

Editor's Table.

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

The Presbyterian Publication Committee have sent us CAPTAIN WALTHAM: A TALE OF SOUTHERN INDIA, a tastefully got up volume of 280 pages, with six illustrations. The story is a graphic and most interesting picture of Hindoo life, by the wife of a returned missionary. The hero, Captain Waltham, is a Christian officer in the British service, who shows his moral courage and unflinching adherence to principle in his intercourse with his reckless, self-indulgent associates in the army, and in his dealings with the wily native heathens, shaming the first into something like self-respect and Christian conduct, and standing firmly by a native convert in the trials and persecutions which he endures from his relatives among the second. Mrs. — has told more of the social relations of the various classes of the present population of India, than many a ponderous work on Missions can tell us; has given us a clearer view of the discouragements and 'encouragements to the work of Christ, and has done it all as incidental to a story of vivid human interest, and true descriptive power.

The Committee send us also, LOVING JESUS EARLY, A TRUE LIFE, pp. 163, with colored illustration. It is the simple, unaffected story of the swiftly ended life of a dear little girl, the daughter of a minister in our own Church. The child was a true child, no marvel of precocity in mind or spirit, but a child that loved Christ and found His arms as open and His hands and words as full of blessing as did those beside the Jordan eighteen hundred years ago. The picture drawn of her is simple and realistic in its truthfulness, and the interest in her little ways and sayings never flags, and yet is never roused by wonderful stories. She is an example of what Christian nurture may do for the infant members of our Churches, and we trust that many a parent and many a child may be taught of her.

DR. LEONARD TAFEL, of this city, proposes to publish an interlinear translation of the Old and New Testaments, giving the Hebrew, Chaldee or Greek of the original, together with its pronunciation, and a closely literal rendering into English, adding explanatory etymological notes at the foot of the page. The Old Testament will appear in about twenty parts (three to the year) of 160 pages each, costing \$2 per part. The New Testament will appear at the same rate in about eight parts as many pages, at \$1.50 per part. A short Grammar, comparing the Semitic languages, will appear as an appendix. We are satisfied from the specimen pages received that Dr. Tafel is fully competent to execute his undertaking in a way that will do much to foster the much neglected study of sacred philology in our country. Address: A. J. Tafel, No. 48 N. 9th Street.

Methodism has done much good, and no small amount of evil also. We have good hope that the first outweighs the second, but it ought not to close our eyes to the second, especially as the Methodists are about the last body of people to confess any of their own short comings. They ascribe all the censure and opposition they have met with to the hardness of unregenerate hearts against the truth of the Gospel. Any such theory is amply refuted by a view of the manifold quarters from which that opposition has come, as may be seen in the CATALOGUE OF WORKS IN REPUTATION OF METHODISM, FROM ITS ORIGIN IN 1729, TO THE PRESENT TIME. The compiler gives his name as H. C. Deane, which is a nom de guerre only. His pamphlet of 55 pages has reached a second edition, and the supplement gives works on Lay Representation, the Episcopacy, &c. in a word, the hostile criticisms on the largest, and, in many respects, the representative Methodist body of this country. Some of the defenses thus catalogued are, of course, only the defenses and apologies put forth by the worldly bishops and priests of a somewhat establishment, but others are of quite a different character. The opponents of Methodism include such names as Wm. Law, Berridge, Cennick, Hawes, Jonathan Edwards, Abp. Magee, Musgrave, Parkhurst, Isaac Taylor, &c. The catalogue embraces 361 works against Methodism, and the fact that any volume specified is found in our city library, in that of Princeton, or in those of two leading P. E. seminaries is indicated.

THE BIBLIOTHECA SACRA for the current quarter opens with a fine analytical exegetical study on the "Origin of the First Three Gospels." II. Dr. Arnold, of Madison University, contributes an article defending his own denominational views on the mode and subjects of baptism. III. Dr. Barrows continues his discussion of "Revelation and Inspiration," his third article being "The Genuineness of the Gospel Narratives." IV. Prof. Bascom, of Williams, continues his discussion of "The Natural Theology of Social Science." V. Dr. Laurie, a returned missionary, writes on "What Wine shall we use at the Lord's Supper." It is against the current views of temperance men as to the un-intoxicating character of that used in the New Testament times. VI. Dr. Thompson's Notes on Egyptology and (VII.) the Notices of Recent Publications are among the most attractive features of the Bib. Sac. They are supplemented this quarter by the (VIII.) Biblical Notes from the pen of Dr. Hackett of Newton Seminary.

