Poetry.

Both Sides.

A man in his carriage was riding along,
A gaily dressed wife by his side;
In satin and laces she looked like a queen,
And he like a king in his pride.

A wood-sawyer stood on the street as they passed,
The carriage and couple he eyed,
And said, as he worked with his saw on a log,
"I wish I was rich and could ride."

The man in the carriage remarked to his wife—
"One thing I would give if I could—
I'd give all my wealth for the strength and the health
Of the man who saweth the wood."

A pretty young maid, with a bundle of work,
Whose face as the morning was fair,
Went tripping along with a smile of delight,
While humming a love-breathing air.

She looked on the carriage—the lady she saw
Arrayed in apparel so fine,
And said in a whisper, "I wish from my heart
Those satins and laces were mine."

The lady looked out on the maid with her work,
So fair in her calico dress,
And said, "I'd relinquish possession and wealth,
Her beauty and youth to possess."

Thus in this world, whatever our lot,
Our minds and our time we employ
In longing and sighing for what we have not,
Ungrateful for what we enjoy.

We welcome the pleasure for which we have sighed,
The heart has a void in it still,
Growing deeper and wider the longer we live,
That nothing but heaven can fill.

Literary Notices.

THE NATIONAL PREACHER.—This is an excellent periodical, issued by *W. H. Bidwell*, New York, containing sermons of living ministers. The January and February numbers are bound together. They contain sermons by Drs. Bacon, Alden, Speer, and Beecher, and Mr. Barnes—also a Portrait and a Biographical Sketch of Dr. Taylor, of New Haven.

THE BIBLE AGAINST OPPRESSION.

SCRIPTURAL DUTY OF MASTERS. By *Rev. John C. Young, D.D.*

SLAVERY AND THE BIBLE. By *Rev. Enoch Pond, D.D.*

These are recent Tracts issued by the American Tract Society, in which are presented much information relative to the religious and social duties of masters and servants. God's Word is the rule by which we are to be guided in all of life's relations. It should be studied—fully studied. If *all* will inform themselves of its requirements, and drink in its spirit, there will be a wonderful change in affairs.

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF PATRICK GASS, now Sole Survivor of the Overland Expedition to the Pacific, under Lewis and Clark, in 1804–5–6, by *J. G. Jacob*. Published by *Jacob & Smith*, Wellsburg, Va. Pp. 280, 12mo.

This is a very comprehensive narrative of many very stirring events. It tells us about the first settling of the country West of the Alleghenies, Braddock, Fort Duquesne, flat-boating, the Indian Wars, the overland expedition to the Pacific, the war of 1812, the origin of James Buchanan, something about the Mormons and about Kansas, the origin of Western Colleges, Methodism, Camp-Meetings, Campbellism, and many other things.

Patrick Gass was born in Cumberland County, Pa., in 1771, and still lives, a healthy, hardy man. The book makes no pretensions to literary excellence, but it will be read with interest by multitudes.

THE LAST ENEMY DESTROYED. A Sermon by *Rev. Joseph E. Nassau*, Warsaw, New York. Preached at the Funeral of *Mrs. Ann Jane Service.*

Some pastors utterly decline the preaching of funeral sermons; others preach on every occasion. These are extremes. Ordinarily, a few words by way of address, with a hymn and prayer, is the arrangement most edifying. Occasionally a sermon is highly profitable, and cases may occur in which the sermon should be published. The discourse of Mr. Nassau is of this class.

LA PLATA, THE ARGENTINE CONFEDERATION, AND PARAGUAY. By *Thomas J. Page, U. S. N.* With Maps and Numerous Engravings. 8vo., pp. 632. New York: *Harper & Brothers.* 1859.

