Then join with the angels to sing evermore. We bless thee for freedom on land and on sea, That we have no master, Jehovah, but thee; Our Bibles lie open, and none dare invade, To shut up thy temples, or make us afraid.

We thank thee for peace in the land of our birth, For gladness and sunshine around our own hearth;

For kindred and friendship thy name we revere, And all thy kind gifts in our family cheer. Though the earth is so fair, and although thou

hast blest, Our own happy portion above all the rest;

We thank thee, although thou hast given suc Thou yet hast provided a better than this.

We thank thee, dear Lord, for the Gospel of For the Church's prosperity, health, and in-

For her life and her power bestowed by thy

Extend her more fully all over the land. And now, dearest Lord, shall our song have an

Without a thanksgiving for Jesus, our friend? To our Saviour and Brother, Redeemer and

Hosanna, Hosanna, with sweetest accord.

Literary Hotices.

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to any library. constitute an attractive and valuable feature of a work highly creditable to authors and publish-

readers of our London Correspondence, as a enjoy and appreciate "a good time." Many preacher of rare gifts and popularity. The ser- a time has the writer enjoyed a school of mons in the volume before us, are earnest, ele- this kind, where the pupils "chose sides," quent, and distinguished for tenderness, and and sat opposite each other, like the armies depth of feeling; they appeal to both the heart of Napoleon and Wellington, in formidable and the understanding. The author will probably array, till one or the other was vanquished, have arrived in this country on a visit, before this for missing more words than the conquerors. notice reaches our readers.

A GRAMMAR OF THE NEW TESTAMENT DIOTION.
By Dr. George Benedict Winer. Vol. 2. Philadelphia: Smith, English & Co. Pittsburgh:
W. S. Rentoul, and John S. Davison. 1859. We noticed this valuable work at length, upon the appearance of the first volume, and are pleased to know that the second volume is now issued. All critical students of the New Testament will find this an important contribution to Biblical Literature, with which they cannot

WE HAVE received from T. B. Peterson & Bros., Philadelphia, the works entitled "Lizzie Glenn; | twice as long as that of the Winter. or, The Trials of a Seamstress," by T. S. Arthur; Here, again, is a wonder; that schools and, "The Old Stone Mansion," by Charles J. classified to suit all ages, from the full

lowing of their excellent "series for youth," for to make so good proficients in knowledge, Sabbath Schools, viz :-- "Who is my Neighbor ?" | as were then made by two months schooling "Arthur Singleton," "Missionary Boy," in the Winter, and four in the Summer. "Agatha," "Ways and Ends," and "Basket of Who can explain this? Is it to be ascribed

THE Knickerbocker, for November, is received, fact that the human mind is growing and its contents are as varied and interesting as brighter, as time grows older? In my next,

The Eclectic Magazine, for November, is on our table, and contains a portrait of Rufus Choate, and numerous able articles, among which we note Everett's great oration on the inauguration of the statue of Daniel Webster, at Boston. Published by W. H Bidwell, New York. Price, \$5 per year.

For the Presbyterian Banner and Advocate.

Sketches of New England Life. First Settlers-Free Schools-School House-Con-

The writer purposes to give a few sketches | time, to a ghoul, and held in equal detestaof New England Listory, relating to the tion. Notwithstanding this universality of last half century. They might properly opinion, it appears there was one memorable entitled, "My Own Times," for I was be exception. This boy was observed after born and have lived in New England more dinner carefuly to gather up the remnants

than half a century. The early settlement of this part of our country is well-known to have been Puritani- pecial manner, these disreputable morsels, cal. They early took measure to establish which he would convey away and secretly "Free Schools," that "learning might not stow in the settle at his bedside. None saw be buried in the graves of the Fathers." when he ate them. It was rumored that These schools, fifty years since, were pecu-liar. The old school house, situated in the He was watched, but no traces of such mid-North East corner of the town, at a crossing night practices were discoverable. Some where two ways met, was fifteen by twenty reported that on leave days he had been feet. It was clap-boarded outside, and plas- seen to carry out of the bounds a large blue tered inside. The windows were of glass handkerchief, full of something. This, panes, six by four inches; the chimney in then, must be the accursed thing. Conjecone end, large enough to receive a cord-wood ture was next at work to imagine how he stick of four feet in length, affording ample | could dispose of it. | Some said he sold it to ventilation to the room; the benches, three in number, extending the length and width of the room on three sides, the fourth occupied by the capacious chimney just named; he was excommunicated, put out of the pale in front of these writing desks, as they of the school. He was too powerful a boy were called, were the seats for the small to be beaten; but he underwent every mode children, and those back of them, for the of that negative punishment which is more

ratio. When the little urchins moved in front of the writing desk, as they generally did, the whole desk was joggled, so that the writers made all kinds of characters. The window-shutters were of rough boards, resembling those of more modern date in Philadelphia, only they were unplained, and never painted The door-step was an unhewn rock, laid slanting, so as to carry off the water from the door, and when icy, to trip up the pupils. The outside of the building was never painted, but in one instance, in another part of the town, and this always went by the name of the red school

