NEW PUBLICATIONS.

In few branches of literature has there been a more astonishing progress made, during the last score of years, than in the department of educational books. Comparing the scanty supply of primers, arithmetics and geographies which conveyed to our fathers the rudiments of their English education with the varied improvements in the methods and appliances for education in these days, the contrast is wonderful. We have had before us, for some time, a new work on Physical Geography, lately published by Messrs. E. H. Butler & Co., of this city which is most interesting not only as a valuable addition to the text-books of our schools, but as a work of art in the scope and style of its execution. For more than three years the publishers have been actively engaged in preparing this work and it is now presented in a form which will make the study of physical geography in all its departments most attractive and interesting. The work is in atlas form of 164 pp, printed on fine, sized paper in a bold, clear type and illustrated with one hundred and fifty beautifully executed engravings, embracing almost all the "wonders of the world." These engravings are among the most wood-cuts ever produced in this country for any scientific work. There are also a number of fine copper-plate colored maps, devoted to various illustrations of climate, currents, earthquakes, volcanoes, the distribution of races of men, animals, trees, fruits, grain, winds and monsoons, and other phenomena of nature. The scope of the work includes the whole physical condition of the world; its structure, its planetary relations, its meteorology, botany, zoology, and ethnology, in all their ramifications. Appended to this admirably arranged mass of valuable knowledge, are geographical tables and a carefully prepared pronouncing vocabulary. The literary work has been done by Professor Brocklesby, of Trinity College, Hartford, the author of several standard educational works. It is intended to form the fifth book in the series of "Mitchell's Geographies," and certainly deserves a cordial reception as a beautiful, reliable and most necessary work in the schools of the United States.

D. Appleton & Co., New York, have published another volume of the historical romances of Lewis Mühlbach. It is called "Napoleon and Blucher." It is like almost all romances that have taken hold of the public, a mixture of much of thrilling incidents, and in its portrayal of the character of Blucher it invests him with an interest as great as that which is shown toward Napoleon himself. The story closes with the capitulation of Paris and the banishment to Elba, so that the joint careers of Blucher and Napoleon are left unfinished. The by-play of the story is well worked in.

The same publishers have just issued a historical novel by Dr. Theodore Mundt, the husband of Clara Müller, known to the literary world as Louise Mühlbach. It is called "Count Mirabeau," and in its general structure closely resembles the novels of Madame Mundt. The character and career of Mirabeau are full of intense interest. Chief among the leaders of the French Revolution there were many points of his private and public character which give him a place in that terrible epoch quite apart from all his compeers. Dr. Mundt has seized the salient points of his life and woven them into the form of romance, while he has aimed to preserve historical accuracy in his characters and events. For sale by G. W. Pitcher.

Harper & Brothers have published the third and fourth volumes of Motley's History of the United Netherlands, which completes this most delightful work. Mr. Motley closes the labor of love with the hope that by its means "a generous love has been fostered for that blessing, without which neither man nor the earth can afford to worthless—freedom of thought, of speech, and of life." It is a proud boast for America that such men as John Lothrop Motley belong to her, men whose scholarly attainments and native talent are consecrated to her honored service. Mr. Motley is a faithful and impartial historian, but he chooses for his fields of study and research natural events and characters which afford him the opportunity to illustrate those principles of national and personal liberty of which he is such a distinguished advocate. The History of the United Netherlands is marked by the same characteristics which formed the charms of his "Dutch Republic."

Those who have read the first two volumes will be glad to complete the perusal of this fascinating history, and those who have not, have a rich literary treat before them. All the volumes, separately or together, may be had from T. B. Peterson & Brothers.

Messrs. D. Appleton & Co., New York, have lately published a valuable text-book for Sunday-school and Bible-class teachers and for theological students. It is called a "Suggestive Commentary on Genesis," by the Rev. W. H. Van Doren. It is unlike any other commentary we know of, in its arrangement and plan. It consists of brief suggestive remarks upon each prominent word of the text, bringing into compact shape a vast amount of critical research and valuable information. It will well worth the examination of all Biblical students. The only intelligible part of the work is the preface which is somewhat remarkable as a specimen of bad grammar, punctuation and style. The work itself appears to be free from these faults. For sale by G. W. Pitcher.

G. W. Pitcher has received two more volumes of the "Library Edition" of the Waverly Novels, now being published by Messrs. Ticknor & Fields, Boston. The last volumes contain "Count Robert of Paris," and "The Talisman." This is the best edition of Waverly ever published in this country, and supplies an important vacuum in American libraries.

G. P. Putnam & Son, New York, have issued two more volumes of their beautiful "Knickerbocker Edition" of Irving's works. They contain "Bracebridge Hall" and "Knickerbocker," each complete, with numerous illustrations. We referred to this publication a few days ago. The agent in J. K. Simon, 29 South Sixth street.

T. B. Peterson & Brothers have published another volume of their handsome "People's Edition" of Dickens, containing "Martin Chuzzlewit," complete, illustrated by Phiz and Crickshank. Also, another volume of their cheap edition for the million, containing "Our Mutual Friend," complete, for thirty-five cents.

J. B. Lippincott & Co. have published "Ziska," in their series of the "Globe Edition" of Bulwer's works. We have heretofore had pleasure in calling attention to this edition of Bulwer, as a model of good paper, clear type, compact form and low price.