In the year 1853, the United States Government dispatched an expedition to explore the tributaries of the river La Plata, and the adjacent countries, under the command of Captain Page. This expedition was engaged in the duty assigned during the years 1853, '54, '55, and '56, and in the goodly 8vo., now before us, we have the results presented with much minuteness of detail, and in a scholar-like manner which is truly creditable to the author. Captain Page, after the conclusion of his duties, presented a "Report" of the Exploration, to the Secretary of the Navy, which was deemed abundantly satisfactory; but many friends and journalists in Europe and America saw the necessity of more minute and ample details being given respecting the regions through which he had passed. Accordingly he has compiled this goodly volume from his journal, in which we have the details of his proceedings for the space of some three thousand six hundred miles by water, and four thousand four hundred miles by land, through Paraguay and the Argentine Confederation. All that the reader could desire in the way of illustration, is supplied by the publishers, and the map at the end of the volume is not only the largest by far, but it is the most minute and accurate which we have ever seen of the Valley of the La Plata. This work, taken in connexion with the warlike expedition of our Government to the same waters, in consequence of the imbroglio which occurred during the exploration, will form an interesting theme for all the intelligent readers of our country.

HERMENEUTICAL MANUAL; or, Introduction to Exegetical Study of the Scriptures of the New Testament. By *Patrick Fairbairn, D.D.*, Principal and Professor of Divinity in the Free Church College, Glasgow, author of "Typology of Scripture," &c. 12mo., pp. 526. Philadelphia: *Smith, English & Co.*, No. 40 North Sixth Street. New York: *Sheldon, Blakeman & Co.* Boston: *Gould & Lincoln.* 1859.

When this valuable work appeared in Edinburgh, from the press of Messrs. T. & T. Clark, we suggested the propriety of an American edition, and we are glad that a Philadelphia house has acted on our advice. Principal Fairbairn has long been favorably known in this country by his works on Typology, on Ezekiel, on Jonah, and on Prophecy. As a learned man, he stands in the front rank of Scottish theologians. Endowed with a vigorous intellect, and able to take a manly hold of any subject, he is most familiar with the literature of Biblical Criticism. All the stores of German writers are at his command, and he is able to extract from them the gold, while he is in no danger of being injured by the dross. He is too independent a thinker, and too close a reasoner, to be misled by German visionaries.

This work will unquestionably take a high place in our Colleges, and find its way to the libraries of all our ministers who desire to keep up their knowledge of the sacred Text of the New Testament. We may add that the work has been got up with much accuracy and taste by the publishers.

THE LAIRD OF NORLAW. A Scottish Story. By the author of "Margaret Maitland," "The Days of My Life," &c., &c. 12mo., pp. 390. New York: *Harper & Brothers.* 1859.

This is a real Scotch story—South of Scotland Scotch, or we might with as much accuracy say, North of England English, for the dialect, the dress, the habits and customs of the people in Northumberland and Cumberland, differ little, if any, from those of their neighbors on the North and West of the Cheviots. The authoress, for the writer is evidently a lady, is most intimately acquainted with the regions of the Tweed and the Tyne, and the whole of that romantic border land is culled for the pictures which are set forth and framed in this attractive tale.

HISTORICAL TALES FOR YOUNG PROTESTANTS. 12mo., pp. 186. Philadelphia: *Presbyterian Board of Publication.* 1859.

This is a capital book for the young. It consists of the following tales, all effectively told, viz.: The Merchant of Lyons; The Good Pastor of Sutterworth; The Bohemian Witness; The Monk that Shook the World; The Youthful Martyr; The Maiden Martyr; The Protestants; St. Bartholomew's Day; The Flight of the Huguenots; The Nun of Jonarre; The Gunpowder Plot; The Forfeited Crown; and, The Story of the English Bible.

PART VIII. OF THE PROTESTANT THEOLOGICAL AND ECCLESIASTICAL ENCYCLOPEDIA, (HERZOG'S,) Translated and Condensed by *Rev. J. H. A. Bomberger*, D.D. Philadelphia: *Lindsay & Blackiston.* 1859.

