

Editor's Table.

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

Rev. Edward P. Smith's INCIDENTS OF THE U. S. CHRISTIAN COMMISSION, published by LIPPINCOTT, is made up of well selected and carefully arranged materials, drawn from the almost exhausted stores placed at the control of the Commission by its numerous agents and delegates. As illustrations of the religious spirit of the American people, of the high place of religious principle among the impelling and sustaining influences under which our volunteer soldiers acted, of the wonderful presence of the Holy Spirit, converting the men, not only when wounded and dying, but when safe and well in camp, of the wisdom, zeal and efficiency of the great Christian organization which brought a new phase of Christian activity before the world, and made our war appear a vast opportunity for doing good to the bodies and souls of men, this volume has a value beyond any mere reckoning in dollars and cents. As a store-house of striking incidents, including those which figured so effectively at the anniversaries of the Commission, it will be sought by any one desirous of studying human nature under the extraordinary circumstances here presented. The narratives are concluded with an eloquent extract from Dr. Herrick Johnson's address at the last anniversary in Washington. A full index accompanies the volume, and it is illustrated with two fine steel engravings, emblematic of the attack on Sumter and the uprising of the people. Svo. pp. 512.

BARLEY'S SHUTTLE AND WHAT IT WROUGHT, Mrs. Mary D. K. Boyd, without much incident or character, gives in a very pleasant, cheering way, the story of a pious, but sorely afflicted Scotch family of orphans, who, by the interposition of friends, coming to the rescue as their own stout hearts begin to fail, are raised to comfort almost as in a fairy tale. J. P. Skelly & Co. 18mo. pp. 169, large type, illustrated.

The Ninth Volume of DR. SPRAGUE'S ANNALS OF THE AMERICAN PULPIT has just been issued by CARTER & BROS. This volume embraces distinguished names in the ministry of the Lutheran, Reformed Dutch, Associate, Associate Reformed and Reformed Presbyterian Churches. The plan of former volumes is adhered to. Each denominational section is preceded by a historical account of the denomination in this country. Each minister's biography is briefly summarized, and the largest space is given to letters of their acquaintance, in which the fuller details of the life and character of the subject are given. We need not enlarge upon the great value, the preciousness of these memorials of the lives of sainted men, or utter in advance, the thanks of coming generations, for a work of which we know the value, from the absence of such loving and faithful service in behalf of an earlier race of ministers, as Dr. Sprague is now rendering to those not yet out of his reach. The volume is for sale at the PRESBYTERIAN HOUSE. Price \$4.

Not all powerful novels are mere love-tales; nor is it necessary to trespass upon the principles of immutable morality to make a story thrilling and riveting in a high degree. These negative principles are illustrated, as we have seldom elsewhere seen them, in "THE GAIN OF A LOSS," by the author of the Last of the Cavaliers," just published by LEYFOLDT & HOLT. The interest turns upon a mystery hanging over the birth of two reputed twin brothers in a noble family of England, and the unscrupulous use made of the mystery by the machinations of the Jesuit Father confessor, the widowed mother being an Italian Catholic. The proverbial williness of the Jesuit, the deep, cold cunning, edged with malignity, which the tenderest and noblest ties and impulses of humanity cannot touch, the pliancy of one nature, the rebound of the genuine, hearty English spirit against Jesuit repression, the revelation and discomfiture of the plot, the extraordinary generosity of the hero, and the result of his policy make the story one of lofty Christian purity and Protestant tone, as well as of unusual dramatic power. Some of its renderings of intense passion remind us of Jane Eyre. 12mo. pp. 439.

THE FISHER MAIDEN is a weird Norwegian Tale, translated from the Gorman, in which, as well as in his own tongue, the Norwegian author Bjornson wrote it. As a piece of Scandinavian literature by one of the acknowledged literary geniuses of that race, it is certainly curious, and the story is as strange and wild as the rocky and far northern land of the author. 16mo. pp. 217.

THE NEW YORK BIBLE WOMAN, by Mrs. J. McNair Wright, author of the "Shoe Binders of New York," &c., just issued by the Presbyterian Publication Committee, is a welcome addition to our literature of Christian effort among the degraded poor. The Bible woman is a jewel of Christian purity and cheerfulness, providentially discovered amid the rubbish of the squalid quarters of the great Metropolis, and judiciously set to work and sustained in that wide and needy field. The great part which intemperance has in the miseries and poverty of the poor is well illustrated. The externals of the book, type, engravings, &c., are, as usual, with the Committee's publications, of the best. 16mo. pp. 279.

