

Editor's Table.

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

PORTER ON THE HUMAN INTELLECT.

The thinking mind of New England still leads the speculative movement of our country. And little Connecticut, a mere patch upon the map of the Union, continues, as of old, to be the generous nurse of a large proportion of the thinkers of New England.

It must be admitted that, since the days of Hamilton, the weight of intellect engaged in metaphysical studies has been upon the side of materialism. A dark shadow seems to have been gathering upon the continent and in Great Britain, under the influence of such names as Comte, Stuart Mill, Bain, Buckle, and Herbert Spencer.

McCOSH'S WORKS.

Very appropos to the arrival and inauguration of Dr. McCosh as President of Princeton College, his publishers, Messrs. Carter & Bros., have re-issued the valuable series of metaphysical works which bear his name.

England, are examined in all their bearings upon the great fundamental truths of a spiritual philosophy. Both of these last are in their second revised editions. To read them, is to enjoy a pure and delightful mental stimulus, and a high moral inspiration, not procured at the expense of intense application to decipher obscure and oracular utterances, or to disentangle complicated periods.

Scribner's Kathrina, Illustrated Edition. Dr. Holland's Poem, KATHRINA has enjoyed the immense popularity, that is sure to attend the successful presentation of the romance of actual life.

DON RAMON PAEZ, an exiled Venezuelan, has issued, through Messrs. CHAS. SCRIBNER & Co., a volume entitled TRAVELS AND ADVENTURES IN SOUTH AMERICA, which from the novelty of the scenes, objects and incidents it describes, from the heartiness and zest with which they are described by the author—who has not been cultivated and civilized out of relish for the wild life of the plains of his native country, and from the abundance and excellence of the illustrations, is worthy of a large share of the regards of the adventure-loving public.

THE THOROUGH-BASE SCHOOL, by W. Ludden, published by ROOT & CARY, Chicago, is an elementary and progressive work on the principles of harmony, which aims simply to aid learners in acquiring those principles, as long ago established, and not to advance any new theories. It covers 110 folio pages, and abounds in illustrative pieces, is printed very handsomely and undoubtedly fills well a decided want in the apparatus for Musical culture, in this country.

THE AMERICAN NEWS COMPANY has issued, in a thin, but finely printed 8vo., of 132 pages, the LETTERS OF GERRIT SMITH, Esq., to Mr. BARNES, on Sin and Suffering in the Universe; Mr. BARNES'S reply, as originally published in our columns, and a series of rejoinders by Mr. SMITH, to these letters of Mr. BARNES; the whole followed by an "Appendix on the Theologies" and on "Nature as the true Basis of Theology."

"I have now reached the last of the nearly sixteen newspaper columns through which your reply extends. I have read and re-read this final column. Its eloquence, beauty, gentleness, tenderness, and solemnity all impress me; and I trust that they may bring me to more self-examination, and to a more enlightened and faithful inquiry whether, in these important matters which divide us, I am right or wrong."

We doubt whether much of this self-examination and inquiry took place before the appendix was written; for neither Mr. Smith or any one else has ever written in more utter hostility to every part and aspect of revealed religion. And yet, so deep is his delusion that he talks of a true religion without the Bible; better than that of the Bible; more enduring than that of the Bible. Instead of being a man of progress, he is retrograding to the very position of exploded experiment from which a Revelation was necessary to rescue man.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

ADAMS.—Conversations of Jesus Christ with Representative men, by William Adams, D.D., Pastor of Madison Square Church. 16mo., pp. 290. \$1. New York: Am. Tract Society, 150 Nassau St. Philadelphia: H. N. Thissell, 1210 Chestnut St. HARSHA.—The Christian's Present for all seasons, containing Devotional thoughts of eminent Divines. From Joseph Hall to Wm. Jay. Selected

and edited by D. A. Harsha, M. A., with an Introductory essay on Devotion, by W. B. Sprague, D. D. 16mo., pp. 562. \$1.25. Published and for sale as above. SCOTT.—The Poetical Works of Sir Walter Scott. Diamond Edition. Sq. 16mo., pp. 437. Boston: Ticknor & Fields. Philadelphia: J. B. Lippincott & Co. \$1.50. HAWTHORNE.—Passages from the American Note Books of Nathaniel Hawthorne, in two volumes. 16mo., Vol. I. pp. 222. Vol. II. pp. 228. Published and for sale as above. BUSH.—Work for All and Ways of Working. By Rev. Chas. P. Bush, D.D. 18mo., pp. 128. 40c. FARQUHARSON.—Do Good Library, Nine New Copyrighted Books, each with two original illustrations: 1. WILLIE; or, The Little Girl who tried to help others and do them good. 2. The Little Helper. 3. Stupid Sally. 4. The Poor House Girl. 5. Leitching Lians. 6. Grandma Foster's Sunbeam. 7. Little Dick Positive. 8. Maud's Two Homes. 9. Anna's Hand. 18mo., pp. 72 to 82. 35c. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Publication Committee, 1334 Chestnut Street.

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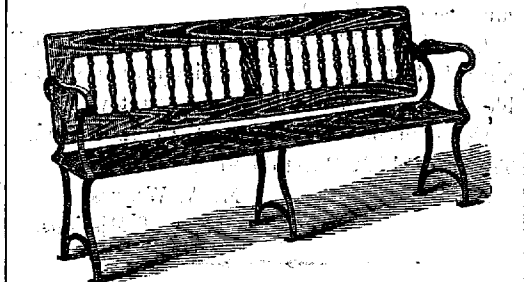
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