This part includes from DOG. to EZ., and the same characteristics are displayed which have been so conspicuous in the former numbers. The leading subjects of the number are, Dominicans, Donatists, Dort, Druses, Duns Scotus, Ebionites, Edwards, Egypt, Encyclopædia, (French,) England, (Reformation, Church of, Sects in, Bible Versions,) Epiphanius, Erasmus, Eusebius, Eutychianism, &c. The minuteness of detail, the successful condensation and accuracy of statement of this great work, are everywhere pleasingly apparent.

Agricultural.

South-West Missouri.

[We publish below, a Special Report from Prof. Swallow, State Geologist of Missouri, on certain lands situated in the County of Barton, in that State. As will be seen by the letter of Prof. S., this Report was prepared at the request of Messrs. Wm. Frazier & Co., No. 67 Fourth Street, Pittsburgh, who are the Agents for the sale of a large body of lands in that County. As the object of this Report is to furnish *reliable information* to those who may contemplate investing in that portion of the South-West, it is hoped that it will receive from all such, a careful perusal.]

GEOLOGICAL ROOMS, STATE UNIVERSITY, Columbia, Mo., Nov. 17, 1858.

MESSRS. WM. FRAZIER & CO.:—Your letter requesting me to report to you the character of climate, surface of the country, soil, and other natural resources of Township 33, in Ranges 33, 32, and 30; Township 32, in Ranges 33, 32, and 30, and Township 31 in Range 33, in Barton County, in this State, is at hand. As I have before stated, it will be impossible for me to give you a minute description of each Township, as that County has not yet been surveyed. I have passed through it, in making our preliminary surveys. My knowledge, however, of it and the adjoining Counties, is such as to enable me to speak with certainty of the topography of the County, the climate and the soil, and with tolerable certainty of the mineral wealth of the County.

TOPOGRAPHY.

Your lands in Barton County, are on the Western extremity of the Missouri table lands, which I have thus described in my Report (now in press) on the South-Western Branch of the Pacific Railroad:

That portion of Southern Missouri extending from Barton County in the South-West, to St. Genevieve in the South-East, usually represented as the Eastern extremity of the Ozark Mountains, is in fact, a table-land, varying from one thousand to one thousand five hundred feet above the ocean. In the West it is sufficiently undulating to be well drained; while in the South and East it sometimes rises into ridges and knobs of moderate elevation.

From this table land the country descends, by moderate slopes in every direction. On the Northern slope, are the headwaters of the Drywood, Sac, Pomme de Terre, Niangua and Gasconade, flowing into the Missouri; on the East, the Meramec and the Big, flowing into the Mississippi; on the South, the waters of the St. Francois, the Current, and the White and its tributaries, descending toward Arkansas; and Spring River, Shoal Creek, and Neosho on the Western slope.

The valleys of the numerous streams which flow from this table land, are at first but little depressed below the general level; but the farther they descend, the deeper and wider they become, until they expand into broad alluvial bottoms, bounded by bluffs more or less precipitous.

The table land presents a surface sufficiently undulating to be well drained, and still level enough for agricultural purposes.

CLIMATE.

This table land, as above stated, has an elevation of some twelve or fifteen hundred feet above the ocean. It has a rolling surface, and gentle slopes, of some four or five feet to the mile, toward the Osage, the Mississippi, the Arkansas, and the Neosho or Grand River; and no high mountains or arid plains to disturb the equable and agreeable temperature which usually prevails at this altitude under the 37th parallel of North latitude. There are no swamps or overflowed lands, from which noxious exhalations can arise, to affect any considerable portion of this country.

The climate, as these facts indicate, and as our meteorological observations clearly show, is most agreeable and salubrious. (The Census Report for 1850, shows that South-West Missouri, is one of the most healthy regions in the United States.) The Summers are long, temperate and dry; the Winters short and mild. No climate, in short, is better fitted to secure health, and a luxurious growth of the staple products of the temperate zone.

GEOLOGY.

So far as observed, the boundary of the great Western coal field passes through Barton County, from the East to the South-West. It is certain that a large part of the country, particularly the Northern and Western, is underlaid with valuable coal beds. In other sections, the limestones and sandstones of the lower carboniferous rocks come to the surface.