From the Hon. EDWARD McPHERSON we have received a copy of the Second Edition of the Congressional Directory for the Third Session of the XLth Congress, compiled by Ben. Parley Poore. This is a Pamphlet of 116 8vo. pages, giving every variety of local and personal information concerning all departments and branches of our central Government at home and abroad, with plans of the Capitol building, Statistics of Washington City and the United States. The Directory for the Forty-first Congress is now being prepared, and early information from all concerned is requested by the Compiler.

MR. MOTLEY'S DISCOURSE on Historic Progress and American Democracy, delivered at the Sixty-fourth Anniversary of the New York Historical Society, December 16th, 1868, has been published in a very handsome pamphlet of 120 pages, by C. SCRIBNER & Co., N. Y. It is an elaborate and brilliant review of human progress, from the times of the rhinoceros-eating primeval man to the present day, in which the influence of the arrogant claims of modern science is seen mingling with and diluting the noble moral impulses and loyalty to the paramount claims of religious truth as a leader of progress, which give such a charm to Motley's historical writings. The splendor and glow of the style, and the frequent keenness of its wit and satire, are more remarkable than either the force, profundity or novelty of its ideas. It cannot, however, be read without a sympathetic and wholesome glow in the mind of the reader.

BLACKWOOD FOR JANUARY opens with a continuation of the now famous Historical Sketches of the reign of George II; the present number being occupied with The Philosopher—BARRALET. Other articles are: The Fifteen Louis D'or of Beaumarchais; Doubles and Quits; III, Kinglake's Crimea, II, Christian Missions to India, Seats and Saddles; Bits and Biting; Gain or Loss—the Statistics of the Campaign. Its article on MISSIONS is based on Dr. Norman McLeod's Address, and fully sustains his not very Evangelical preference of education, as a means of Missionary effort, over the Apostolic and Scriptural mode of preaching. New York: L. Scott, Publishing Co. Phila.: W. B. Zieber, Monthly, \$4.

LITERARY ITEMS.

A change of tastes in the readers of cheap publications in Paris, who are very numerous, and with whom novels have been all the rage, is reported. The correspondent of Child's Literary Gazette, says: "A new current is in the air. History, not novels, truth, not fiction, now interests, seduces, impassions the public. Buyers want other dramas than those which come gaily or droll from one man's brains. The public requires the spectacle of those brilliant dramas which come ready written from the heart of a people. Everything which tells the public of the glorious past, everything which evokes some magical and immortal date; everything which bears the fulgurant title of the Revolution is sure of success. The public go straight to these books. These are the books the people buy; these works have thousands of readers. These indications of awakening are important. When M. Garnier Pages published 40 numbers, his 'History of 1848,' no less than 50,000 copies were sold. When Daniel Stern had his 'History of 1848' published in numbers and illustrated, it was sold with incredible rapidity. Thiers' History, Lamartine's History, Louis Blanc's History go in this popular form into every hole and corner, and form the beginning of every library. This is a great improvement, and it augurs ill for the permanence of the present government.

The treatment of the insane is exciting attention in literary and legal circles, in this country. France, too, is interested in the same topic. The same correspondent says: "M. Jules Simon is preparing a work on mad-houses, and the prevailing methods of treating the insane. He is now visiting the principal establishments of this sort in France. The questions connected with insanity are attracting a great deal of attention here. The French Emperor is said to be personally engaged in its study. The 'Journal des Debats' is now publishing a novel which turns on the imprisonment of a sane man in a lunatic asylum to get possession of his estate."