HOWE'S MUSICAL MONTHLY, Vol. 1, has just been issued, containing 30 pages of piano music, including songs, well printed, on thick paper. Price 35 cents. Boston: Elias Howe.

J. L. PETERS, of New York, has sent us some very good numbers of his three musical monthlies: "Parlor Companion for the Flute, Violin, and Piano," "United States Musical Review," and "Monthly Glee Hive." The price of the first and last of these is \$3 a year, or 30 cents a month; of the Review \$2 a year. 198 Broadway, N. Y.

PERIODICALS AND PAMPHLETS.

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW for January reaches us late. Its tone, as we think, continues to be far less bitter against Evangelical Christianity than half a score of years ago. The high literary tone and general interest of its articles are well sustained; and in this number good service to morals is done by turning the canons of aesthetic criticism against the painted abominations of Swinburne and Whitman, which some of our half-hatched American critics have thought they must commend, in order to show their im-

partial appreciation of "high art," and their freedom from Puritan prejudices. Such canting criticism finds no support in the article on "Art and Morality" in this number. Mr. Darwin is, however, defended in the last Essay of the number, and the first notice in Cotemporary Literature—always the most "advanced" part of the Review—shows the cloven foot, and proves the reformation, if it has taken place, to be very incomplete and perhaps but temporary. The list of articles is: Struggle for Empire with the Mahratts; Richardson's Clarissa; Our Criminal Procedure, Especially in cases of murder; Mr. Bright's Speeches; Art and Morality; The Adulteration of Food and Drugs. Cotemporary Literature. Index to Vol. XC. New York: Scott Publishing Company. Phila.: W. B. Zieber. \$4 a year.

LITERARY INTELLIGENCE.

Two extensive and important literary treasures have lately been brought to light, which promises to be rich in historical results. One is the store of documents and works of art carried from Venetia and Lombardy in the sullen retirement of the Austrians, and at various times in their long misgovernment of the provinces, but which recently, in accordance with treaty provisions, they have returned to the Italian government. Among these, which it would require a column to enumerate, are the complete series of dispatches of Venetian ambassadors to the different courts of Europe during the last ten years of the Republic's existence; the decrees of the Senate based on them; a thousand original parchments (some of them of the ninth and tenth centuries) which belonged to old suppressed religious corporations, &c. The other case is that of a chest belonging to the property of the former East India Co., and transferred to the crown, which has remained unexamined until recently. The librarian has now found that it contained nothing less than the library of Timour, collected by the Mogul in the course of his conquests. Among other treasures, are documents of extraordinary value connected with the biography of Mohammed. This great discovery is undoubted. When these treasures are explored and the volumes are translated and published, which will soon be done, it is probable that a good deal of current history will have to be rewritten.

The Queen's Chaplain, Zincke, has recently been traveling in this country, and in the book which he has since published, entitled: "Last Winter in the United States," he says this deserved, but much grudging tribute to the purity of what may claim to be the American language: "It is a remarkable fact that the English spoken in America is not only very pure, but also is spoken with equal purity by all classes. This in some measure, of course, results from the success of their educational efforts, and from the fact which arises out of it that they are, almost to a man, a nation of readers. But not only is it the same language without vulgarisms, in the mouths of all classes, but it is the same language without any dialectical differences over the whole continent."

MISS YONGE, author of "The Heir of Redclyffe," is editing a shilling London magazine, "The Monthly Packet." This lady, born in 1823, has written several historical works, as well as the High Church novels which first brought her into notice. She devoted a great portion of the proceeds of "The Heir of Redclyffe" to fitting out the missionary schooner "Southern Cross," for the use of Dr. Selwyn, then Bishop of New England and now Bishop of Lichfield, and gave ten thousand dollars, the profits of her "Daisy Chain," for the building of a Missionary College in Auckland, New Zealand.

