

Editor's Cable.

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JUVENILES.

DONAT CLARE, OR THE MANUSCRIPT MAN, reprinted from the London Sunday at Home, by Henry Hoyt, Boston, is a story illustrating the effects produced in a rural Irish Catholic parish, by the introduction, in an informal way, of the Irish Testament among the people.

EARTHEN VESSELS, by Archie Fell, same publisher, is a story of two families in different positions in life, and with different fortunes, in each of which the power and beauty of true religion are illustrated by one or two individuals, whose conduct under the ordinary trials of life, and in their isolated positions exercises a saving influence upon the others.

MARK STEADMAN; or, Show your Colors, published by Hoyt and by the American Tract Society, is also a reprint from the issue of the London Religious Tract Society. It is designed to illustrate the virtue of Christian conscientiousness, firmness and loyalty under trying circumstances.

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OLD VIGILANCE AND HIS PET, by the Presbyterian Board (O. S.) is one of the most exciting of juvenile stories. Vigilance is a shepherd's dog of the usual sagacity of that race, and his pet is a child of great beauty and piety, lost on the prairies of Texas, found by Vigilance, who belonged to one of the settlers, and the story relates the child's influence upon the settler's family and her subsequent life.

THE LITTLE WATCHMEN is a story from the common life of children, showing how they may and ought to act the part of watchmen over themselves. Presbyterian Board. 18mo., pp. 252.

THE CORNER HOUSES, HUMPHREY PACE and his wife HANNAH, and MANCIPATION BOOK, are contained in one of Hoyt's recent juveniles. The first is a sentimental goodish German story; the second is one of those vigorous, unaffected stories of English Cottage Life, which make so large and valuable a part of our S. S. Literature; and the third is a remarkable story of Maroon, Slave, and White life in Jamaica, about the time of Emancipation.

MAGGIE AND THE SPARROWS, by the author of Little Kitty's Library, &c., published by R. Carter & Bro., is a collection of brief stories, told in a winning manner and natural quiet style, well calculated to interest the young class of juvenile readers. The typography, paper, and illustrations are very good. 18mo., pp. 180.

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BAIRD'S HISTORY OF THE NEW SCHOOL.

From Claxton, Remsen, and Haffelfinger we have Dr. Baird's HISTORY OF THE NEW SCHOOL. To say that an historical work is in essence and purpose a party pamphlet is not necessarily to disparage it. Mitford's and Grote's Greece are in some sense respectively Tory and Whig manifestoes. Arnold's Rome and Macaulay's England come under the same general designation. We cannot say, however, that Dr. Baird's pamphlet of 564 pages impresses us powerfully either as a history or a pamphlet. A pamphlet, even, should have the show and semblance of fairness, if not its reality, but what can we expect from a writer who begins his preface "When the Pelagian controversy in the Presbyterian Church came to an end, in the division of 1838, &c., putting on the fore-front of his work the slanderous epithet which even such partisans as Dr. George Junkin in the very heat of the Assembly of 1837, denied the justice of. In the spirit of that sentence, the work is carried out. Dr. Baird goes back to the very beginning of American Presbyterianism; attempts to refute the claim of the New School that they are the legitimate descendants of the New Side party who figured in the earlier history of the Church; and follows the course of the doctrinal history down through the next century to the opening of the contest. The vague charges of heresy, which long floated in the air until Drs. Hodge and Breckenridge embodied them in the "Act and Testimony," are taken for granted, being quoted in full, and made the ground of a justification of the strong measures of 1837. The counter-statement of the Auburn Declaration, denying their truth and stating what the New School really held, is passed over with the most casual mention. If we were criticizing a political historian, we would say it is most disingenuously suppressed. Every circumstance which will tell against the New School party is carefully recalled, down to such Assembly gossip, as the doggerel additions to the couplet "In Adam's fall, &c." On the whole we believe that Dr. Baird's History will be of value only through the accident of his position as the son and literary heir of a member of the Assembly of 1837. When future Church historians come to describe the great Church panic of 1837, they will find in his work few contributions to our knowledge of the men and events, save in some matters of detail. We are agreeably surprised, however, since our O. S. contemporaries have discovered that it is the peculiar province of their Board of Publication to bring out books vilifying N. S. men by name, and that in the midst of Re-union negotiations, to find that it does not bear that imprint.

