## quiturs Tathe.

## nas Publishles: wi.n confer a favor by mentionin

Messrs, Jicuon \& Sons, London and New Messer,
York, ner , ins a work that should and must be appreeititel thy all sensible people. They are of-
fering a series of holiday books in which elegaverand even luxury of externals and eloquence
of style are made to cover and commend the reat ficts of natural history and the results of mudern travel and inquiry. A juvenile book of
the series, we note ip another place. We here ppak of "The Deseat World" and "Tae Irbteries of the Ocean," each translate tions adapting it to English and American reads. The results of travel and exploration in pon the ocean, are gathered and presented in no formal and didactic style, but in that fresh, icturesque and striking way which comes so e well reproduced in the translation. The volumes are elegantly printed, and bound in purple nament to the centre table. The Desert Wortd is an 8 ro., of 467 pages with 160 illas trations ; Tie Mysteries of the Ocean has In The Wild Sports of the World, Mr. $J$ ames Greenwood gives another proof of the versatility of a pen which has already stirred a vast
public upon the condition of the London poor. IIe here leads us through a succession of the most exciting scenes in the life of the hunter, especially in his conflicts with the larger brutes gorilla, the rhinoceros, the tiger, the wild horse, the crocodile, cco. The language of celebrated
hunters, like Capt. Gordon Cumming, who are already in print, is given, but Mr. Greenwood's wn charming descriptions appear on every page. Such books, addressing themselves to the Nimrod whioh may be said to be in almost every but they seem to us better adapted for the training of those who expect to follow the butcher's profession, than for most others. Svo. yp pp. 474, profuse
$\&$ Co.

An immense amount of valuable information is brought within easy reach of the inquirer in Maydn's Diotionary of Dates, which, as revised by the last English editor, Mr. Benjamin Vincent, may be called "a dated Encyclopedia. For quick reference in all matters of historic in terest, it is everything that could be wished. No merely the date, but a condensed summary of know, forms part of every item. Biography is generally included under the more goperal hea of history; but the full index at the close is Ezekiel prophosied, or Father Matthew died, or the first Atlantic Cable wns laid, or Vicksburs was talen, or when and how many Ecumenical Councils bre met or when the first moman wa licensed as a physician, you will find it and fif teen thousand other facts here. The popularit of the book has secured for it a run of twelv editions, and the present issue is adapted to ou own country. The whole volume, though not Mithout faults of construction-as, why shoeche not-and errors of statement, as that Brigham Young still continues to be the Governor of Utah by appointment of the President; and a manifes purpose, in treating of the rebellion, to avoid al ing literary institutions for which we cannot fee too grateful. Harper \& Bros. 8vo, cloth. \$5 Scribner \& Co.'s popular edition of Froude' History of Enaland has now reached the fourth volume. The price is but $\$ 1.25$ each. I is a public benefaction to put such valuable,
standard works within reach of the general public. Messrs. Soribner \& Co. have taken a simi lar course in regard to several other first class books, as Conybeare and Howson's Panl, in one 82.50 a volume, \&c.