The loose surface deposit belongs to the quaternary system. The valleys of the streams are covered with rich alluvial deposits, and the high lands by the fine silicious marls of the bluff formation.

SOIL.

As one would expect from the geological characters above stated, the soil of Barton County is of a very superior character. It is true, there are a very few ridges of inferior lands, but the large body of the land is exceedingly rich. And besides, the sub soil of the silicious marls renders it inexhaustible, as deep plowing will bring up these rich fertilizers, whenever the surface soil has deteriorated by cultivation.

The soil is well adapted to hemp, corn, oats, tobacco, grass, etc., and the poorer regions yield very superior wheat. Fruit of all kinds do well. Cherries, apples, plums, grapes, etc., are the spontaneous products of the soil; while peaches and pears, and the cultivated varieties of apples, plums and grapes, are grown with ease, and they yield a great profusion of most excellent fruit.

BUILDING MATERIALS

Are abundant in this country. There is an ample supply of limestone and sandstone, suitable for all ordinary puposes. Clays and sands of excellent quality for cements and bricks, are abundant. Gravel and pebbles of good qualities for walks and roads, occur in the beds of all the streams.

TIMBER AND PRAIRIE.

This County is very happily divided into timber and prairie, which are for the most part so arranged that every farm may be supplied with a desirable portion of each. The prairies are ready for the plough, and may be easily fenced with hedges of the Osage orange, which is a native of South-Western Missouri.

There is an abundance of most excellent timber. Linn, birch, cherry, cottonwood elm (3 species,) hickory (6 species, (locust oak (12 species,) sycamore, walnut (black and white,) and cedar, will supply all possible demands for lumber and fuel.

WATER.

Barton County is well watered by the head branches of Drywood, Clear and Horse Creeks, on the North; and by the Coon and Muddy, and other branches, of the Neosho, on the South. Whether springs are as abundant as in other parts of South-Western Missouri, I am unable to say, since my notes are silent on that subject; but the numerous streams and the silence of my notes, leads me to believe the springs are as numerous as elsewhere, or the fact would have been mentioned. In the report above quoted, I have given the following description of the springs of South-West Missouri:

There is probably no part of the continent, that can boast of so large a number of bold, limpid springs, whose pure, cool waters gush forth in such abundance, to beautify and refresh the land. Bryce's Spring, on the beautiful Niangua, is one of the largest. It rises in a secluded valley, where it forms a small pond, that flows away—a river. This river, just below where it flows from the spring, is one hundred and twenty-six feet wide, and has an average depth of about one foot, and its velocity is a little more than one foot per second. This immense spring discharges more than one hundred and twenty-six cubic feet of water per second, four hundred and fifty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-six per hour, and ten millions nine hundred and twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and seventy-two cubic feet per day. The water is nearly pure, sustains about the same temperature, at all seasons, and shows no perceptible fluctuation in quantity, either in the dryest or wettest seasons.

This is one, of the many hundred large springs whose pure waters unite and form the numerous streams which flow from this table land. Many of them furnish the very best water power for driving mills and factories.

The streams formed by these springs, are numerous, clear, and rapid, furnishing sufficient water power to drive all the mills and factories demanded be any ordinary population. While the springs and streams large enough to furnish mill sites are very numerous, the smaller fountains and branches are so abundant, that every farm may be supplied. In short, the pure, limpid fountains and streams of this region are unrivalled in beauty, and adaptation to the wants of man—they have challenged the admiration and praise of every traveler.

COAL.

This County contains an abundant supply of good bituminous coal. I have seen workable beds on Horse Creek and Drywood. There can be no doubt that a large part of your lands are underlaid with coal beds of good quality.

POPULATION.

So little has been known of the vast resources of this region until the last few years, that many parts of it are but sparsely populated. But now, a hardy, energetic, intelligent and thrifty yeomanry are rapidly opening the country; while the flourishing towns are filling up with a wealthy and refined population. Churches and school-houses are sufficiently numerous in South-West Missouri, to educate the children and evangelize the people.

