have before stated, is very well printed and tastefully bound. Harpers & Bros., of New York are the American publishers, and the Lippincott's of this city sell it at \$1.50.

Rev. Mr. Headley's COURT AND CAMP OF DAVID is another study of the Bible from the modern, human point of view. Mr. Headley has "biographed" several great statesmen and warriors of modern times, in a way that has at least secured for him a very wide circle of readers, and now undertakes to do as much for the most romantic figure in Jewish history, or indeed, if we except the elder Cyrus, in all ancient history. The story of David like is told that of Napoleon Washington, in the language of modern literature, and, with most minds, the result of its perusal will probably be a more realizing sense of the existence of David and of the facts of his life. The book is therefore not a bad one, but its merits are hardly such as to call for such sumptuous binding and gilding, nor are the illustrations of such excellence as to comport with the exterior. It is published by Henry Hoyt of Boston. Price \$3.75.

J. G. Garrigue & Co., (now at 608 Arch St.) send us Rev. Henry S. Osborn's "THE TEACHER'S GUIDE TO PALESTINE, containing a complete list of the names of all the cities etc., of Palestine, mentioned in the Scriptures; whose sites are actually known; with their most approved pronunciations and significations; their historical

interests and all the references to their most important scriptural associations; with lessons and illustrations derived from them." Prepared from the latest authorities and from personal travels and examinations. There is a serviceable title page for you! The design seems to be to present in a condensed and serviceable shape so much of information on topography as no Sabbath-School teacher can afford to do without, giving only what is most assuredly known. We fear however that scientific explorers would hesitate to accept all these topographic identifications as certain. Those who have looked most closely into the matter say that our certain knowledge of Palestine and its localities is very slight indeed, and that much that passes for such is mere traditional fiction. And a teacher might need to know something of the places (even if not numerous) which Mr. Osborn omits. Hamath for instance is a great fixed point in Jewish geography; ideal under Joshua, realized under David and Solomon, and again under Jeroboam the Second; but here it is entirely omitted. Megiddo is given but its identity with the Ar-Mageddon (Hor-Megiddo) of the Apocalypse, is not pointed out. The information really given is often too crass and lifeless, when a free use of such writers as Stanley would have given a life-like interest, without much increase of space. Still the book succeeds in saying much in a little space; it is well printed by J. B. Rodgers & Co., and is accompanied by an excellent and serviceable map. It is a book that most greatly benefit most S. S. teachers. Pp. 136.

THE MAGAZINES.

The Edinburgh Review for July, opens with an article of especial interest to Americans, on "The Salem Witchcraft." It is a review of the elaborate book recently published by Rev. Chas. W. Upham, pastor of the Unitarian church in Salem, Mass. A perusal of this article will be quite enough to convince any ordinary reader that the current knowledge of the subject is very superficial. The connection of this horrible superstition with the early history of the colony and the later phenomena of Spiritualism, is especially interesting. Mr. Upham's monograph more than German in its thoroughness. II. English Dictionaries opens with a notice of the history of the subject; proceeds to review Dr. R. G. Latham's ponderous and valuable edition of Johnson, comparing it with Wedgwood, Richardson, Coleridge, and French in their several departments; and closes with a discussion of some words passed by without notice. Webster's and Worcester's ponderous "chap-books," are properly ignored. The author notes that Tennyson, coming from a Norse county—Lincolnshire—[and bearing a Norse name], has introduced into the language, words of Norwegian and Danish origin, which had heretofore only held their places as provincialisms. Such are bosh, boshage, billed, gry, byre, counterchange, (perhaps) keez, midnoon, &c. III. The Apocryphal Gospels gives the modern literary history of these curious and unsatisfactory forgeries; refutes the claims made in their behalf by some modern Romantics, and shows that their character is an evidence of the supernatural origin of the genuine Gospels. IV. Lytton's Chronicles and Characters are praised highly yet judiciously. V. Wellington's Correspondence (1819-1825), throws light on the character of "The Iron Duke," and on English political history. VI. The Modern Russian Drama, is praised; but the praise is not justified by the extracts. All Russian literature is shallow, but Drama seems most so. Still the article enables us to understand these half-civilized folk. VII. Letters and Speeches of Leon Fouquier is a tribute to the memory of a very upright Frenchman. VIII. Prince Henry the Navigator is a good sketch of the man whose comprehensive genius has made Portugal great in the annals of maritime discovery, and who helped to waken Europe from the slumberous life that succeeded the middle ages. IX. New Germany is a prophecy of evil concerning Bismark, who is making the future of United Germany dark, because he will not allow of liberal measures. X. The National Church is an able defence of the union of Church and State from a liberal point of view. It is thoroughly Erastian.

