

Editor's Table.

Abbott's book indeed has a far wider range than Elliott's; at the same time it lacks the subdued fervour of the English writer, and throughout is deficient in enthusiasm and stimulating quality.

Messrs. Scribner & Co. have issued another of the Erekman-Chatrion stories so deservedly popular for their graphic descriptions, and for the tender pathos and purity of their tone.

From CLAXTON, REMSEN & Co., of this city, we have THE LAST PASSOVER, a handsome little volume, made up entirely of harmonized passages from the concluding parts of the FOUR GOSPELS, in one continuous narrative.

The same publishers have issued in elegant style a small square volume entitled: GOLDEN LINKS OR THOUGHTS FOR THE HOURS, containing a selection, in prose or verse of a devotional character for each of the twelve hours of the day for a month.

Messrs. R. CARTER & Bros., of New York, have published in exquisite form Dr. Cuyler's touching memorial of his lost son George, under the title: THE EMPTY ORB.

HENRY HOYT has issued a new volume, entitled A CHRISTMAS STORY which, by contrasts between three families, well shows the right and wrong way of spending Christmas and appropriating its gifts.

THE NEW ENGLAND TRAGEDIES in prose, by Rowland H. Allen. Pp. 156. Boston: Nichols & Noyes.

Our poet we know to be a scholar, and while some of us see less poetry in his "New England Tragedies" than in the "Courtship of Miles Standish," we have yet two singular sketches of our Puritan forefathers presented in the most vivid of all ways.

even to details. And Mr. Allen is evidently fair and unprejudiced to the last degree.

PERIODICALS.

THE NEW ENGLANDER for January, opens with a one-sided eulogy of the system of routine and espionage practised at West Point as fit for introduction in other colleges.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, No. 1284, for the week ending January 9th, contains Historical Recollections of the Reign of George II, No. VIII.—The Sailor, Blackwood's Magazine; Phineas Finn, the Irish Member, Part XV, by Anthony Trollope, Saint Paul's; The Rebel Privateers, Richard Cobden; The Country House on the Rhine, part VIII, by Berthold Auerbach, author of "On the Heights," &c., translated for The Living Age from Die Presse; The Wesleys and their Hymns, Sunday Magazine; Volcanoes and Earthquakes, Saturday Review; Mr. Gladstone's Incoming Administration, Spectator; Audubon's Life, London Review; A Life of King Leopold, Spectator; Billiards, Pall Mall Gazette; besides short articles and poetry.

Miscellaneous.

PROHIBITION vs. LICENSE IN MASSACHUSETTS.

The old Bay State, there is every season to hope, will recover the lost ground in her Temperance Reform movement under the present Legislature.

It was remarked by a speaker in a political meeting during the recent campaign that Massachusetts stopped to take a drink last year, and that this was why she gave such a comparatively small Republican majority.

The following extract from the Governor's message shows plainly where he stands and foreshadows the policy to be pursued.

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A REMNANT LEFT.

The business done in Philadelphia is best illustrated by the regular official returns of sales, as shown by the books of the Internal Revenue Department, and in order to call attention to the subject we give some comparisons, taking the returns for the year 1867. First, we compare with Baltimore and Cincinnati:

Table with 2 columns: City and Sales figures. Baltimore: \$324,966,303; Cincinnati: 213,253,051.

Excess of Philadelphia, 128,377,826. We hear people frequently talk about the trade of Baltimore as being superior to our own, apparently because it is gathered within the smaller compass and makes a show, while ours is spread out over an immense area.

Table with 2 columns: City and Sales figures. Chicago: \$342,182,708; St. Louis: 213,034,368.

Now if any one who had not seen the statistics were to be told that our sales were nearly twice as great as those of Chicago, it would be received with an incredulous stare. Yet here are the inexorable statistics.

Table with 2 columns: City and Sales figures. Cincinnati: \$213,253,051; St. Louis: 213,034,368; San Francisco: 151,307,720.

Let us now ask attention to a comparison with New Orleans, the metropolis of the south-west, and Louisville, the emporium of Kentucky:

Table with 2 columns: City and Sales figures. New Orleans: \$526,795,400; Louisville: 116,216,642.

Our last comparison is with Baltimore, Milwaukee, and San Francisco combined:

Table with 2 columns: City and Sales figures. Baltimore: \$324,966,303; Milwaukee: 110,675,054; San Francisco: 151,307,720.

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