Victor Hugo is about publishing six new volumes, for each of which he receives \$10,000 in gold as copyright, an advance of \$2,000 on his next preceding volumes. MESSRS. SCRIBNER & Co. are about to issue an illustrated Library of Wonders, under the general title of MYSTERY OF NATURE, SCIENCE, AND ART. They are from French originals, of which more than a million copies have been sold. They are written in that highly popular and yet accurate scientific style, which, since Arago, has been so successfully employed by the French. The numerous illustrations drawn and engraved by the best French artists, will form a marked feature of the volumes, which will be sold at the very reasonable price of \$1.50 each. Three are announced as nearly ready: The Wonders of Optics with Seventy Engravings, and a Colored Frontispiece; Thunder and Lightning, Thirty-nine Engravings, and Wonders of Heat, with Ninety Engravings, many of them full page, and a Colored Frontispiece. Other volumes are in preparation. SCRIBNER, WELFORD & Co., announce a fine list of cheap and standard English Books, including Dr. Syntax's Three Tours, \$3.75; The Percy Anecdotes, 2 vols., 24 portraits, \$1.75; Pusey on Daniel, 2nd edition, \$5.25; Townsend's Manual of Dates, \$7; Last Century of Universal History, a Reference Book, English Reprints of Rare Works, as Milton's Areopagitica, 30 cts.; Selden's Table Talk, 60 cts., &c.

It is conjectured, from the remarkable uniformity of the whole of George Washington's letters and other manuscripts, that he must have written with a metallic pen. Such an instrument was made fully a century ago, generally of silver, but was not in general use.

MR. WILLIAM MORRIS'S "Life and Death of Jason" has gone into a third edition in London, which proves its popularity, for book-buyers are not so numerous in England as in this country.

OF new books on Travels, LIPPINCOTT announces: The Old World, Palestine, Syria and Asia Minor, by Dr. J. R. Freese, illustrated. D. Appleton & Co., N. Y., announces an historical account of Hawaii, being a London print of a second edition of the work, by M. Hopkins. Illustrated. Price in cloth, \$3. Miss Strickland has issued Tudor Princesses, cloth, 8vo., 12s. 6d. In Science, Gould & Lincoln, Boston, have published the Alphabet of Geology, by J. R. Hall, LL. D., pp. 196, illustrated. Price 90 c. Questions on Huxley's Physiology, by Alcock, 1 vol., sewed; and Molecular and Microscopic Science, by Mrs. Somerville, 2 vols., cr. 8vo. 21s., have been issued in England. Rev. W. L. Gage has published a Modern Historical Atlas of 13 maps, 8vo., through D. Appleton & Co. Price \$3.50.

HENRY CAREY BAIRD, of this city, makes the publication of Industrial books a speciality. He announces twelve new issues: Four on Dyeing, Calico Printing, Scouring, &c., others on the Manufacture of Worsteds, &c., the Modern Prac-

tice of American Machinists and Engineers, the Principles of Mechanism, and Machinery of Transmission, &c., &c., closing with Miscellaneous Works of Henry C. Carey, and Manual of Social Science; the latter condensed from Carey's Principles, and adopted as a Text Book by the Universities of Berlin (Prussia), Pennsylvania, and Michigan, and by other institutions. Philadelphia, as the greatest manufacturing city of the New World, may properly enough be the origin and emporium of such books. But her literary aspirations are far behind her mechanical achievements.

Of Theological Literature, Mr. Barnes' 2nd and 3rd volumes on the Psalms have appeared in England, Wordsworth's Commentaries on the Old Testament have reached Isaiah; Lange's Bibelwerk, in the German, has reached Jeremiah (by Nagelsbach) and Kings (by Bähr). A Temperance Bible Commentary is announced in England. Three Commentaries on Daniel have recently appeared in Germany: one by Dr. Kliefoth, the others by less-known writers. There are also two new ones on Ezekiel; Hengstenberg's, completed, and Kiel's in K. and D. Letzsch's Series. Cremer's Lexicon of New Testament Greek, giving only words or senses peculiar to the New Testament, has appeared in Germany, and it is coming out as a translation in Edinburgh. The Third Edition of Ebrard's Scientific Critique of the Gospel History (German), enlarged by a quarter of its size, as published 18 years ago, has just appeared. A Chronological and Geographical Introduction to the Life of Christ, with Maps and Plans (German), by C. F. Caspari. We also note—Piper's Introduction to Monumental Theology (German); the first instalment of a new translation of the New Testament, under the direction of the Reformed Church of Holland; the Fifth volume of D'Aubigne's Reformation in France and Switzerland; a Book of Church Service for the proposed Reformed Armenian Church, which shows a great enlargement of view and advance towards Evangelical orthodoxy, but which is practically without a following in the Church, notwithstanding it is believed to represent the secret sentiments of many.