A more thorough examination of your lands would enable me to speak with more certainty on some of the subjects above referred to, especially of the coal and the springs, and the timber; but what I have been able to say in general terms from my partial survey, will give you a good idea of the country.

Very respectfully, G. C. SWALLOW, State Geologist of Missouri.

Miscellaneous.

Japan.

The Washington *Union* has published two letters from Townsend Harris, our Consul-General to Japan, which give us a true insight into many of the customs of that interesting country. These letters, "written with conversational freedom and not intended for the public eye," possess the stamp of truthfulness. They present us with a picture in miniature of Japanese life, and are calculated to convey favorable impressions of that isolated people.

Mr. Harris describes his presentation to the Emperor, and mentions the fact that he stood erect, and did not kneel, as is the prescribed etiquette of that punctilious Court. A faint request, he says, was made to him at Simoda, before he proceeded to Jeddo, that he would kneel, "but I told them," he adds, that "the request was offensive, and must not be repeated. That ended it." It was a mere ceremony, a ceremony observed by the highest officers of the empire, including the brothers of the Emperor.

Alexander, the brother of Nicholas, reprimanded his Ambassador to China, because he, like Mr. Harris, refused to observe the ceremonies of that country, when admitted to an audience with the Emperor. And Napoleon condemned Lord Amherst, the English Ambassador, for a similar refusal. "He ought," he said, "to have complied with such ceremonies as were practised by the first mandarins of the empire toward the Emperor. The Chinese did not ask the English to send ambassadors to them. Their having sent one was a proof that they had some favor to ask, or some object to gain; therefore they ought to have complied with their customs, or else not have sent an ambassador out. An ambassador is for the *affairs*, and not for the *ceremonies* of the country he belongs to. He becomes the same as one of the first nobles of the country he is in, and should conform to the same cermonies. If anything *more* were required of him, then, indeed, he ought to refuse his consent."

In adopting a different line of conduct, however, Mr. Harris, fortunately for the success of his mission, gave no offence. He made his address to the Emperor, and the Emperor replied "in a clear and pleasant voice." Having presented the President's letter, "the Emperor bowed to me, smiling pleasantly at the same time. This ended my audience, and *I backed out* of the room, making three bows as I retired." Shortly after his audience, Mr. Harris had an interview with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, and the members of the Great Council of State. He explained to them, at this and other interviews, the polity and policy of the Western world, the advantages of commerce, &c. At last, commissioners were appointed to negotiate with him, and after great labor a treaty was at length concluded. We have already had occasion to say that we are not likely to derive any very important commercial advantages from our intercourse with Japan, in consequence of this treaty, until the resources of that empire are more fully developed.

Having concluded his treaty, Mr. Harris had an opportunity to visit the various objects of interest in and about Jeddo. The city itself, he tell us, covers more ground than London, and its population is about two millions. "There is not," he says, "a chimney nor a pane of window glass to be found in the whole Empire. The gilded columns, supporting the fretted ceilings, and golden roofs of stately palaces, described by the old writers on Japan, are not to be found, and I am informed by the Japanese that they never had any existence out of the "Traveler's Tales," which relate such marvels about Japan. His impressions of the people are altogether favorable. He describes them as genial, cordial, refined in their politeness, but thoroughly utilitarian. "They are the best fed, clad and lodged, and the least overworked, of any people on earth. God grant that future generations may not have cause to regret the hour I arrived in Japan!"

