

Editor's Table.

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

Rev. Jas. R. Boyd, of Geneva, N. Y., has edited, and Darrow & Kempall, of Rochester, have published, in a handsome volume of 247 pages, three of the most characteristic and valuable treatises of the late Dr. Mills P. Squier, of Geneva, former Professor of Intellectual Philosophy in Beloit (Wis.) College. They are THE BRINGING OF A GOD, MORAL GOVERNMENT, and THESE IN THEOLOGY. These compose what we may call the fourth (and last) volume of his works. The last of the three had already been published, but is here reproduced to insure the correct understanding of the two first, of which the Editor also gives us a careful and thorough prefatory analysis. These works bear the marks of Dr. Squier's mind, and of the philosophical school in which he was trained. In their theological positions there is much that will offend those who reject the New England philosophy, and hold by preference to the mechanical theory of regeneration and salvation. Dr. S. believed that (God's Government is Moral Government, moral in its methods and in its grounds. He might not be able to solve all problems, and show how the sanctity of the human will could be reconciled with unconditional election, but he held that man was salvageable because naturally free, and because God's grace was free also. If treated as Dr. Hodge has treated Dr. Taylor, he might be proved an utter Pelagian; if treated as the Jesuits treated Jansenius, he would appear an utter fatalist. Take him for all in all, he was a devout Christian philosopher, trying to embrace in his view of truth all the sides of her reality, and bringing the powers of no mean or fettered intellect to the feet and the service of Christ. We trust that his work will have a wide circulation, and be as widely useful.

From Chas. Scribner & Co. we have the Second Series of Mr. Ezra C. Seaman's ESSAYS ON THE PROGRESS OF NATIONS IN CIVILIZATION, PRODUCTIVE INDUSTRY, WEALTH AND POPULATION, a theme which the author has "illustrated by Statistics of Mining, Agriculture, Manufactures, Commerce, Banking, Internal Improvements, Emigration and Population." We commend the book more unreservedly for its facts than its philosophy of them. The introductory chapters, which are taken up with a view of the causes of national progress in civilization, seem to us utterly deficient in the perspective of discussion. Apparent causes, trivial causes, and essential causes are all co-ordinated in a method which neither the spiritual nor the materialist philosopher would accept as trustworthy. And if, as Bacon says, "the end of philosophy is the intuition of unity," the discussion is equally imperfect. The "artificial" elements of human progress enumerated are sixty-one in number, ranging from "the Christian Religion" down to "Express Companies." The greater part of the book, however, is taken up with a really valuable discussion of the statistical and historical state of the various nations, a work much needed and occupying a place between the petty geographies of childhood and the less popular and more elaborate works of scholars, statisticians and ethnologists. Mr. Seaman's treatment is very readable and interesting, but, we think, runs too much in the Buckle & Draper vein. He lays by far too much stress on the influence of purely external causes, and at more than one point, we are on the point of asking whether some of those sixty-one "elements of progress" given in the first chapter might not be mentioned oftener without hurting the excellence of the work. The book is superbly printed, serviceably bound, and contains 650 pages. For sale by Smith, English & Co.

Dr. J. C. Dalton's TREATISE ON PHYSIOLOGY AND HYGIENE, from the Harpers, is a volume of some 400 pages, drawn up with reference to college, school and family use. Such books are signs of the great two-fold revolution, which is taking place in the relations of the educated and the medical public, viz., an increasing distrust in the power of medicine to restore health, and a growing demand that physicians shall vindicate their office in coming forward by wise counsel and extended popular instruction to save health. Of old times the Doctor's task was "the standing miracle of reconciling health with intemperance;" in our days, they are called upon to take a higher stand, viz., to show the people what are the conditions favorable to securing "sound minds in [and through] sound bodies." Dr. Dalton's name and his position in the New York College of Physicians and Surgeons, are, of themselves, sufficient warrant that the work he has here undertaken has been well and faithfully done. We have been pleased and (medically) edified by what we have read of his volume, and can heartily recommend it to our readers. Throughout the volume the discussions are studiously simple, and an alphabetical glossary is added, re-defining all technical terms, and enabling the reader to refresh his memory with ease. The illustrations of the volume are admirable. Subjects of a definite nature are (rightly or wrongly) omitted.

