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Book Rotices.

THE PURITAN DIVINES .- The re-publication of the standard works of the Puritan Divines by Mr. James Nichol, of Edinburgh, is one of the noble undertakings of the present age, for which he deserves the thanks and patronage of the entire Church. We have already announced the appearance of three volumes, and now two more are on our table, containing the works of the celebrated Thomas Adams. The study of these works must exert a most happy influence on the preaching and piety of the age. The Rev. James Rodgers, D.D., of the United Presbyterian Board of Publication, at Pittsburgh, is the agent, through whom these books can be obtained on the most favorable terms.

THE WAY TO LIFE. Sermons by Thoma Guthrie, D. D., author of "Gospel in Ezekiel," "Saints' Inheritance," etc. 12mo, pp. 836. New-York: Robert Carter & Bros. Pittsburgh: Robert S. Davis. 1862. Every book from Dr. Guthrie is certain to be welcomed, But few writers equal him in beauty of expression, pictorial power, and Evangelical pathos.

eternity.

your shoes.'

she tugged at the knot.

and cut a great gash in the boot too.

forehead swollen with anger.

"Get out ! get out !

the hymn. What does it say?

"The dearest idol I have known,

The Angry Girl,

Whate'er that idol be,

BERTIE LEE. 16mo, pp. 199. New-York : Robert Carter & Bros. Pittsburgh: Robert-S.

Davis. 1862. This is another volume of "Carter's Fireside Help me to *tear* it from thy throne, And worship only thee." Library," which me trust will not be overlooked Go penitently to Jesus, and ask him to by any of onr readers It is one of the most successful interview of the happy entries of family piety and parental anything else in all the world beside.— faithfulnes followed by a beautiful and devonte *Child's Paper*. filial attachment. Every family will be the better for possessing this delightful little book, and every boy and girl will be the better for reading

it. May its author soon find leisure for the preparation of another work, equally good in every respect.

BROAD SHADOWS ON LIFE'S PATHWAY. By the author. of (\*Doing and Suffering." 12mo, pp. 406. New-York: Robert Carter & Bros. Pittsburgh: Robert S. Davis. 1862.

This belongs to that delightful and useful class of popular books which have for their object not only the incutcation of personal piety, but also the duty of active Christian benevolence. The direct aim of this book is to set forth, by attractive illustration, the truth that the deep and pure joy which the believer finds in secret communion with his unseen Lord, will ever stimulate him to offer; to thirsting souls around, the cup of living water which has refreshed his own spirit. The scenes chosen to illustrateathis; life of faith, lie chiefly in India and the British metropolis. This volume will be read with pleasure and profit.

LOUISE JULIANE; ELECTRESS PALATINE, AND HER TIMES. By Fanny Elizabeth Bunnett. 12mo, , pn, 268. New-Kork : , Robert Carter & Brothers. Pittsburgh Robert S. Davis.

This is a Memoir of a woman of high rank and devoted piety in the 47th century, that is worthy of the study of the present generation. that it may take heart in the great battle of life. She occupies a conspicuous place in "Motiey's History of the United Netherlands," and is worthy of a place in every Christian library.

FAITH: TREATED IN A SERIES OF DISCOURSES. By James W. Alexander, D.D. 12mo, pp. 444. New-York : Charles Scribner. Pittsburgh si Robert'S: Davie .: \$ 1861.

This consists of a series of discourses preached by the lamented author; to his own congregation, on the subject of faith, during the years 1856 and 1857. Like all of Dr. Alexander's serboth foolish and wicked to have idols-to | days, and beyond a doubt with much the | does not help it; for the law of longevity in | put any body or any thing in God's place same results that attended the Monitor the brute creation is capricious in the exas our first or chief object of love, obe- target.

dience, and worship. It is foolish, because there is nothing target, exactly of the same materials and time occupied in growth, the size of the that is ours to keep but God. If a watch, strength as the Warrior's broadside, was full-grown body, when applied to species or a gold cagle, or a beautiful casket, were subjected during the whole of one day and severally, fail in certain instances, Physiput in your hand to look at, as soon as you part of a second, to a most tremendous fire, ology then can only say: These human learned it was yours to keep, how much but the concentrated volleys flew off in a bodies are mortal; death is inevitable; more you would value and enjoy it. Now hail of iron splinters. The target grew al- and, so far as modern testimony goes, men an idol can never be kept, worship it as most red hot in parts, but no missile pass- do not seem now able to resist the tendency much as we may. Money is lost; children | ed beyond its iron armor. die; beauty fades; appetite fails. Every "The Warrior, therefore, and iron ships utmost 200 years. But the possible dura-

object which we love, everything which we were justly deemed invulnerable. Sir W. tion of life, when the species was but trust in for help and enjoyment will cer- Armstrong has a letter in to-day's Times, recently created, and had its vigor unimtainly go from us, or we shall leave them. explaining the principle which has ren-We cannot keep them, nor can they keep dered the last experiment successful in us. But if God is our God, our support, penetrating and smashing iron plates. "The smooth bore gun has a velocity exour joy, our treasure, our chief good, celling that of the rifle gun by more than nothing can separate us from him-nothing

a quarter. A smooth bore gun has been in life, nothing in death, nothing in It is wicked also to have idols, because it robs God. It robs God of our love, of our against the Warrior target, on Tuesday, in while Buffon accepted the Scriptural acgratitude, of our worship, of our loyalty, Duke of Somerset, and other high officials of our service. We take what is due to him and squander it elsewhere. There is of the Amiralty and War Office. a verse which tells us what to do with our "The first shot was one hundred and fifidols. I dare say you have often repeated

pounds of powder. This solved all doubts,

gun. "Sir W. Armstrong says that a gun of cidedly, showing us that human life gradu-A very sad thing happened the other day. A little girl got angry with her bootstrings. When she went to put on her boot she found a hard knot, which she jerked and the pulled until it became a great deal harder. "No matter," said her mother, "put on

