For The Evening Telegraph. THE MASSACRE OF THE PIEGANS.

BY SHENANDOAR, Author of "Sheridan's Last Ride" and "Moke-ta-va-ta, the Martyred Chieftain." As rendered at the close of a lecture upon the subject of "MORE-TA-VA-TA; or, THE NATION AND ITS WARDS," in Masonic Temple, Washington, D. C., March 30, 1870, by Cora L. V.

Tappan. Stern winter flashed its frozen bars Across the flery belt of Mars; The mount in brow was crowned with light, The valley robed in spotless white: Calm Justice, bending from the sky, Looked o'er the battlements on high, Her shining balance downward hung. All solemnly and still it swun ; To weigh the deeds of shame and worth, At that hour passing on the earth; On one side was a nation's ban, The other held the poor Piegan.

Great was the power, wealth, and pride Piled mountain high upon one side, The prowess and the strength of years, The triumphs over doubts and fears; The conquests, sometimes gained o'er wrong With Freedom's name to make them strong; The other side held want, distress, The children of the wilderness, Feeble and faini, in numbers few, The wintry winds could pierce them through. A nation's army-Sheridan-Against the outlawed, poor Piegan.

On one side glittering steel and fire, To do the work of death so dire: Steeds prancing, banners waving high. Strong men to conquest drawing nigh Such victory as might could gain, With none their weapons to restrain; The other but a few souls brave, Who fought their helpless ones to save, Women and babes, shricking, awoke To perish 'mid the battle smoke, Murdered, or turned out there to die Beneath the stern, grey, wintry sky; Here, a great Christlan warrlor's plan, There, Pity, and the poor Piegan.

Far o'er the seas, Columbia's hands

Uplift the fallen of all lands;

To Ireland's stricken sons, her voice Speaks, bidding them awake, rejoice: From England's pride and wealth of state, She bids the paupered millions wait; Wakes from her dismal, dreary trance, The sleeping liberty of France; Salutes across the volden sea Brave Garibaldi's Italy; Pleads everywhere for rights of man, Why not for her own poor Piegau? The summer fields of flowery Spala Give promise of bright Freedom's grain; Far to the distant Orient A flash of flery thought is sent, The dark Mongolian is stirred With every potent, plereing word; To all the races 'neath the sun She welcome gives: even the one. So lately bound to shame and toil Enslaved, enfranchised on ker soil: For whom her own fair sons were slain, To wash away foul slavery's stain; Oh, in this splendid, perfect plan, There is a place for th' poor Piegad. Justice still bends above the earth, To mark the deeds of shame or worth: Each in the balance shall be tried;

Oh, not upon the nation's side

Of shame, let us our tribate lay,

But on the side of truth, alway;

Remember, Whatso'er is done

."That do ye unto me instead:"

I look, behold the Son of Man

The loving Master once bath said,

Unto the feeblest little one.

#### Bears in his arms the poor Piegan. LITERATURE.

HISTORY OF THE AMERICAN CIVIL WAR. BY John William Draper, M. D., LL.D. Volume III. Published by Harper & Brothers. Philadelphia agents: Claxton, Rem-

REVIEW OF NEW BOOKS.

sen & Haffelfinger. This is the concluding volume of Dr. Draper's great work on the war for the suppression of the Rebellion, and it takes up the story of the conflict where the last volume ended, at the Emancipation Proclamation of lithographic plates are handsome, the most President Lincoln, and brings it down to the surrender of Lee and Johnston, the capture of Jeff. Davis, and the disbanding of the armies, It cannot be expected at a period so near the great events themselves, that a thoroughly impartial and satisfactory history of the great American civil war can be written, although the facilities now offered for obtaining information are such as will perhaps more than compensate for the absolutely judicial spirit in which the historian of the future is expected to write. Dr. Draper is entitled to credit, however, for having evidently endeavored to divest his mind of all passion and prejudice, and to record the events of the war, with their causes and effects, with the pen of a philosopher rather than as a partisan. He has produced a really great work that is a monument of patient and thorough investigation of facts, and that will give a better idea of the great conflict in all its bearings than any publication on the subject that has yet been put before the public. For this generation at least this will be considered as the standard history of the American civil the war recorded in the volume bewas then that we perfected the organization of our armies, retrieved the numberless disasters of the early stage of the conflict, and finally achieved the results for which we were fighting. The description of the various battles and campaigns given by Dr. Draper are based as far as possible upon the reports of the commanding officers on both sides, compared with the reports of details made by subordinates. In every case the language of the chief actors is retained as far as possible, and the effort of the author has been to obtain absolute accuracy so far as it was in his power to do so. In two concluding chapters a retrospect of the war is made, and the prospects of the future are discussed. The work is made complete by a very full