Not only are the new issues, by Messrs. Scribner \& Co., of Stanlex's Jewisi Churci to be
commended for their cheapness, but they are actually muoh handier volumes for the student use, than the more costly ones. They embrace diagrams, are printed from the samo plates, with the handsome large type, and differ only in the width of the margins and thickness of the paper from the former isuat Two volumes; price from the former issue. Two vol
$\$ 2.50$ each. Smith, English \& Co.
Eaypt 3300 Years Ago, ( 0. Scribner \& Co., $)$ is in the style of preceding polumes of the IL-
lustrated Library of Wonders. It prelustrated Library of Wonders. It pre-
sents a connected and very readable account of the carly history of Egypt, drawing upon the noonuments for a large part of the story, and for No attempt is made to weave in the Bible narra tive, or to find a place for Joseph in the ohronology, thourh nothing is said to diseredit Scrip to the mind, and the eye, and the remarkable interest of the series is well sustained. For sale
by Smith, English \& $\mathbf{C o}$. 50 .
"The Bayard Series" is one of the most
asteful and elegant of the English Classies that asteful and elegant of the English Classics that volumes, in delicate flexible bindings, compact light, and yielding easily to the hand, and are mong the most etherial products of the book ing the imprint of Scribner, Welford $\&$ Co., mprise "The Round Table," by Wm. Hazlett, and Dr. Johnson's "Rasselas," each prefixed with Pp. 222, and 162.
J. C. Garrigues \& Co. issue Mr. Gould's Sonas or ess, for Sunday schools, in fine cloth bind, for 50 cts. It is a collection combining fine Many of the latter are by well-known pastors of this city, as Drs. Stryker and Breed, and choice ompositions they are.
Messrs. R. Cartar \& Bros., have also is ued a cheap edition, 8 volumes in four, of Kirro's Bible Illustrations, whose merits as an mological Commentary are suck, hat superse ded it. Furnished at half price, ( $\$ 7.00$ ) it f the Soriptures.
M. W. Dodd has done a good work for the cause of Sabbath school instraction in issaing Mimpbiss' Graded Lesson Books in which
the Life of Christ, as harmonized from the Four the Life of Christ, as harmonized from the Four
Evangelists, is arranged in Lessons adapted, I Evangelists, is arranged in Lessons adapted, I.
To younger classes ; II. To children ; and, III o youth. Each "Lesson Book" is accompanied With a Teacher's Manual, containing hints upon each lesson. The whole six volumes are well deserving the attention of teachers, both the Presbyterian Book Store.

The Presbyterian Publication $=$ Commit TEE continue to issue a smaller class of books, es pecting, doubtless, soon to enter upon the issue of made. Among those just published we note "Gomden Sonas," a careful and tasteful selec ion of poetry for children, by the author of "Annie's Gold Cross." It contains "
Last Words," entire. 18mo, pp. 251.
Dr. Nelson deserves the thanks of parents and teachers, for the sweet, winning words of the
little volume, Seerng Jesus, in which he en deavors to convey clear ideas of the Saviour's lif and character to the young. The illustration are wel
172.
Joseph is a simple republication in the nobly mple words of inspiration, of the story whic ndom. Without break of formal chapter and rese, the full and may be felt. The two prosaic stanzas on the 1 We bop the Comittee may be encourared to give us Moses, David, Elijah, \&c. Pp. 81.
a Mended Life is a simple, well-told story purely domestic interest, in which negligen ce add piety in the varied and not extraordinary seene of an humble Englit
Mapleville Boys by Miss C. M. Trowbridge ives us several significant and well-drawn pio ares of boy life and character ; and in Dr . No dealing with their faults and sins. 18mo., pp 80. Martien.

The Story of a Bad Boy, by Thomas B. Aldrich, must be read, understanding the wor Bad" as expressing the too common, unrefle ing opinion held by people inclined to be impa ent, of a class of boys better described as ro ather than depraved. The book is a succession of tales of boy adventure, skilfully spiced with an and extravagance, with an element possibly haps and their imitators, in a waste of time and it upon like undertakings. $16 \mathrm{mo},. \mathrm{pp} .261$, on, for sale by Lippincott \& Co. \$1.50.
Alone in London is one of those swe
ouching stories of child life among the London Prayer" can so gently stir the fountain of our ears and quicken our purest̄ sympathies. 16 mo . pp. 187. Нохт
Joe and the Howards or "Armed with yes," by Carl, is an excellent attempt to ac life throngh the medium of a story. The style is spirited, and the desoriptions have all the reshness of original observation. The young interested. 18mo., pp. 309. Illustrated. A. is. Graves, Boston.
Oine of T. Nelson \& Son's elegant illastrated oolumes is for quite. young readers, say from sittle nes, years. It is quite a feast for World at HoNre" as is iolled, about one hundred and ifty different objects of interest, strange animals, remarkable natural scenery, out-of-the-way pursuits of men, incidents of travel and of missionary ife, furnishing entertainment of the best kind reader and hearer. The spirited illustrations are
found on nearly cvery leaf, and
inding are of suitable elegance.
Buttrafly's Flights is the title of a series "Win and Wear"" series. by the author of the ppeared: Mor series. Three romes have appeared: Mit. Mansiela, Niagara Fells, and Saratoga Springs. The others will be Montreal,
Sea Side and Philadelphia. They are written with unusual ability; are full of incident, and or bright bits of child-life, are animated and joyous rious points visited. 18mo, pp. 221, 230, 181. The whole six are sold together only. Price, 84.50. R. Carter \& Bros., New York