From the New York Baptist publishers, Sheldon & Co., we have a dainty volume in holiday attire, with gilt edges and tinted paper, which they modestly call GLEANINGS AMONG THE

SHEAVES. It is a selection of choice passages from the sermons of C. H. Spurgeon, the greatest of English preachers. Surely a Boaz was the master of the reapers when such choice handfuls fell in the path of the gleaner. The selections are made with judgment, care and taste, and the volume will doubtless add to the reputation of the author, and to the sale of his works.

Harper & Bros. send us SCHOOL LYRICS, A COLLECTION OF SACRED HYMNS FOR DEVOTIONAL EXERCISES IN SCHOOLS, a tasteful little volume of 164 pages, (containing 266 hymns and 6 chants, with Index of First Lines.) bound in flexible cloth and well printed. The collection has been made by S. M. Capron of Hartford, and seems well adapted to its purpose. The hymns, in the main, are really devotional, unsectarian, of standard merit, and none of them are superfluous. We except "I bow my forehead in the dust;" "Brightest and best of the sons of the morning;" "Sweet hour of prayer;" "My country, 'tis of Thee," and a few others.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS. INAUGURATION OF James McCosh, D. D., LL. D., as President of the College of New Jersey, Princeton, October 27, 1868. New York: R. Carter & Bros. For sale by Cleton in this city. Pp. 96. Price 50c. [Contains all the addresses made, besides Dr. McCosh's great Inaugural on "Liberal Education in Europe."]

HERALD OF PEACE is the name of a sixteen page quarto, published in Chicago, Ill., by members of the Society of Friends. It is devoted to the cause of Peace and general religious improvement. It is an excellent family paper, thoroughly "radical" and is well supported by the most intelligent and active members of the Society of Friends, as well as many others. It numbers among its contributors Prof. Thomas Chase, of Haverford College; Wm. F. Mitchell, of Philadelphia, long an active and efficient laborer among the Freedmen, and many others, both among Friends and others. The editorial is always practical and pointed. The Children's Department is edited with great care. Altogether it is decidedly the leading paper among the Friends, and will be sure to receive a hearty support from all classes. Price, \$1.50 per year.

THE REMARKABLE PRESERVATION, by Divine Providence, of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures. An Address delivered at the September meeting of the Baptist Sunday School Association of Philadelphia. By William Cathcart, Pastor of the Second Baptist church, Phila. Published by the American Baptist Publication Society, 530 Arch St. Pp. 14. Price 6c.

THE MONTHLY RELIGIOUS MAGAZINE, Dec. 1868. (1) The Division because of Christ [in the National Unitarian Conference]. (2) Sketches of Travel in Palestine and Syria. (3) The Anti-Supernaturalism of the Present Age. (4) Spirit of the Religious Press. (5) Random Readings. With various short articles and Poetry. Edited by Revs. E. H. Sears and Rufus Ellis, and published by Leonard C. Bowles, 26 Chancery St., Boston. \$5.00 per annum.

PLYMOUTH PULPIT: a Weekly Publication of the Sermons Preached by Henry Ward Beecher, Nos. 1 to 11. Price 8 cents. Per annum \$3. [This is the only authorized issue of Mr. Beecher's sermons, and the only one in which they are not expurgated.]

THE FAMILY TREASURE, Dec., 1868, has the usual readable variety, among which we especially note "Mysticism, Second Article," by U. C., and Bible Glossary by J. B. Bittinger, D. D. Hereafter the columns of the Treasure will not be confined to Presbyterian pens. Cincinnati: Published by Western Tract and Book Society at \$2 a year.

ZELL'S POPULAR ENCYCLOPEDIA AND UNIVERSAL DICTIONARY, edited by L. Colange. We have received the first number of this popular serial, designed to occupy a middle place between an Encyclopedia and a dictionary. It is abundantly illustrated and terse in its descriptions. T. Ellwood Zell of this city publishes it.

LONDON QUARTERLY REVIEW for October. (1) The Great Railroad Monopoly; (2) Lady Minto's Memoirs of the Right Hon. Hugh Elliott; (3) Deer and Deer Parks; (4) The Archbishops of Canterbury of the Reformation; (5) Lake Dwellings; (6) The Homeric Question; (7) Mr. Matthew Arnold's Report on French Education; (8) Yorkshire; (9) The Public Questions, at Issue.

SEAMAN.—Essays on the Progress of Nations in Civilization, Productive Industry, Wealth and Population. Illustrated by Statistics of Mining, Agriculture, Manufactures, Commerce, Banking, Internal Improvements, Emigration and Population. By Ezra C. Seaman. New York: Charles Scribner & Co., 654 Broadway. Philadelphia: Smith, English & Co.

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