

Editor's Table.

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

GATEWAY—ILLUSTRATED EDITION.

That intense irrepressible yearning for greater light upon the problems of our future existence, leading to a profounder analysis of what we do know, and often driving inquiry beyond reason and revelation to the region of imagination,—this it is which has produced Mrs. Phelps' truly remarkable book, and which accounts for its wide circulation.

The edition before us is elegantly bound in beveled boards and gilt; the wide margin is bounded with red lines; the paper is thick and creamy; and the illustrations of the story (not of heaven with piano-players as well as harpers) are finely conceived and elegantly executed.

LADY GERALDINE'S COURTSHIP has long been a favorite with the many admirers of Mrs. Browning's poetry, and an illustrated holiday edition from the house of Chas. Scribner & Co. is especially welcome.

Another fine holiday book from the press of Nelson and Sons, is the MYSTERIES OF THE OCEAN, from the French of Arthur Mangin, by the same translator, embellished with one hundred and thirty five illustrations by Freeman and Noel.

A "Member of the New York Bar," a Presbyterian, it is said, is the author of a little work on the two leading theological controversies of the day. In the first part, called THE DIVINE HUMAN IN THE INCARNATE AND WRITTEN WORD, he takes ground against the orthodox view of the plenary inspiration and entire accuracy of the Word of God.

One of the "early ripe" of the ministry, Rev. Henry James of Albany, has had a memorial erected by loving hands. Two fine and characteristic sermons of his are prefaced by a sketch of his life from the pen of Dr. Sprague, and of his character from that of Rev. Henry Neil.

ALYPIUS OF TAGASTE, by Mrs. Webb, is a story of the struggles and martyrdoms that attended the progress of the truth in Egypt in the fourth century. Tagaste, near Carthage, was the birth place of Augustine, and Alypius is represented as having received his early impressions in favor of Christianity from Monica.

One of the handsomest and most valuable issues of the Board, is the work already known to the public: FROM DAWN TO DARK IN ITALY. It narrates the sad circumstances attending the failure of the Reformation of the sixteenth century in that country, and is in the form of a narrative based upon historical facts.

GOLDEN HILLS is a stirring story of the famine and lawlessness that prevailed in Ireland twenty years ago, and of the noble qualities and deeds that were never wanting amid the dark scenes of suffering and agrarian outrage which gave tone to the picture.

THE MANUSCRIPT MAN, by the same author, is an ingenious tale of quite another class of scenes and events in Ireland; the introduction of Protestantism among the Romish tenants of an estate, by the medium of the Irish New Testament, and through the exemplary lives of the proprietor and his family.

RIVERS OF WATER IN A DRY PLACE, is the story of the missionary Moffat's labors and sufferings in South Africa; a story that delighted and instructed the youth of multitudes of the middle aged, and that promises to remain as fresh and charming in generations to come.

Prof. Blackburn, of North West Theological Seminary, has added to his list of historical works, relating to the period of the Reformation, THE LIFE OF ADMIRAL COLIGNY. With the life of this great man is connected a history of the rise of the Huguenots, and properly, as upon him almost the entire history hangs.

We can scarcely do more than mention the numerous recent issues of the PRESBYTERIAN BOARD. KARDOO, the Hindoo girl, will give to children a touching view of the sufferings of the young, under the darkness of heathenism.

pages or more, some of them containing a number of short stories, and all illustrated.

They have, also, a smaller book, by Dr. W. S. Plumer, on Martyrs and Sufferers for the Truth; 18mo. pp. 172. A still smaller series embraces TIM, THE COLLIER BOY; THE WILLOW BASKET; TALKS WITH LITTLE EMILY; TWO LITTLE COUSINS; MRS. LATIMER'S MEETINGS; LUCY AT HOME; LITTLE GIRL'S HABITS.

LOST IN THE JUNGLE, by the celebrated African Explorer, DU CHAILLU, is an admirable juvenile, fresh and graphic, introducing the young reader to the marvellous scenes witnessed by the writer among the savage men and animals of the West African coast.

Mrs. LESLIE adds to her "Woodbine Series," WALTER AND FRANK, or APTHORP FARM; a tale illustrating the superiority of Christian character in a poor boy over all the advantages of wealth without it.

LITTLE MAIDIE, by Mrs. C. E. K. Davis, published by Hoyt, shows us how even a little child can do home missionary work, without going very far from home.

Missionary Items.

There is an increasing spirit of inquiry among the Mohammedans of the Nestorian district in Persia.

One of the American Board's Missionaries writes from Madura, August 11, advising a transfer of an adjacent field which has been occupied by them, to the S. P. G.

Two Missionaries of the London Society going from Tientsin to Shantung, China, were attacked by robbers and beaten, and one of them was drowned by the robbers.

The Receipts of the American Board in October were \$23,656.82; including \$774.75 in legacies. The Presbyterian Board received \$6,432.15 in the same time.

The foreign work of the churches acting through the American Board reaches, directly or indirectly, a population three times as large as that of the United States, which is solely dependent upon them for the first elements of civilization.

Over forty thousand dollars in gold were given to Christian objects, the past year, by the Hawaiian and Armenian churches. Partly because of such liberality, the American Board have been able to reduce the appropriations to those missions by some ten thousand dollars.

It is estimated in the December number of the Missionary Herald that 463,000 church members in America contribute to the treasury of the American Board. It is also computed that one cent per day from each of this number would bring an income to the Board in a year of \$1,689,950.

Forty two years ago a Christian merchant of Boston, residing in Brookline, Mass., and a few Christians who were in sympathy with him, assembled at his house, to pray for the conversion of the world.

A fierce persecution has been raging against a small company of Christian converts in Safta, Syria. It broke out afresh recently, when twenty or thirty of these Protestants were influenced by threats and bribes to join in a great parade of the enemies of their religion.

missed her husband. She had tried to keep him secreted, knowing that he was very weak; and when she discovered that they had taken him, she ran down the hill after him, seized him and drew him back with her, even though she received curses, and kicks and blows from those who tried to prevent her.

Rev. H. H. Jessup says the Syrian Mission proposes an advance along the whole line, and speaks of the work and prospects in the most cheering manner. He calls for more laborers, and says: "We can give to any man who will come a parish of 100,000 pagans, or 75,000 Druses, or as many Moslems as both together, or a million of Bedouin Arabs, among whom we are now beginning a quiet work."

The little church of Pala, eastern Turkey, of 12 male and 16 female members, has sent out three or four members on a missionary tour among the villages, as much as 60 miles from home.

Scientific Items.

SPECTRUM ANALYSIS.

In 1859, two German chemists, Bunsen and Kirchhoff, working together, discovered that each chemical element, when burning in a flame, emits a light which, when passed through a prism, and forming a spectrum, has lines or marks peculiar to itself.

The lines produced by the burning vapors of the elements are variously colored; but always bright, with dark inter-spaces; but in the spectrum of the sun and stars this is exactly reversed. The lines being dark and the spaces bright.

the solar spectrum gives bright lines; this outer sphere is therefore termed the chromosphere. The constitution of the sun is now held to be proved by spectrum analysis—that is, we know to a moral certainty that certain elements existing on the earth exist also here.

But the uses of spectrum analysis are not confined to original chemical research; it has practical applications which should not pass unnoticed. In the Bessemer process of converting cast-iron into steel it is of great value.

A valuable discovery was accidentally made by a workman in France, who, some little time ago, in varnishing various pieces of metal, scorched himself most dreadfully.

THE NEW YORK TIMES.

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