Editor's Cable.

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

THE BIBLE HAND-BOOK of Rev. JOSEPH Angus has now reached a third edition, and a second revision, in this country. Its original character for comprehensiveness, compactness, and accuracy, as well as sound theological tendency, is well established. Its aim is not so much to strike out new paths, but in the manner of a text-book, to gather into brief and manageable space, the accepted results of inquiry in every department. In our higher academic instruction, such a volume as this Bible hand-book should have a place beside the history and the grammar, that our youth might become acquainted with the religion, as well as the history and the language of their country. The present revision, performed by Rev. Prof F. S. HOYT, embraces several pages of notes, designed to give additional fullness to the statements of the text, and a full index of Scripture references. Errors, both of statement and of typography, are also corrected. Fifty pages of new matter are thus introduced. The volume, published by JAMES S. CLAXTON, of this city, and containing 781 pages, is sold for \$2.50, with a discount to bibleclasses, clergymen, and students.

In CHIPS FROM A GERMAN WORKSHOP, the distinguished author, MAX MULLER, has been following the suggestion of his still more distinguished friend, Baron Bunsen, to give to the world the fragmentary studies and ideas which arose in his mind, while preparing his edition of the most ancient of the religious books of the Hindoos, the Rigveda, for the press-the work of twenty years. And these chips turn out to be contributions to a history of the leading religions of mankind, in their most ancient sources. with a view to the formation of a Science of Religion. Mr. Muller, in these essays, shows himself to be of the same spirit as his now departed adviser - a sort of eolectic in religion; with him there is no generic, but only a specific difference between the Christian and the other religions of the world. "The great gift that God has bestowed on the children of man," he states to be "natural religion;" which would not be far from true, if he meant the religious nature or capacity-without this, indeed, not without the other, as he goes on to say, "revealed religion itself would have no firm foundation, no living root in the hearts of men." This natural religion he sets himself to seek and vindicate in the ancient forms and records. And while there is much to be said of the high moral tone and comparative truth of these long obsolete books, and much justice in the author's reproofs of timidity and prejudice among narrow-minded Christian believers, on the subject, yet we cannot but regard the liberal tone of the book towards the systems of error which have so long bound the vast majority of the race in ignorance, barbar- 90 cts. ism, and misery, as overstrained; and, in our view, a strong conviction of the inherent divinity and exclusive claims, of Christianity to the submission of the human will, is something which the believer not only cannot lay aside, but which N. Y. will actually be a better guide to the truth, than the colorless, bloodless, anatomizing impartiality which Mr. Muller thinks the sine qua non of correct scientific inquiry. Meantime, the facts which these "chips" bring to our view are in a high degree novel and valuable, and are communicated with the ease, and the charm, and the directness for which Mr. Muller's former works have earned him such solid reputation. The two volumes are issued by Messrs. CHAS. SCRIB-NER & Co, in the substantial, beautiful style of the previous volumes by the same author. They cover 374 and 400 pages respectively, the second one having a very full index. \$5.00.

Messrs. PERKENPINE & HIGGINS have published a second edition of a small volume for young converts, by Rev. A. T. Scott, entitled the HAPPY LIFE. Without much depth or fervor, it is cheery, varied, enlivened with hymns, translation of Homer's Illiad will be published lavish reference to Scripture passages.

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JENNY'S GERANIUM, or the Prize Flower of London Court, is another English story illustrating the value of flowers and of temperate habits to the poor, in a tale of much power and pathos. HENRY HOYT, Boston.

Now AND FOREVER, by Mrs. Madeleine Lesie, is a tale of such excellent intention: the illustration of the power of true piety in the young and weak to endure fierce opposition—that we regret to be obliged to describe the plot as unnatural, and the whole management of style, story, and dialogue as without any decided marks of literary ability or legitimate matter of interest to the reader. This is the more remarkable, as, from the success of the writer's previous efforts, we were prepared for something very different in this larger volume. Boston, LEE & SHEPARD.