Messrs. Scribner \& Co., have issued Wood's
Bible Animals, elegant 8 oro, illusrated, cloth $\$ 5.00$.
Messis. Frields, Osgood \& Co., send their il.
lustrated red line edition of GAtes AJar; \$3.50, with numerons, rich illustiations; also,
THE TRotTY Book, illustrated, by Mrs. E, The Trotry Boor, il
Stuart Phelps. $\$ 1.50$.
arper $\&$ Bros., have Paul Du Chaillu's valu-
able aid in able aid in getting up a fine holiday juvenile
called CosT IN THE JUNGLE, richly illustrated. The Presbyterian Boabd send From Dawn
to Dabi in Italy; Life of Admiral Co ro Dabk in ltaly; Life of Admiral Co
Ligy, 2 vols, Golden Hili, Alypius on
Tagaste, and miny TagAsTE, and many others in handsome style,
besides books in boxes, suited furthe holidiys. NidRew F: Graves, Boston, isstrs Waliter ANDEW FR: GRAV of th
tractive exterior

## Periodicals.

Harper's Monthly for December.
Blackwood for November.
Old Franklin almanac for $18 \%$

## 

-Geologists may leari somethitg of the rapid accumulation of sediment, frym the
of Col. Gowen, in raising the sunnen sh
Sebasotpol. He found the ships furied Sebasotpol. He found the ships
from nineteen to to mud obliged to provide apparatus not derely for lifting them from deep w

## -The discovery of a new anest

\section*{Chloralhydrat, and from repeated | xperiments i |
| :--- |
| tic ic by son |
| x |}

Chloralhydrat, and from repeated xperiments it
is assertaiued that it produces a fore complete
state of unconsciousness than ch roform, with out any of the latter's evil effecto upon the system. It resembles chloroform a appearance,
but is not so heavy, and has a feeler smell. On
the tongue it has a sharp but notan acid taste, the tongue it has a sharp but notan acid taste,
and though it reminds one of the chloroform, it