There was a vast contrast between those school-houses and these of modern times. Now we have palaces instead of those little shantys, or shanties as some may choose to spell it. Then, too, the masters (and they were properly called masters, for they followed the proverb of Solomon, that spareth the rod, spoileth the child,) were chiefly imported from Connecticut for the rest of New England, like Connecticut nutmegs and wooden clocks. They had a smattering of knowledge in arithmetic and

grammar, and could read English. There were no School Committees in those days, as now. The minister (Congregationalist, but called by all other denominations, Presbyterian,) acted as Committee, "approbated" the teachers, and visited all the schools. Never shall I forget the moral lectures he used to give us, differing widely from the transcendental homilies of modern times. He would take up, for instance, the subject of lying, and as he reiterated the Bible declaration that "all liars should have their part in the lake that burneth with fire and brimstone," and pointed out the rueful consequences of moral obliquity, both temporal and eternal, the attention of every eye was riveted upon the old man, who seemed a kind of connecting link between angels and men. The moral sentimental lessons of the present day are tame, indeed, when compared with the good old

Gospel morality of those days. The school books of those days were few, consisting of the Bible or Testament, Noah Webster's spelling book and grammar, Jededish Morse's geography, the third part for a reading book, and Dilworth's arithmetic. These were the sum total of the school metic. Every teacher had not then learned that he must make a school book, and rival publishers to bribe teachers and the clergy to introduce their book. The "Dictionary war" was then unknown, and no book of the kind was heard of, save Bailey's, Johnson's, or Perry's. The pupil, as he trudged to school some mile or two, up hill and down dale, through woods and snow banks, was not compelled to carry his arms full of books, and to divide his attention between some dozen studies at once, so as to get but a "smattering" of any. Yet the boys and girls of those days (for there were both boys THE HISTORY OF HERODOTUS. A New English Version. By George Rawlinson, M.A., assisted by Col. Sir Henry Lawrence, and Sir J. G. Wilkinson. In Four Volumes. With Maps and Illustrations. Vol. I., and II. Pp. 514 and 563. New York: D. Appleton & Co. Pitts burgh: John S. Davison. 1859. than can be found now. This declaration Herodotus, "the father of history," has been long a subject of study and investigation by scholars and historians, and more than half a dozen Eglish translations have been published. dozen Eglish translations have been published, the "hill of science" so easy that their out no other edition is to be compared with the books, many of them, at least—may be charnoterized as "simplicity simplified." penmanship, especially, did they so far exosophy, and religion of Babylonia and Assyria, cel those of this day, that this so desirable

A schoolmaster, then, too, was somebody. do for the student and reader, is to be found here. or a day at a place, in proportion to the Those eminent oriental explorers, Sir Henry quota of pupils furnished; or was bid off Lawrence and Sir Gardner Wilkinson, have as at the district meeting by the one who sisted greatly in bringing the work to its present | would board him the cheapest. But neither state of perfection. The omission or modification of these, on the whole, was a very bad of a few passages, a literal translation of which | plan, as the former enabled him to see and become acquainted with the parents and his the school, makes the whole a valuable acquisition | pupils, and, moreover, to see the young ladies at home, (which is often important,) The maps, illustrations, and abundant notes, and the latter to exhibit how well the pater tamilias could keep him at a minimum

The spelling schools of those days, too, were worthy of note. There are no such in SERMONS. By Rev. H. Grattan Guinness. Pp. 368. New York: Robert Carter & Bros. Pitts-burgh: John S. Davison. 1860.

were wortny or note. There are no such in these modern times. To these, of course, the small children did not come. It was only for these have and civils the only for those boys and girls who were in Mr. Guinness is already well known to the their teens, and who were old enough to Those were haloyon schools, never to return to the pupils of these modern times.

The Summer schools of those days, too, were worthy of notice; for, let it be remembered, the mosters taught but two or three months, (as the money held out,) in the Winter. Then all the boys who were old enough to be cabin boys, to hoe potatoes, rake hay, or be in any way useful to their parents, were away from those ancient halls of science; and, instead of a master and the large scholars, there was a school marm and the small children, both male and female. This Summer school was usually

grown pupil down to the lisping A B C darian, keeping the whole year, and taught Our Board of Publication have sent us the fol- by the best instructors, should not be able to the present better mode of teaching, to the improvements in school-books, or to the I will tell you about the New England Col-SENEX

For the Houng.

A Very Good Story for Boys.