of great events as for its interest as a nar- | monthly serial in which the literary matter rative.

From the same house we have received "The Hohensteins," a novel, by Friedrich Spielhagen, translated by Professor Schele de Vere, and published by Leypoldt & Holt. This is a story of German life, and it is distinguished by that peculiar descriptive power and philosophical insight into character that have made the writings of Spielhagen to be so highly esteemed by thoughtful readers. Those who have lingered over the pages of "Problematic Characters," and its sequel, "Through Night to Light," will welcome this equally great although very different work by the

same author. -Porter & Coates send us "Proverbs, Ecelesiastes, and the Song of Solomon," with notes critical and explanatory, by Rev. Henry Cowles, D. D. This work, like that on the Old Testament prophets by the same author, is designed as an aid both to pastors and people in the study of the Bible. The general plan is an excellent one, and the book cannot fail to be of great practical utility. We think, however, that Dr. Cowles has made a great mistake in referring to "The Song of Solomon." Grave doubts are entertained, and have always been entertained, by learned theologians as to the propriety of including this erotic poem in the sacred canon, and Dr. Adam Clark gives an excellent piece of advice when he recommends ministers an? teachers to let it alone, especially as the other and assuredly authentic portions of the Scripture contain all that is necessary for the full exposition of the doctrines of religion as received by the Jewish and Christian Churches. Dr. Cowles has evidently been greatly embarrassed in his endeavors to interpret "The Song of Solomon," and in our opinion he is very far from giving a satisfactory solution of its difficulties. The reasoning of theologians is not as other men's, and it is sufficient to say that, although the logic of Dr. Cowles may be accepted in ecclesiastical circles as applied to this difficult subject, it would not stand for an instant if tested by lay rules, We regret that any reference was made to "The Song of Solomon" in the work before us, because we think that such reference will impair the influence of a book that is calculated to do much good and to aid materially in encouraging a study of the Scriptures.

-From J. Penington & Son, No. 127 S. Seventh street, we have received a handsome quarto volume, edited by Alexander Dercourt, of the Congressional printing office, giving in the original French some of the most important and interesting portions of Laurartine's "Histoire de la Revolution Française. The subjects of the extracts are "Louis XVI," "Charlotte Corday," "Marie Autoinette," "Les Girondins," "Les Girondins Fugatifs," and "Madame Elisabeth." The book is handsomely printed, and it will be found exceedingly useful to French students who are unable to obtain access to Lamartine's complete work.

-From T. B. Peterson & Brothers we have received "The Lost Daughter" and other stories by Mrs. Caroline Lee Hentz. This is the eleventh volume of the complete edition of Mrs. Hentz's novels now in course of publication. Of this edition there is one volume

-From Robert Wallin, No. 316 North Twelfth street, we have received "Exeter Hall, a Theological Romance," published by the American News Company. This work is described on the cover as "a wonderful book," "the most startling and interesting book of the day," all of which may be very well as an advertisement, but the perusal of a very few chapters will probably convince most readers, as it has us, that "Exeter Hall" is very poor trash indeed.

-The April number of The American Architect and Builders' Monthly shows improvement, and we commend it to the favorable notice of designs of the profession for whose benefit it is specially designed. The noticeable being those for the new Baptist church now being erected at the corner of Broad and Spruce streets and for the new Masonic Hall in New York. Published by Lightfoot & Fleu.