THE BRAWNVILLE PAPERS, being memorials of the Brawnville Athletic Club, by Prof. Moses COIT TYLER, of Michigan University, are among the most readable productions in their whole line of literature. They are an ingenious version of the gospel of "Muscular Christianity," and describe the opposition encountered from the various sources of influence usually belonging to a New England village deacons and spinsters especially—in the introduction of gymnastic exercises among the young people. It is written | tory of the Diatessaron, cr. 8vo. 7s. 6d.; Bowen's in the fresh, animating, direct style which seems appropriate to such a topic, and is enlivened by the personal form in which it is cast. Its theology, as is too often the case with this class of | 8vo. 6s.; Vaughan's Characteristics of Christ's writers, is of the broadest kind, including Calvin, | Teaching, 12mo. 2s. 6d. Luther, and Mr. Barnes-"our honest, sensible American commentator," as the author calls him-Henry Ward Beecher, and Theodore Parker. Without doubt, the main doctrine of the book—the value of a well-regulated gymnastics to body and mind, is true, and too little appreciated. TICKNOR & FIELDS. 16mo., pp. 215, bevelled boards, \$1 50.

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The following books have recently appeared: The American Year Book and National Reister for 1869. O. D. Case & Co. Sermons by Charles Wadsworth. San Fran-

Sermons by H. P. Liddon, Oxford. Scribner, Welford & Co. \$2.25.

Recollections of Lord Byron. Guiccioli. Har-Bessie among the Mountains. Carters, \$1.25 Cholula, or the Young Mexican. Skelly,

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The London Quarterly. L. Scott Pub. Co., The Little Corporal for April. Chicago. Our Young Folks for April. Fields, Osgood & Co.

LITERARY ITEMS. American.

During the year 1868 the total number of books published in the United States was 1,918. Of these, 1,450 were original American works, 359 reprints of English books, and 109 translations and reprints of Continental books. Classified, they make the following exhibit: Theology, 264; Fiction, 310, History, 174; Poetry, 127 Law, 108; Arts, Sciences, and Fine Arts, 116 Year-books, 134; Medicine, 101; Travel, 82; Trade, 41; Education, 71; Juvenile Books, 235; and 155 miscellaneous books that do not legitimately come under any of these divisions.

-Scribner, Welford & Co. now issue complete, in eight volumes, the full, complete, and unaltered edition of the "Parochial and Plain Sermons" of John Henry Newman, B. D., formerly Vicar of St. Mary's, Oxford. - W. C. Bryant's which make up half its bulk, and fortified with in the course of this year. Three American firms announce simultaneous editions of Swiss Family Robinson, and Evenings at Home, in words of one syllable; Cassell & Co., Felt & Dillingham, and Geo. Routledge & Sons.-Cassell & Co. also announce an Illustrated Shakspeare, the Use of Schools, printed in color from nature, &c.-W. J. Widdleton, N. Y., announces a new edition of Alger's Future Life; it omits the Index of authors, the most valuable part. Messrs. Ivison, Phinney, Blakeman & Co. have published a "Counting House" edition of Webster's Dictionary, containing over three hundred and fifty engravings on wood, and an appendix of useful information.—Lippincott & Co. have just acters, edited by an Algerine, and corrected by a published "England's Antiphon, a Historical Review of the Religious Poetry of England," by George Macdonald, M. A., illustrated, and form-

ing vol. 4. of "The Sunday Library."

J. Munsell, Albany, has lately published an interesting and instructive paper on the Trichina Spiralis, read before the Albany Institute in January last, by Edward R. Hun, M.D.

Foreign-England.

The first complete and critical edition of the Works of Archbishop Leighton is announced in England. Hitherto, says the Book-buyer, Leighton's writings have been absolutely without any editorial care; the errors originally found in the plied in successive impressions to such an extent that the work now announced will be found AUNT MILDRED'S LEGACY, by the author of "rather a new book than a new edition." The "Battles Worth Fighting," shows some of the set will form six volumes.

-The various works by the late Hugh Miller, the geologist, have fallen into the hands of a spirited publisher, Mr. W. P. Nimmo, of Edinburgh, who announces a popular edition, low priced and neat. Of "The Testimony of the Rocks," 34,000 copies have been sold; of "The Old Red Sandstone," 11,000; of "My Schools and Schoolmasters," 13,000; of "Footprints of the Creator," 10,000. The least popular of his works

have got into a second edition.