The following incident happened at the famous old Blue Coat School, London, founded by Edward VI., and still flourish-

ing:
"It appears that in spite of the small. trast Between the Pupils Then and Now—1ne Constitues—Morality Then and Now—School Committees—Morality Then and Now—School Books—Boys and Girls Then. None Now—The School-Master Somebody Then Schools—Summer the fat of fresh broiled beef. Now, any this was equivalent, in our left at his table, (not many, nor very choice morsels, you may believe,) and, in an es-

THE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER AND ADVOCATE.

at the secret, and traced him one leave day much that they lost them. for that purpose, to enter a large, worn out building, such as there are now in Chancery Lane, let out to various scales of pauperism, with open door and a common staircase. They slunk in after him, and saw him go up four flights and tap at a wicket, which was opened by an aged woman, meanly clad. Suspicion was now ripened into certainty; the informers had secured their victim. Accusation was formally preferred and retribution was looked for. Mr. Hathaway, the steward, with that patient sagacity which tempered all his conduct, determined to investigate the matter before he proceeded to sentence. The result was, that the supposed mendicants, the receivers and purchasers of the mysterious scraps, turned out be so improved, would have been laughed to be the parents of the boy, an honest couple come to decay, whom this seasonable supply had, in all probability, saved from mendicancy, and that this young stork, at the expense of his own good name, had all this while been only feeding the old birds The governors, on this occasion, much to their honor, voted relief to the family and presented him with a silver medal."

Nothing Finished. I once had the curiosity to look into a little girl's work box. And what do you suppose I found? Well, in the first place, found a "bead purse," about half done; there was, however, no prospect of its ever being finished, for the needles were out, and the silk upon the spools all tangled and drawn into a complete wisp. Laying this aside, I took up a nice piece of perforated paper, upon which was wrought one lid of a Bible, and beneath it the words, "I love," but what she loved was left for me to conjecture. Beneath the Bible lid I found a sock, evidently commenced for some baby-foot; but it had come to a stand just upon the little heel, and there it seemed doomed to remain. Near to the sock was a needle-book, one cover of which was neatly made, and upon the other, partly finwere, these half finished, forsaken things, told me a sad story about that little girl. They told me that, with a heart full of generous affection, with a head full of useful and pretty projects, all of which she had both the means and the skill to carry into effect, she was still a useless child-always doing, but never accomplishing her work. It was not a want of industry, but a want of things we undertake. Our glory is not in that, but in what we accomplish. No

Agricultural,

body in the world cares for what we mean

to do; but everybody will open their eyes

by and by, to see what men and women and

little children have done.

Tile Draining. Johnston, a Scottish farmer without means,

purchased a small farm on the East side of Seneca lake, near Geneva, New York. The . Mr. Dow, I don't know what to do. Bad soil was mainly clay, and worn nearly out by thoughts trouble me very much. They the system of Summer fallow wheat growing, come into my head, and I don't know how which has long prevailed there, and quite thoroughly reduced the fertility of that part of the State. The crops were then ten to fifteen bushels of wheat, and twice that number of corn, to the acre. Draining was number of corn, to the acre. Draining was number of corn, to the acre. unheard of, and his first suggestions of it, you ask, how can you drive away these bad derived from Scottish experience, were ridi-\$24 per thousand of the cheapest form, and with something innocent and useful, and at this price Mr. Johnston began a system leave no place for the intruder." of tile draining in 1838, which was not finished until 1857, at which time more than fifty miles of tile drain had been laid on his farm, which, however, had grown from

non sense improvement. In this experiment of Mr. Johnston, i as been found nearly as necessary to drain lands of irregular surface, and such as would where, in one case, three-fourths of every he falling water would be thus thrown off will very rarely wash at all, however reten French, which was bought by Louis XV., in tive the principal element of the soil. A 1748, for £675,000, or about \$3,375,000. loose drained clay will absorb almost as much as sand, and it is only because an impervious subsoil resists all deep sinking of rains that the surface of clay lands becomes so hard as to retain water. Yet these are the most prolific in all the elements of fertility when the excess of water is removed, and when deep cultivation gives to the growing crops the requisite access to the best parts of it. Underdraining is the only possible means by which this improvement may be effected, and it is as essential here as in New York, the quantity of water falling here annually being, in fact, nearly one third more than in the interior of New York, near