The Bibliotheca Sacra for July. I. Rev. Soren D. Clark brings his able discussion of Free Communion to a close. His Baptist opponents will not find him easily answerable. II. Dr. J. A. Brown of Gettysburg states the case of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in the United States, making another of the series of articles in which our various Churches and schools are to be allowed to speak for themselves. III. Dr. Haven, of Chicago, discusses Milk versus Hamilton, with results mostly coinciding with Dr. McCosh. (In the great contest between these rival systems of metaphysical "Know-nothing-ism," we feel much like the Western dame:—"Go it, husband! Go it, bear! I don't care which wins." Hamilton is a little more tolerable in his results; Mill far more consistent in his methods.) Dr. Haven has not the analytical ability needed by a good metaphysician. IV. Dr. Macdonald, of Princeton, contributes a striking article on Irony in History; or, Was Gibbon an Infidel? We think that he fairly makes out his case, that the outcry against the great historian is very largely the result of that theological alarmism and heresy-hunting, which is currently supposed to be quite obsolete in Dr. M.'s neighborhood. V. Notices of Recent Publications are very good,—much better indeed than those of any other American Theological Quarterly. Three dollars a year. Warren F. Draper, Publisher, Andover, Mass.

Lippincott's Magazine for September. Contents: Dallas Galbraith, Part IX.; Sorrento; Pre-Raphaelite at Saratoga; Two American Presidents; On Essais Tous Les Gants; Nantucket; A Vigil; Dispute about Education; My Two; American in Warwickshire; The Kitchen; Who shall separate us; Expression in Sculpture; Our Monthly Gossip; Literature of the Day. J. B. Lippincott & Co., Publishers, 715 & 717 Market St., Philadelphia.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

SPIRITUAL ARITHMETIC and Other Stories. Compiled for the Presbyterian Board of Publication, 18mo. 216 pp. McKEEVER—Little Mary. By Harriet B. McKeever,

Author of "Aunt Harriet's Tales," etc. 18mo. 132 pp. GRAHAME—Mat Warner, or The Boy who Wanted his own Way. By Nellie Grahame. 18mo. 108 pp. THE INFANT VOYAGERS and Other Stories. Compiled for the Presbyterian Board of Publication. 18mo. 216 pp. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication, 821 Chestnut Street.

DR. DUFFIELD'S LIBRARY. Undoubtedly the rarest and most valuable of the private libraries of this city is that of the late Rev. Dr. Geo. Duffield. It comprises no less than 2,372 bound volumes and 1,161 that are unbound, a total of 3,533, all valuable, and embracing almost nothing that a scholar would not prize and be earnest to acquire. The folios are 50, quartos 225, octavos 500. Old books are numerous, there being six editions of from A. D. 1571 to 1600, and fully 40 from 1600 to 1700. Twenty different languages are represented, and there are 40 vellum bindings.