gives the sensation neither of th warmtr no
sweetness of the latter substance
Chloralhy
drat is absorbed and not inspire, and io this
drat is absorbed and not inspire, and io thi
respect it differs from all anosithetes. Great sucess is said to have atte
The English journals, have , prat, published
some speculations on one of the mof $p$ tarting of stroñomical facts, the explosioni or rather th conflagration of Tau Coronx. It appears that another and much more important star
slowly taking itself out of our sysem. B calculations of extraordinary minuteness and
delicacy, Mr. IIzgings and Father Serchi hav demonstrated that Sirins and our sun are mu tually receding from one another et the rate o
294 miles per second. In the epherefoe
though the distance of time strainsthe imagina though the distance of time strains the imagina
ion, we must lose sight of Siriu-that is say, provided we have not by that time gaine
the capacity of watehing the more distant un
 imit as the power of astronomictl telescopes
while the power of the human eye, $f$ it iters a A new race of people, supposed to be
Asiatic origin, and having featuress strongly $r$
embling the Anglo-Saxons, hass bean discovere sembligg the Anglo-Saxons, has beem discovere
by the missionaries
Sin the south western part krown as the Oras. A king by the name Ijikongo reigas ovorly, and are chatacterized b
curly hair, not wool
very considerable intelligence. Their religio very considerable inteligigence. Their religi
s, in many respects, so much like that of the
Parsees, as to induce the belief that the Ovas be ong to that race, or have been under its tuitio They are not idolaters, bat belioje in a Suprem
Being, the Creator, who is ompipresent, onnip Being, the Creator, who is omappresent, omnip
tent, and omisiscent, and whose symbols are th
un and fire, and to these they pay homage his representatives, but offer no sacritices to
them. They keep the sacread fire constantl
butning, and the Princes, who are are also priest intrust to their daughters, and sometimes heir wives, the duty of superintend
sacred fires. The O vas also beliene in
istence of a very powerful evil spirit, wh
stence of a very powerful evil spirit, who is not
howerer, omniscient nor omipresent, and to his
interference they attribute their misfortunes and
cidents, and they offer no sacrifices to him
They are said to be an honest, industrious, and
temperate people, fat more regardful of their temperate people, far more regardful of their
word, and more obsefvant of good morals, than nost of the African pations.
-The opinion seems to be gaining strength
Hat the Pacific Railroad is working a great hange in the chimafe of the Plos. riblead continuons droughty all along the This result
now falls in refreshing abundance. This
an has been remarked upon in other sections of the
West. In Central Ohio, for example, is is said, the climate has been completely revolutionized that region. Instead of the destructive droughts ormerly suffered there, for some four or more than enough to satisfy all the wants of
farmers. This change is thought to be the result of an equilibrium produced in the electriaal corrents, which has brougat about a mact within
form dispensation of the rain. It is alfact the observation of all who remember ante-rail-
road times, that we have now fewo on no such
thunder storms as we formerly had in New Eng-
land. The iron rails which touch and cross each
other in every direction, serve as conductors and other in erery direction, serve as conductors and
equalizers of the electric currens,
vent the so preus in forrer expas. The telegraphic wirres
which accompany the iron rails everywhere, also act an important part in diffusiug elecetricity
through the atmosphere, thas preventing through the atmosphere, thus preventing the
occurrence of severe thunder storms.-Boston
Traveler. Traveler.
-Such is the wonderful rapidity of photocap be fixed in less thau one-fourth of a second,
and that of the sun instantaneously According and that of the sun instantaneously. According
to the experiments of Mr. Waterhouse, a space of time no longer than the twenty-seven-thousandth
of a second is required to fis the solar image. Even this small fraction, however inconceeivably
short it appears, is a tolerable length of time com. pared with that in in which phototographs are taken
by the electric flash. The duration of the illumi by the electric flash. The duration of the illumi
nating spark, according to the beautiful and
trustworthy experiments of Mr. Wheatston with his delicate chronoscope, does not exceed the with his delicate ehronoscope, does not exceed the distinct photographic image is obtained by a sin
gle electric discharge. By this means may be ceptive appearal form in given by their rapid more ceptive appearance is given by their rapid move
ment. If a wheel on whose side any figure is
drawn in conspicuous lines be drawn in conspicuous lines be made to rotate
with the greatest possible velocity, the figure will present to the eye only a series of concentrio
bands. Let it now be photographed while in
motion, by the motion, by the electric flash, and the wheel will
appear stationary with the figure perfectly well
defined orifice, which appears to the eye as smooth as a stem of crystal, it seen or photographed by the