The tiles principally used by Mr. Johnston were two inches in diameter for the bore, of the horseshoe form, and either made with a base or laid on a board. The trenches are first dug two and a half feet deep for the small and lateral drains, and three feet deep for the main drains, into which others are arranged to fall, and at the bottom no wider than is necessary to lay tile. In Mr. Johnston's own words, "My drains are from twenty-seven to forty five feet apart, generally thirty-three feet, but I have never put in any more than I would do again if I had to do it over, and in some cases I would put in more. My first error was in putting too small tile in my main drains, and too large tile in my lateral drains-two inch ile, or even smaller if they can be obtained; being sufficient for lateral drains. I also erred at first in putting too many drains in my low lands, as it very seldom occurs that the low land is naturally wet, but only wet-from the upland. If the upland is thorcompact statement of his own disadvantages is also worth copying: "I commenced under unfavorable circumstances; first, for want of funds; next, the tile cost double what they do now, and digging double; and last, though not least, public opinion was very much against me. Some would ask me if
I was going to put crockery all over my
farm; some would tell me they thought my
farm was already too dry. if anything: and

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With many splendid examples of thorough cultivation near this city, there is still a general neglect of the great advantages ofered in the surface, soils, and insatiable market. The chief cause of unproductiveness is the neglect of drainage. Will not some of the more enterprising holders of lands break ground on the subject as Mr. Johnston did in New York, bear the same obloquy, if necessary, and reap the like profits? Thousands were induced to follow the example we have cited, and the traveler through central New York will see hundreds The of hill sides and flat tracts trenched for tile draining where, fifteen or twenty years ago, the man who had said that such lands could at. In this latitude there is a great advantage in the fact that half the Winter may be used for such improvements, while in New York no such saving of valuable time is possible.

Miscellaneous.

Roman Peasant Women. Monsieur About, in his notice of the inhabitants of the rural districts in the States

of the Church, says...
Of all useful animals, the wife is one which the Roman peasant employs most profitably. She makes the bread and the cakes; she spins, weaves, and sews; she goes every day three miles for wood, and one and a half for water; she carries a mule's load on her head; she works from sunrise to sunset, without question or complaint. Her numerous children are in themselves a precious resource; at four years old they are able to tend sheep and

The exports of green tea to the United ished, was marked, "to my dear" I need not, however, tell you all that I found there; year ending July 1, 1859, were 19,006,068 but this much I can say, that during my pounds, against 18,002,586 pounds in 1858, travels through the work box, I found not a and 17,886,721 pounds in 1857. The exsingle article complete; and mute as they ports hither of black tea in the same years, were 12,200,079 pounds for 1859; 11,732, 682 in 1858, and 7,913,575 in 1857.

Broom Corn and Weeping Willows. In the Mohawk Valley of New York, vast quantities of broom corn are annually grown. Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Connecticut, are the next largest producers of it Its origin, as, a cultivated plant in this perseverance. Remember, my dear little Its origin, as a cultivated plant in this friends, that it matters but little what great country, is attributed to Dr. Franklin. It is a native of India. Franklin saw an imported whisk of corn in the possession of a lady in Philadelphia, and while examining it as a curiosity, found a seed, which he planted, and from this small beginning arose this valuable product of industry in the United States. In the same manner, England and America are indebted for the weeping willow to the poet Pope, who, finding a green stick in a basket of figs, sent to him as a present, from Turkey, stuck smily that shall purchase and use it."—FAMILY MAGAZINE.

> Lorenzo Dow on Bad Thoughts Somebody once said to Lorenzo Dow,

propagated this beautiful tree.

who was a very eccentric strolling preacher: culed. But he was as obstinate as he was in your mind? Why just as we exclude poor, and borrowed money to import samples thistles from the lands, by putting in so of drain tiles and commence their manufac much good seed that there is no room left ture for his own use. Their first cost was for them to grow. Keep the mind busy,

The Army of Great Britain. The following is a return of the total about a hundred acres at the outset, to three strength of the British Army in 1858: hundred acres. His crops had during this time increased to sixty, seventy, and as high as ninety four bushels to the acre of corn, and to an average of forty bushels of wheat in this current year 1859. Ten or fifteen years since, his success had become celes 4,176; the enrolled pensioners, 15,415;

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Diamonds. From Harper's Magazine, September, we usually be pronounced quite free from any learn that of all known diamonds, that of such necessity as those nearly or quite level, the Emperor of Russia is the greatest. Its One most important effect would be secured | weight is stated at 195 carats; its shape reat the South by this process, in averting sembles the half of a pigeon's egg, with a the destructive washing of uplands. Un | diameter of about one and a quarter inches. derdrainage increases the capacity of lands It is rose-cut, and almost white. It was o absorb a profuse rain immensely, and found in Persia about one hundred years ago. The next largest is that of the Grand profuse rain fall would be thrown off the Duke of Tuscany. It weighs 139 carats. DR. KILLEN'S HISTORY OF THE surface, washing away loose soil and fertility It is about an inch and a half in diameter, at a ruinous rate, in the other not one fourth by an inch deep. The third largest diamond is the great Regent or Pitt diamond, Underdrained and deeply cultivated lands now in possession of the Emperor of the

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