—The Formation of Christendom, by Mr. T. W. Allies, a book lately published in England. is a thoughtful review of the state of the civil ized world at the Fall of the Roman Empire. tracing the operation of the religious and historical elements that had power to bring about its disintegration, and then reviewing the restorative influences at work, as mainly embodied in the Christian Church.

-The Christian Year is now in about its 120th edition. The copyright money paid by the publishers certainly exceeds twenty thousand pounds. It sufficed to build three churches in Mr. Keble's immediate neighborhood, and formed a neverfailing fund or benevolent purposes.

-A London publisher announces a volume of the oldest Homilies or Sermons existing. They are attributed to Aphraates, the oldest father of the Syrian Church, and are now for the first time brought to light. They were written about A. D. 330-350.—Dr. Herman Scheffler's work on The Theory of Ocular Defects and Spectacles, transla ted: a new edition of Prof. Rennie's book on Insect Architecture; and Vesuvius, an exhaustive monograph, by John Phillips, Oxford Professor of Geology, are announced.—The Government of British India has recently resolved to devote annually the sum of 24,000 rupees (£2,400) towards the acquisition and preservation of old Sanskrit MSS., which are now scattered all over India.—Alfred Tennyson is said to have recently refused a peerage for the second time.

The following announcements of religious Works are made: Argyll's (Duke of) Primeval Man, cr. 8vo. 4s. 6d.; Binney's Sermons in Weigh House Chapel, 8vo. 10s. 6d.; Bleek's Introduction to the Old Testament, trans. by Venables, 18s; Bonavia's Contributions to Christology, 12mo. 5s.; Boultbee's Readings Explana-Key to the Acts of the Apostles, 12mo. 4s. 6d. Jenkins's Age of the Martyrs, cr. 8vo. 6s.; Missionary Anecdotes, illust. 16mo. 2s. 6d.; Rule's Historical Exposition of the Book of Daniel, cr.

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France.

Says the correspondent of Child's Gazette: There is a strange dearth of ofiginal and deep works in French literature. It has now been nearly eighteen years since Louis Napoleon confiscated the public liberties of France, and each year since that deplorable date has seen French literature, art, and science decline, and public and private morals grow more corrupt. At present frivolity reigns with absolute dominion. In music we have M. Offenbach's extravaganzas; few pictures other than representations of naked women sell; the majority of books exhibited in the book stalls, those which sell best, are lives of fallen women, the mistresses of Henry IV., Ninon de l'Enclos, Grecian courtesans, and the like. It is true, as I mentioned in my last letter, there are indications of the growth of a better taste. But, where are original works? All our new books are but compilations."

-M. Thiers has for many years past labored on a great work in five or six volumes, upon religion, philosophy, general history, the arts and sciences. The volume on philosophy is finished The few friends of the author who have read some pages of it, declare the ardor and brilliancy of the spiritualistic declaration of principles which ends and sums it up, to be something ad

-M. Brasseur de Bourbourg has recently published at Paris an octavo of nearly five hundred pages entitled: "Quatre Lettres sur le Mexique." After many years of travel and antiquarian rcsearch in Central America, he has come to the conclusion that the myths of the old Mexican gods and heroes are not only intimately related to those of China, India, Egypt, Persia, and Greece, but also anterior to them; that the civilization of the Western Hemisphere is not borrowed from the Eastern Hemisphere, but that, on the contrary, America is the mother of Asia; that the continent which we have been accustomed to call the "New World" is not merely the oldest physically, as geologists had already taught us to suspect, but also the oldest ethnologically and in every way—the cradle of the hu-

-Michelet, it is said, intends devoting himself exclusively to historical studies during the rest of his life.

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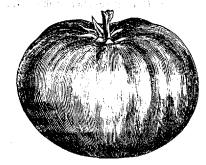
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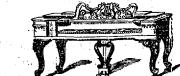
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