light of the electric disharge, is shown to be
composed of drops variously disposed, and of vacomposed of drops variously disposed, and of va-
rious forms, some being elongated, others flat
tened, other almost spherical. tened, other almost spherical.
[On the other hanil
[On the other hand, our common photographic
provess is not as rapid as sight. The photographs
of Min Minaha, for instance, make thin, lace-like, sheet of falling के water look like a
foaming mass, several inches in depth, the true inpression being lost, from the time required to
secure a negative. The photographs taken from secure a negative. The photographs taken from
a 'fine oil painting of the full, have most of uraisemblance.]
-The reporter of the $N$. Y. Times of Nov. Captain Allen and his crew on the ship Scoutish
Bride, of the famous sea-serpent. It was on the $23 d$, when 200 miles
of Delaware Bay on the edge, of the Gulf Stream that the phenomenon was described. Dur ing the morning the weather had been rather
blustering. The wind had been blowing frow
"all quarters" at the same time. But now all quarters" at the same time. But now
there had come a calm, and the water was quiet and as clear as glass, although the sky was cor-
ered with dark, heavy clouds, that threatened
to burst forth into a deluge at captain was just about eating his dinner when his second mate descended the cabin stairs, and
in an excited manner, told him his presence as a leak or that some other dire mishap had be fallen them; he rushed up. When he arrived on
deck he found the crew assembled on the star board side of the veepel, lootipg with sumo
strieken faces into the water. Upon approaching
the side of the vessel, the Captain saw in the water beneath a monster such as :he had never
seen before. It was about twety five feet in seen before. It was abont tweoty-ive feet in
length, and proportionately thiokk; its head was
very large and flat, while at each side, on the extreme edge were set two bright, scintillating
eyes, which, he says, looked dangerous and wicked. Its back was covered with large scales
like the crocodile, about three inches in length Which hooked together and formed an impene
trable armor. Ith belly was a tawny jellow
color, and altogether hideous. It was accom panied by a smaller specimen of its own species
which may have been its offspring. This wa but a few feet in length, but in shape and color
clcesel resembled the lirger onr. With the usual
superstition that they regarded the serpent with a sort of religious
horror, and all the efforts of the Captain to have them make some attempt to capture it were
abortive. They looked upon it as something
upernatural, and werie not disposed to meddle with. The thing was about four feet from the vessel, was lying but a few feet below the sur-
face of the water, and was easily discernible to all on board. The Captain gave orders to have meantime the attention of the smaller one was
called to the presence of the vessel. It raised ew inches above thie surface, and then went to
ward its larger friend, and seemed to tell it o the circumstances; but whatever transpired be
tween them, the larger one raised its head as with an easy motion, it dropped into the ocean.
In disppearing, it went head downward, and its
body deseribed a circle like a hook, its tail body deseribed a circle like a hook, its tail
raising outof the water which, the Captain says,
apered off to a sharp point. $\xlongequal{\text { tapered off to a sharp point. }}$
$\xlongequal{\text { Dr. Charles Jewett has been secured as as- }}$ sociate editor of the National Temperance Advo-
cate. Dr. J. has had forty years' experience in
varions branchas of the work. -The Assembly which met in the Brick
church, New York, in May last, recommended
that all the pastors within its bounds should preach a sermon on Teimperance, on the third
Sabbath of this. month. We trust every preache Sabbath of this month. We trust every preacher
in the united Church will thus observe the day. -The Advocate estimates that fifty thoueand
temperance Republicans refused to vote their temperance Repablicans refused to vote their
party ticket, on account of the nomination of
General Sigel as Secretary of State. The GeneGeneral Sigel as Secretary of State. The Gene-
rals opposition to the Excise Law was noto-
ious. rious.
Islan
the
that
his
and
im


- Rev. W. W. W. H. Wruras) of Ropton, made





 best minds.
-E. H. Winae, the briliant and popular tom-


 of his iffe has been one of cootitual strugge ness, hen a yieldidy to teantation, followed by
 fagh. In his dayy of obereness he mould plan
and ald of the future derotion of his hite and

 Sons of The Tesperanace and the the Grand Trand Divisision of of






 Island State Convention, which met October 27th,
got up a petition for prohibition to the State Legot up a petition for prohibition to the State Lethe chief city of the State, has, by the action of
its Board of Aldermen, proved itself on the side prohibition-A " "Joint Stock Company," or
"Carson League," has been formed in Arian, ich, and it is proposed to secure subscriptions
to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, "on which assessments may be made, not to exceed pose of the suppression of the liquor traffic.


## THE NEW YORK TIMES.



No. 43 Strawberry Street,