JOSEPH H. KENNARD, D.D.

A Memorial, by J. Spencer Kennard, his son and successor in the Pastoral Office.—Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society, 530 Arch street.

Scarcely were we diverted from the instructive memoir of the lamented Dr. Francis Wayland, when we were attracted to the contemplation of this memorial of another man of God "greatly beloved." Both were written by sons worthy of their sires, and we have read both with an absorbing interest, and received from them profound impressions of the worth they respectively portray.

The two men belonged to the same period, commenced public life nearly together, and in death were separated by only a few months. They were widely different in their departments of usefulness. As distinguished by the classification of Dr. Gurley, they were labourers, the one "of the mine," the other "of the mint." The one furnished gold in pure bullion, the other furnished the masses with the same metal in serviceable currency. Both were "workers together with God." Diverse as they were, they had certain common views of truth and duty, and certain common elements of religious and mental structure, which, to an eye that looks at fundamentals, made them consubstantial. Each was great in development from essentially the same root, and under the influence of essentially the same principles and motives. During the same half century, in different fields, with dissimilar instruments, they each accomplished much, and it is not easy to predict whose achievements will prove the more far-reaching, or be the longer remembered. Both were great benefactors for the endless future, both toiled for *man* in all his relations, but which wrought on the broadest scale of humanity, and which had the means even to conjecture. Each had a mission and executed its trusts with a fidelity not often equaled.

Dr. Kennard was born at Hadderfield, New Jersey, April 21, 1768, and died in this city June 24, 1866. In a volume testifying gotten up by the American Baptist Publication Society, his son and successor in the pastoral office, Rev. J. Spencer Kennard, has given a sketch of his life, labors and successes.

Thousands who knew and revered the father will be grateful that the service of delineating his character and life-work was confided to such hands. The biographer has endeared that service with a rare combination of ability and modesty. The work has been done before in a format that facilitate both the analysis and the grouping of those excellencies which simply are beautiful, and when so arranged and adjusted and symmetrical whole are still more attractive. While it is replete with the tenderness of affection, it wears a cast of filial admiration, those who best knew the father will be the last to suspect the necessity of any undue coloring from filial partiality.

The strictly chronological detail occupies but a limited space—less than seventy pages—while seven rich and exceedingly interesting chapters are devoted to representations of Dr. Kennard "In the Pulpit," "In Revivals," "In the Conference Room," "In Church Training," "In Public Relations," "In Private Ministrations," "In Home Life;" and under every one of these are supplied refreshing incidents that illustrate his character and fasten it in the memory. Following these we have a touching description of "The Sunset"—the sudden death and tearful appreciative eloquence. The volume is concluded with a few Sermons and Miscellanies.

Dr. Kennard was essentially a preacher and pastor. The first few years of his public life were spent in New Jersey, but through the principal part of his life he labored in this city and State. He originated the Tenth Baptist Church, and for twenty-eight years was its faithful and beloved pastor. Under his training it not only became the largest white church of the Baptist denomination in the commonwealth, but the mother of several vigorous colonies, which are now strong churches in the sanctuary. Portion of the city. Young ministers would do wisely to study well this volume, and so learn what a minister of Christ can and ought to do, with as ever burning desire for the welfare of his fellow man, and with as unwearied industry in every part of his ministerial work. Two years before his death Dr. Kennard made the following, in substance, random of results: «Preached forty-six years, sermons preached, prayers made, souls awakened to salvation, two thousand and thirty-three baptized, marriages four thousand and eighty-nine, funerals three hundred and nine hundred. The subsequent two years added many more to this aggregate. To this memorandum be, with characteristic humility, adds an acription of all the glory of his success to the Lord Whom he served.—*Watchman and Visitor.*

THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE.

An Eloquent Tribute from the Celebrated Dr. Guthrie.

The Edinburgh *Scotsman*, of January 8, contains a report of an address by Dr. Thomas Dr. Guthrie, advocating the claims of the American Freedmen's Society. We copy the address in the following:

"Sir, America stands in a position now that ought to command the respect of the whole world. [Applause.] By the abolition of slavery she has wiped out—and wiped out with the blood of her sons—the only stain that was on her stainless ensign. [Great applause.] Her cause, sir, was called by her detractors a mean cause. [Hear, hear.] It was not a vulture now...[Tremendous applause.] It was not a vulture in the shape of freedom, and rising to the highest highest a nation (applause), and, when the last blow was struck, the last cannon fired, and freedom shrieked, I say, sir, America showed a decency which ought to make every man in Scotland—[Hear, hear]—yes, thank, sir! [Great applause.] They fought like war with a bravery that has been seldom equaled, and never surpassed [applause], and when the battle was over, sir, I say they also showed a clemency that has been seldom equaled, and, like their bravery, never surpassed [Great applause.] Contrast the clemency of America to the rebels when her foot was on their neck—contrast *for* clemency with the vengeance Cumberland wreaked upon our broken clans in Scotland—contrast *for* clemency with the spectacle of scores of Highlanders hung up before the sun, in cold blood, by the British Government, above the gates of Carlisle, Preston and Carlisle! So far as I know sir, (and Mr. Thomas may correct me if I am wrong, or a supporter of the South may rather say) great laughter—so far as I know, when the rebellion was first broken, not a man, not a man, not a man