Among rare editions are Stephen of 1568, Elzevir of 1624, Mills of 1723, and others. Among costly works, "Sinai Photographed," by Rev. Charles Forster; "G. Duffield, D.D., Detroit, Mich., U. S., N. A.," being noted as the only American subscriber resident in this country; Loudon's "Encyclopedia of Gardening;" Downing's "Fruit and Fruit Trees," etc., etc. Many books contain valuable autographs, among them one of Cotton Mather, several of John M. Mason, D.D., autographs of his father, grandfather and great grandfather, all bearing the same name as himself, and the autographs of Gen. Meade, and of Bickersteth, a noted English clergyman who died in 1850. Each volume in the library also contains either an autograph of Dr. Duffield himself or a fac simile of his autograph which he had prepared for this purpose, with the family motto, "Deo, reipublice et amicis."

The division of the library in respect to subject, is as follows: Theology, 1,400 vols.; scientific works 200; literary 200; classical 100; historical 150; encyclopedia 125. Among the theological works are 250 on prophecy, 100 on ethnography, and 50 on Romanism. This department is also especially rich in books on sacred geography, as well as the usual standard authorities. In the scientific department, books which attracted most the attention of Dr. Duffield, were those on meteorology, agriculture, climate, storms, volcanoes. Also, works on fruit, flowers, and grapes abound, and pigs, poultry, bees and silkworms evidently received no little consideration from him, judging from the number of volumes treating of them which are gathered in the library. His favorite literature was the British classics, and the Edinburgh and Quarterly Reviews, of which last he seems to have had a full set. The solitary novel in the library was the "Wandering Jew," and that, no doubt, he read more as a theologian than as others read it.

But beyond all question the most striking feature in the library is the number of copies of the Holy Bible. Apart from the best commentators on each particular book, his deep and enthusiastic attachment to the Bible itself led him to multiply copies and additions to an extent that we could scarcely suppose possible. The following is a list of them:

- One Polyglot Bible, 5 vols.; one Heb., Gr., Lat., Ger., Stier & Thiele, 1847. Michaelis Hebrew Bible, 1620. Hebrew Bible, 3 vols., 1693. " " Simonis, 1752. " " Habn, 1831. " " Bagster. New Testament in Greek. " " Stephen, 2 vols., 1568. " " Pritii, 1609. " " ELZEVR, 1624. " " Luke and Acts, 1628. " " MILLS, pp. 692, fol. 1723. " " Ed. Prima Americana, 1800. " " Griesbachii, 2 vols., 1809. " " Leusden, 1823. " " Greenfield, 1829. " " Bagster. Bible in Chinese. " " Welsh, 1808. " " German, 1814. " " Arabic. " " English, 10 editions.

His favorite Bible for reading was Stiers Polyglot, in which each morning he read a chapter in the four different languages. His study Bible, with which he was so familiar that he could put his finger at once upon that portion of the page where the verse desired was to be found, was Canne's Bible, Edinburgh, 1796. In the Bible he used at family worship were the following entries, showing the time when he commenced reading it, according to his invariable custom, in regular course: April 15, 1813; April 30, 1815; April 12, 1817; February 1, 1819; February 17, 1821; March 4, 1824; March 5, 1826; April 30, 1828; April 1, 1830; April 11, 1832; April 13, 1834; April 14, 1836; April 18, 1838.

The oldest book in the library is an illuminated vellum manuscript of the Latin Vulgate, written A. D. 930, and now 938 years old; but as the Advertiser and Tribune some years since gave a full account of this remarkable book and its history, it is unnecessary now to repeat it. If it excites the wonder of any one, how it was possible for so many different books on so many different subjects to be brought together, the question is answered in part by a box of catalogues bearing the names of Kirchoff & Vigan, Mollinger, Brockhaus, Schmidt, etc., on the other side of the water, and Gowsins, Westerman, T. W. Reeve, Smith,

of Knapp & Co., etc., on this side. The sources posed. More accessible to patient, a large circulation than is commonly supposed of a nation, the intellectual wealth of the country makes such collections well pronounced and to the necessity. Detroit Advertiser and the times, may be pronounced a success.

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