From A. Winch we have a closely printed pamphlet with the strange heading EXIT OF SHYLOCK AND CALIBAN. It professes to be, and we believe is—the autobiography of one of our Radical Reformers, who begins by being a Presbyterian convert to religion, passes on through spiritualism (the folly of which he discovers and exposes) and then to Fourierism. He argues for unlimited right of divorce, and at one point of the story is on the point of taking the wife of another man as his own, without the formality of divorce or marriage, when T. L. Harris—the sanest of those who have dabbled in Spiritualism—persuades the lady to insist on those preliminaries. The scene of the story is laid in New York and Cincinnati.

Rev. Washington Gladden's THOUGHTS ON LIFE which we have received from Ticknor & Fields, is one of the best books for young people that we have lately seen. It has already stood the test of delivery before an audience such as it now seeks, and we trust that it will be equally successful in its new form. It is utterly free from the "goodness" which spoils most such works. Freshness and thoughtfulness on every page lift it above the great mass of the indigestible literary provender set before young readers. The subject of religion is not heedlessly and tastelessly thrust on the reader's attention, while an under-current of Christian thought runs through the whole, and wells up at the close into an earnest plea that the young will take Christ as their Master and their King. The book deserves to be ranked beside Beecher's "Lectures to Young Men."

BOOKS RECEIVED.

BOYD.—The Little Slate Picker, and Other Stories. By Mrs. E. E. Boyd. 18mo., pp. 152. Philadelphia: J. P. Skelly & Co. GIRDING ON THE ARMOR. pp. 362. BINDING THE SHEAVES. pp. 416. WEIGHED IN THE BALANCE. pp. 402. ROBERT LINTON; and, What Life Taught Him. pp. 395. EDGER TOOLS. pp. 316. The above in a box as the GREEN MOUNTAIN SERIES, By the author of the "Win and Wear Series." 16mo., New York: R. Carter & Bros., Philadelphia: James S. Claxton. HUGH WYNFORD; or, the Cousins' Revenge. 16mo., pp. 236. Phila.: J. P. Skelly & Co. DICKINSON.—What Answer? By Anna E. Dickinson. 12mo., pp. 301. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. TENNYSON.—The Poetical Works of Alfred Tennyson, Poet Laureate. Complete. Half-Dollar Edition, paper, 16mo., pp. 224. Published and for sale as above. DICKENS.—Our Mutual Friend, by Chas. Dickens. With eight illustrations. Charles Dickens' Edition, pp. 525. Published and for sale as above. Price, \$1.50. OUR EARTHLY HOME and its Builder; or, The Wisdom of God as Displayed in the Body of Man. With numerous engravings. 18mo., pp. 199. New York and Philadelphia: American Tract Society.

WRIGHT.—The Golden Fruit, by Mrs. J. McNair Wright, author of "Golden Heart," "Golden Life," etc. 16mo., pp. 362. Illustrated. Boston: Henry Hoyt. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co.

LOWRIE.—The Translated Prophet, by John M. Lowrie, D.D., author of "Esther and her Times," etc. 16mo., pp. 320. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

CAMPBELL.—A Catechism on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. By Rev. G. Campbell, Pastor of West Forty-fourth street U. P. Church, New York. Paper, pp. 80. Phila.: Wm. S. Rentoul.

THE WATER POWER OF MAINE.—Reports of the Commissioners and Secretary of the Hydrographic Survey of 1837. Part I. Report of the Commissioners. Part II. Report of the Secretary. Svo., pp. 327. Portland, Me.: Walter Wells, Supt. Hydrographic Publication.

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