

Poetry.

[The following pleasing version of the forty-sixth Psalm is attributed to an Irish dignitary. It is good.]

God is our refuge in distress— Our safeguard in the wilderness— Our shelter from the storm; Though winds and waves a conflict make, Though earth's foundations reel and shake, We need not feel alarm.

A peaceful river softly flows In tranquil streams to gladden those Who put their trust in God; Within his holy place they feel The comfort of his presence still, While oceans roar around.

What though the heathen madly rage, And kingdoms in fierce war engage, He makes the glittering spear to bend, Sends peace to earth's remotest end, And bids the world rejoice.

Be still, and know that he is God; He rules the earth with iron rod, And sits enthroned above; He dwells with those who own his name, The God of Jacob still the same— The God of peace and love.

Literary Notices.

BOOKS sent to us for Notice, will be duly attended to. These from publishers in Philadelphia, New York, &c., may be sent to our established office, 115 Second St., between Chestnut and Pine, in care of Joseph H. Wilson, Esq.

THE NORTH AMERICAN MEDICO-CHIRURGICAL REVIEW, for November, like its predecessors, comes freighted with a good assortment of information for the profession. We have spoken in length in regard to the merits of this journal, and its value to the profession. The general practitioner can find no journal whose reviews are more reliable and discriminating, or whose original articles are more instructive and interesting than the one before us.

The Bible.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate. BY THE AUTHOR OF "LIFE OF ISAAC."

The young man of Isaac has succeeded in having the purchased, and much desired prophecies of first-born, recognized by his father. The blessing at first pronounced ignorantly, is repeated in its essential parts, and confirmed, by Isaac. Thus the hand of God is confessed in the event itself, though the marks of human fingers may be seen somewhat disgracing the means to bring it about.

For the Ladies.

The Wife of John Bunyan.

It has been observed by some one, we cannot give with the titles scattered to make others happy. What is true of Jacob has always been true. It is wise still for men to make and fulfill such vows.

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this is the gate of heaven." This represents the Church of God, "the pillar and ground of the truth." Not that the stones set up was literally the gate to glory, nor that the Church was a literal foundation of the truth, but that as God in the Church and through her has mainly revealed himself to the world, so she becomes the repository of the grace of God. She holds the truth as in a reservoir, and exhibits it as upon a pillar; for "the word of Jehovah goes forth from Jerusalem, and the law from Zion." In our love for the Bible as a revelation from heaven, in our zeal for the true glory of the God of the Bible, and in our ardent love to Anti-Christ, which would give part of the history and intervention of the Redeemer to created things, and which would place a visible and a historically fallible Church where the inspired Oracles alone should be placed, let us not forget that the visible Church, fallible because necessarily manifested in erring man, has still in her hand a grand commission in regard to the word of the Lord. Jacob felt this as he rose from sleep at Luz, to consider the place where he had rested as a Bethel. He will every sinner feel it, on whose darkened mind God has caused to shine the light of the glorious Gospel.

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