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way, and their freshness, originality, invention, homeliness of atmosphere and application, directness of style, forcible Anglo-Saxon terms, and marvellous fullness of illustration commend them to the every day reader and the student alike.

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GOODWIN.—Dr. Howell's Family. By Mrs. H. B. Goodwin. 12mo., 381 pp. Price \$1.50. Boston: Lee & Shepard. For sale as above.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS. GREGORY.—Doctor or Doctress. By Samuel Gregory, A.M., M.D. Boston: Published by the Trustees of the New England Female Medical College.

THE BIBLE REPERTORY and Princeton Review, Oct., 1868. Edited by Chas. Hodge, D.D. Contents.—Studies of the Gospels.—Progress of Doctrine in the New Testament.—Christian Work in Egypt.—Antiquity of Man.—Dr. Gillett and Liberal Presbyterianism.—Short Notices.—Philadelphia. Published by Peter Walker, 821 Chestnut Street.

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Resolved, That it is due to the constituency of this Society to record on the minutes of this Committee, that those Terms of Agreement and the Exposition thereof as sanctioned by both Societies and published in their respective Annual Reports, have been faithfully fulfilled by this Committee and this Society's Executive officers, in all the matters referred to in this statement and in all other respects; and this Committee know no just reasons why the last article in those Terms of Agreement, providing for an amicable adjustment, "if any future matter of difference should arise between the two Societies," is not binding upon both Institutions; and this Committee are still unanimously in favor of such a reference.

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