LORD HATHERLEY, the new Lord Chancellor of England, has just produced a volume on the "Continuity of Scripture." For the last thirty-eight years his lordship has been a regular Sunday School teacher in the parish in Westminster, where he has resided all that time. The traffic in sermons is said to be increasing in London. It has almost become, indeed, one of the regular branches of commerce. One clergyman advertises that he will "lend" his weekly sermons for half a crown apiece, or four for ten shillings, warranted "original, earnest, and evangelical." Here are four advertisements from "The London Standard." "ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT SERMONS.—Three Sermons on Fasting, with illustrations from the Fathers; seven sermons on the Penitential Psalms; and five sermons on the meaning of the Four Colors and Gold in Vestments, at 2s. 6d. each. Apply to A. B. C. Sandal Magna, near Wakefield." "SERMONS, plain, striking, and original, confidentially supplied. Terms, 13s. 6d. per quarter. Single MS. for any Sunday, fifteen stamps. Address Rev. M. A., 12 John-st., Bristol." "LENTEN SERMONS now ready. Specimens MS., post free, fifteen stamps. Address Rev. M. A., 16 Edgeware Road, London." "PAROCHIAL SERMONS.—Sound, practical, and original. Edited by an M. A. of Oxford. Strictly confined and confidentially supplied to the clergy. 13s. 6d. per quarter. Specimen MS. 1s. 7d. Address M. S. S., 57 Regent's Park Road, N. W."

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Felt & Dillingham, N. Y., announce the Life of John Bright.—Lippincott & Co. announce: a cheap edition of Memoirs of Baron Bunsen, Konigsmark, and other Poems, by Geo. H. Boker.—Claxton, Remsen, & Co. have published Recollections of Men and Things at Washington, for Half a Century. By L. A. Gobright, 12mo.—Breed & Lent, Buffalo, have published: The One Great Force; the cause of Gravitation, Planetary Motion, etc., etc. By C. Johnson. 12mo. \$1.

Messrs. FIELDS, OSGOOD & Co., will hold their Third Semi-Annual Sale for thirty days, from March 15 to April 15, 1869, during which period they will supply their publications at special rates of discount. They announce as in various stages of preparation: The concluding volume of Browning's vast poem; The Ring and the Book, \$2; Revised Life of Horace Greeley, by Parton, \$3; Vacation Adventures; or, Camp Life in the Adirondacks, by Rev. W. H. H. Murray; \$1.50; Our new way Round the World, by C. C. Coffin ("Carleton"), profusely illustrated. \$3; Men, Women, and Ghosts, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps. \$1.50; and, finally, an entirely new novel of 600 pages, by Mrs. Stowe: Oldtown Folks, \$2.

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IN ENGLAND a new translation of the Koran, with Introduction, Notes, and an Index by Rev. J. M. Rodwell, London, is promised.—Messrs. Blackwood of Edinburgh announce LORD LYTON'S long-expected translation of the "Odes and Epodes of Horace," also a "Memoir of Sir William Hamilton," by Prof. Veitch, of the University of Glasgow.—Sir EDWARD S. CREASY, author of "The Fifteen Decisive Battles of the World," announces in five volumes, a "History of England, from the Earliest to the Present Time." The first volume bringing the narrative down to the end of the reign of Edward the I., will appear immediately.

Among recent theological issues are: Allies' Formation of Christendom, Part 2, Svo. 12s. 2d. Brown's Misread Passages of Scripture, 8vo. 3s. 6d. Legends of St. Augustine, &c., in Carlisle Cathedral, Svo. 10s. Leighton's Works, by West, Vol. 2, Svo. 19s. Sinker's Testaments of the Twelve Patriarchs, 8vo. 7s. 6d. Keble's Memoir, by Sir J. T. Coleridge, 8vo. 10s. 6d. Dawson's Saviour in the Workshop, 18mo. 1s. Kadie's Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Galatians; 10s. 6d. Elliott's Great Prophecy from Hose Apoc alyptic, 8vo. 4s. 6d. Queen's Devotional Commentary on St. Matthew's Gospel; 7s. 6d.

Of Scientific works, we note: Owen's Paleontology, a Summary of Extinct Animals, 8vo. 7s. 6d. Bacon's Advancement of Learning, ed. by Wright, 12mo. 4s. 6d. Moore's Pre-glacial Man and Geological Chronology, 8vo. 6s. 6d. Bowden's Naturalist in Norway, 8vo. 10s. 6d.—An eighteen penny edition of Mrs Stowe's Minister's Wooing has just been issued England.

MAGAZINES AND PAMPHLETS.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE—No. DCXII—American Edition, Vol. LXVIII, No. 2, February, 1869. Contents.—Doubles and Quits, Part IV; Our Army Organization; Cornelius O'Dowd, My Will and Testament—Tips—The Turkey-Greek Affair; In Life and in Death; The Chinese Mission to Christendom; The Pulpit of the Old Time; Why should a Woman not get a Degree? Vapors, Fears and Tremors; Mr. Gladstone and Disestablishment.

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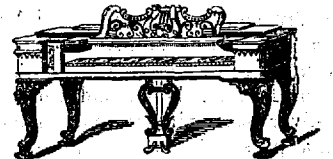
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