-The March number of the Journal of the Franklin Institute, edited by Professor Henry Morton, Ph. D., has as usual an interesting series of articles on practical and scientific subjects.

-From the Sunday School Union we have received "Christiana Hatherley's Girlhood;"
"Mistress Margery," and the "Crambling Path," all of which are suitable for Sunday School libraries.

-From the Central News Company we have received the latest numbers of Punch and Fun.

-Turner & Co. send us Appleton's Journal and Our Boys and Girls for April 16 and the Transatiantic for April 19.

-The Graphic gives, apropos of Mr. Dickens' new story, a column of reminiscences of the first appearance of "The Pickwick war, and for the accuracy of its facts, at | Papers," from which we quote the most inteleast, it is not likely to be challenged either resting portions. "We came the other day at the North or the South. The period of across the original announcement of 'Pickwick' in the form of an advertisement in a fore us was one of great interest. It daily journal. It promises that on the [31st of March, 1836, 'will be published, to be continued monthly, the first number of the "Posthumous Papers of the Pickwick Club," containing a faithful record of the perambulations, perils, adventures, and sporting transactions of the corresponding members, edited by Boz; each monthly part embellished with four illustrations, by Seymour.' The 'Pickwick Papers,' it must be remembered, were in their origin regarded by the publishers not so much as letter-press with illustrations as illustrations with letterpress. There was in those days a curious rage for the humor of cockney sportsmen and cockneyism in general. The public were supposed to be never tired of pictures of the city gentlemen shooting at sparrows on index. The style of Dr. Draper is elegant hedges and poultry in farm-yard hencoops; and graphic, and we commend this history to and as this sort of thing undoubtedly paid,

our readers, as well for its value as a record the enterprising publishers projected a

should furnish a monthly pretext for four plates of that kind. The pubwere facetiously informed that 'the Pickwick Papers, the Pickwick Diary, the Pickwick Correspondence, in short the whole of the Pickwick Papers, had been purchased from the patriotic secretary at an immense expense, and placed in the hands of Boz, the author of "Sketches of Everyday Life and Everyday People," a gentleman whom the publishers consider highly qualified for the task of arranging these important documents and placing them before the public in an attractive form, and who is at present deeply immersed in his arduous labors,' " We know how specdily Dickens got rid of all this cumbrous machinery of a cockney club, which after the first chapter receives only once or twice a bare mention. It was during the progress of "Pickwick" that he undertook the editorship of Bentley's Miscellany, and wrote "Oliver Twist," which appeared serially in that periodical. "'Pickwick" and 'Oliver Twist," continues The Graphic, "in fact were written together, month by month, neither work being at any time, we believe, one day ahead of the printer's demand for manuscript, a fact which is, in itself, of some interest in literary history. Pickwick's monthly green leaves never, we believe, failed to appear; but the 'Parish Boy's Progress' was certainly once interrupted. In the month of June, 1887, the readers of Bentley missed the usual instalment of 'Oliver Twist,' an apology appearing for the author on the ground that owing to the sudden death of a dear young relative to whom he was most affectionately attached, he is compelled to seek a short interval of rest and quiet.' Bentley was given up in the following year, for "Pickwick" had laid hold of the public attention, and the author was already widely famous. No thanks, however, to the critics, who only perceived the new light when its rays were dazzling the eyes of all. One weekly crific, indeed, did remark on the first number of "Pickwick" that 'the design is playful and the opportunities for good-natured satire do not seem to be neglected.' When nine numbers had appeared, the Athenaum reported as follows: 'The writer of the periodical which is now before us has great eleverness; but he runs closely on some leading hounds in the humorous pack, and when he gives tongue (perchance a valuar tongue) he reminds you of the baying of several deep dogs who have gone before. The Papers of the Pickwick Club, in fact, are made up of two pounds of Smollett, three ounces of Sterne, a handful of Hook, a dash of grammatical Pierce Egan-incidents at pleasure, served with an original sauce piquante.

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