The correspondent of the Tribune gives a curious illustration of John Bull's thick-headedness in the following allusion to a well-known London magazine: "The 'Broadway' is obliged to put upon its cover the intimation that it is a London Magazine." We know your Broadway; we have one also, but Englishmen do not know that, and suppose the 'Broadway' to be an American monthly. But you appear to know our poets better than we do. The notices of Mr. Browning's 'King and the Book' are more frequent and more appreciative than in England."

Scientific.

THE FRENCH ATLANTIC CABLE.—The manufacture of the telegraphic cable, which it is proposed to submerge between France and America next Summer, proceeds, with satisfactory rapidity. The cable is to start from the French coast at or near Brest, and to be laid across the Atlantic to the French island of St. Pierre, off the American continent, a distance of 2,325 miles. Communication with the mainland will be effected by means of an additional line, which will be laid from the island to probably some point in the State of New York. This will represent a further distance of about 722 miles, so that the whole length of the two sections of the system will be about 3,047 nautical miles. These figures, however, only indicate the length of miles as it would be calculated without reference to submergence. A certain amount of slack cable will be necessary for the purpose of "paying out," and also a provision against such an accident as that which caused the failure of the Cuba and Florida expedition. With the addition of slack line, then, the deep-sea Cable—the longer section—will be about 2,788 miles, including 145 miles for shore ends, and the auxiliary line, 779 miles, so that, altogether, a total length of 3,567 nautical miles of line will be manufactured for the purposes of the proposed expedition. The consistency of the deep-sea Cable will be similar to that of the Atlantic lines already submerged. The insulated core is strengthened with "a serving" of tanned jute, and is protected with 10 galvanized homogeneous iron wires, served heliacally round the core, each iron wire being first strengthened with strands of Manila hemp saturated with tar. The shore ends attached to the deep-sea Cable will be of different weights, an intermediate section next the main line weighing about six tons, and the heavy end on the shore about 20 tons. The heavy shore end will be of great strength, as it will have an ordinary sheathing served with hemp, and another with stranded wires, sewings of hemp, and asphalt, forming an additional protection. An ordinary wire sheathing of ten galvanized iron wires will be used in the construction of the section which will connect the island of St. Pierre with the continent of America. This covering will be also protected with sewings of hemp and asphalt. In the construction of the cable, the greatest care is observed that all the materials employed in its manufacture be of unquestionable excellence. The copper wire received at the gutta-percha works where the insulated core is being made is first tested that its quality and conductivity may be ascertained. When it has passed the necessary tests, it is forthwith prepared for forming the conductor, which consists of a strand of seven wires. In this part of the manufacture the center wire is passed through a bath containing a mixture of tar and gutta-percha, known as "Chatterton's Compound," before it receives any of the remaining six wires, which are subsequently wound round it—the object of this process being to prevent water permeating through the strands of the conductor. The stranded conductor then receives alternate coats of Chatterton's compound and gutta-percha until it assumes the required consistency. The core for the deep sea cable is to be of the following weight: Conductor, 400 lbs; insulator, 400 lbs; total,

800lbs per mile; for the shallower section, conductor, 107 lbs; insulator, 150 lbs; total, 257lbs per mile. It may be incidentally remarked that the insulated core is larger than that of any other cable hitherto constructed, if the old Malta and Alexandria line be alone excepted. When the core has been insulated it is kept for 24 hours in water at a temperature of 75 deg. Fahrenheit, and is then subjected to a series of electrical tests. Having passed this examination, it is wound round drums and forwarded to the works, where the final sheathing is put on, and it is then coiled away in tanks until its removal to the ship from which it is to be "paid out." Most favorable reports of the progress of the manufacture have, we understand, been given by the electricians who have tested the portion of the cable already constructed. Joints in the core have frequently presented serious difficulties to engineers and others engaged in the extension of submarine telegraphy; in the case of the new line, it is probable that these difficulties will be almost entirely obviated, for, of 820 joints examined, only one has been found in any degree defective. About 600 miles of the deep sea cable have been already manufactured, at the rate of about 85 miles a week. The Great Eastern is, being fitted up with tanks for the reception of the cable. These will be three in number, of which the largest will be 75 feet in diameter and 164 feet high. The cable will be conveyed to the "big ship" in hulks filled with water-tight tanks. The shipping was expected to begin about the second week in January.

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