Mr. Harris appears, from these familiar letters, to be a man of sense, information, firmness and directness of purpose. His residence in Japan will be likely to create a favorable impression of our Government and people; an impression which future intercourse, we trust, will not tend to dissipate, but strengthen and confirm.—*North American.*

A GIRL MANGLED BY A TIGER.—The huge male Bengal tiger belonging to Van Amburgh's Menagerie, now exhibiting at the Circus, very dangerously wounded a young girl named Sarah B. Noble, aged about fifteen years, yesterday, just after the close of the rehearsal of Cinderella. The young girl, accompanied by her brother, had gained admission behind the scenes, and in spite of the precautions taken to inhibit approach to the den of the animals, had contrived to force her way behind the scenery which was placed in front of the cages. Here she lifted the wooden doors which enclose the cages on all sides, and patted the lion on the back. The "King of beasts" disdained to touch her, but she was less fortunate when she lifted the doors of the tiger's cage, and attempted to pat the beast on his sleek skin, for no sooner had she thrust her arm through the bars than the tiger seized it with his teeth, lacerating her face at the same time. Her screams created an intense excitement among the children (who had been rehearsing "Cinderella,") as well as every one else behind the curtain, and the attaches of the Circus rushed to her aid. A pitchfork was thrust into the tiger's mouth, and he was beaten by a crowbar until he let go his hold.

Miss Noble was shockingly injured. She was removed to the Pennsylvania Hospital, and in the evening, it was found necessary to amputate her arm—an operation which she bore with great firmness and self-possession, only asking to be taken to her father's residence, in Callowhil street near Tenth, as soon as possible.—*Phil. Bulletin.*

LENDING TO THE LORD.—A poor man, some of whose family were sick, lived near deacon Murray, referred to in the tract, "Worth of a Dollar," and occasionally called at his house for supply of milk. One morning he came while the family were at breakfast. Mrs. Murray rose to wait upon him, but the deacon said to her, "wait till after breakfast." She did so, and meanwhile the deacon made some inquiries of the man about his family and circumstances.—After family worship the deacon invited him to go to the barn with him. When they got into the yard, the deacon, pointing to one of the cows exclaimed, "There, take that cow, and drive her home." The man thanked him heartily for the cow and started for home; but the deacon was observed to stand in the attitude of deep thought until the man had gone some rods. He then looked up, and called out, "Hey, bring that cow back." The man looked around, and the deacon added, "Let that cow come back, and you come back too." He did so; and when he came back into the yard again, the deacon said, "There, now take your pick out of the cows, I ain't going to lend to the Lord the poorest cow I've got."

THE BAR AT THE MOUTH OF THE MISSISSIPPI.—New Orleans papers state that the bar at the Mouth of the Mississippi river is now in a worse condition than it has been for years. A considerable fleet of vessels lie at that point, unable to get in or out of the river, and many of them hard aground. It has now become evident that the plan for removing this serious obstruction to navigation, by closing some of the natural outlets so as to deepen another by the force of the current, and employed for two years past at an expense of hundreds of thousands of dollars, is a complete failure. The only practicable plan for keeping the passes open to vessels is believed to be by dredging, and this has been practised in years past with tolerable success. The continuance of this obstruction must greatly damage the commercial interests and prosperity of New Orleans, to say nothing of detriment to business to other ports. The New Orleans Chamber of Commerce have taken measures to remove the difficulty, if possible, and will apply to Congress for aid.

WHAT A WASTE.—A British statesman publicly declared that the cost of the Russian war for a single year was $25,000,000. In order adequately to comprehend the amount thus employed for human destruction, consider what it could have done if expended for the benefit of mankind. It would build 5,000 churches, at a cost of $5,000 each; 5,000 school houses at $2,000 each; 5,000 mechanics' institutes at $5,000 each; 5,000 public libraries at $1,000 each; 5,000 reformatories for young criminals at $5,000 each; 5,000 public bath and wash houses at $5,000; 20,000 life boats at $500; 50,000 houses for the laboring poor at $500; and leave $105,000,000 for foreign missions, bible, tract, Sunday school, temperance and peace societies and orphan asylums.—*Artisan.*

FANNY FERN says, "if one-half of the girls knew the previous life of the men they marry, the list of old maids would be wonderfully increased," and the Boston *Post* adds that if the men could only look into the future life of the women they marry the number of old maids would be greatly advanced.

HALL'S *Journal of Health* states a somewhat significant fact, if it be, indeed, a fact, viz: that of the 6000 persons tried last year before the New York Court of Sessions, only 94 were sober when arrested.

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