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ment, the child made no headway. She then caught the scissors, cut the strings,

"Oh, my child, you did not do that on purpose, did you?" said her mother. "I did-I did it on purpose; the hateful old boot !" she cried, the veins of her Breakfast was ready, and her mother, well knowing that was not the moment to correct her, left Bessie alone. Bessie did not appear at breakfast. After breakfast came morning worship. "Where is Bessie?" asked Uncle Charles. Uncle Charles learning what the difficulty was, went to bring Bessie; for he hoped by this time the little girl had come to herself. She received him with a sullen scowl. And what do you think she said? Uncle Charles was surprised. Was this

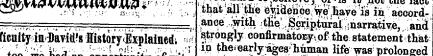
his pretty, little Bessie! It was-and it wasn't. Oh ! if she had only yielded. He left her, for the family was waiting, and they knelt around the family altar, without her. Bessie edged out to the back "Oh, Bessie !" he cried, " how can you be-"Oh, Bessie!" ne cried, "now can you be have so? You worry mother almost to death, and are enough to disgrace us all." Bessie's eyes flashed. Quick as light-ween them." Having got to this safe dis-tween them." Having got to this safe dis-Scraps from authors are put up everywhere, bessie's eyes flashed. Bessie's eyes flashed. Chinese wise words.

treme. All the proposed standards of "During an experiment, not long ago, a measurement the period of gestation, the

to decay beyond the term of 150, or at the paired by the taint of hereditary disease, s beyond the cognizance of physiological science, which, by the mouth of its most celebrated professors, declines to pronounce a positive judgment. The great Haller. when led' to speak on the subject, declared made by Sir W. Armstrong, length fourteen the problem one which could not be solved, feet, weight twelve tons, and it was tried on account of the absence of sufficient data, presence of the Duke of Cambaidge, the count, and thought he could see physical reasons why life should in the early ages had been so greatly extended.

It cannot, therefore, be said with truth ty-six pounds, and was fired at a distance of that the longevity of the patriarchs is "at two hundred yards, with a charge of forty | variance with all "---or indeed with any-" of the laws of human and animal organthe iron mass was shattered into crumbs of ism."" We'do not know on what longevity metal and the teak splintered into fibres depends; we could not possibly tell a priori literally as small as pins. whether man, or any other animal, would "An increased charge was next tried, live one, ten, twenty, fifty, a hundred, or a whether man, or any other animal, would teach you and to help you love him with and the shot passed not only through the thousand years. The whole question is plates, teak, and through the inner skin, tone of fact, and so of evidence. Men now but buried itself in the massive timbers do not, except in very rare, instances, exthat supported the target. These two shots | ceed 100 years. Was this always so, or were quite conclusive as to the power of the | was it once different? The Bible answers this question for us very clearly and de-

> twelve tons' weight, fired with a charge of ally declined, beginning with a term little fifty pounds of powder, will break through short of a millennium, and by degrees conside of the Warrior, or the strongest tracting, till, at Moses' time, it had reached, ship afloat. The Times remarks that no (apparently) its present limits the days weapon of offence or defence seems left us of man's age having become then " threenow so effective as a large armor'clad and score years and ten, and only a few, "by very swift steam-ram." reason of strength," reaching to fourscore years. Does other historical testimony really run counter to this, and render it even hard to believe; or is it not the fact that all the evidence we have is in accord-



very much beyond its present term? nessing, more than once, incidents of a in the Hindoo accounts there are four kind that forcibly reminded us of scenes in ages of the world. In the first, man was the Scripture history of David, by which free from diseases, and attained to the age readerst ignorants of the country in which of 400 years; in the second, the term of life they happened, may have been often not a was reduced to 300 years, in the third, it little perplexed. When David was hiding became 200; and in the fourth, 100. The in the wilderness of Ziph, an opportunity Babylonian traditions gave to their early presented itself of slaying King Saul as he monarchs reigns of between two and three lay asleep in the night, unconscious of any hundred years. The Greeks told of a danger being near. Too generous to avail, time when men were children fill they himself of the advantage that had come so reached a hundred. Pliny mentions a

unexpectedly and so temptingly in his way, number of authors, according to whom men David, nevertheless, resolved to show how had lived 300; 500; 600, and 800 years. completely his persecutor had been in his Josephus relates that the Egyptian, Phoepower. Stealing noiselessly into Saul's nician, Babylonian, and Grecian historians camp, accompanied by a single follower, united in declaring that there had been and passing unobserved through the midst cases of persons living nearly 1,000 years of the drowsy guards. David "took the It seems to be quite certain that a very spear and the cruse of water from Saul's wide-spread tradition existed in the ancient bolster; and they got them away, and no world, to the effect that the term of human man saw it, nor knew it, neither awaked; | life had been greatly abbreviated since without her. Bessie edged out to the back door. Her brother James came along. "Oh, Bessie!" he cried. "how can you be. 12.) Having performed this daring ex-

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MERCHANTS' HOTEL,

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"I hate my shoes," she answered angrily. "I shall wear my boots;" and away As knots never yield to violent treat

mons, they are able, Scriptural, logical, and practical; awakening the mind to thoughtfulness, and leading the heart to feel.

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## The First Commandment.

"I should like to see an idol," said Robert, looking up from his book about China; "there are no idols in this coun-"I expect there are," said Helen. try." "Idols here," cried Robert, "and I not know it?" God says in the first commandment, . Thou shalt have no other gods before me.' What does it say so for, if there are no other gods. Other gods mean idols." "That scems as if there were, surely," said Robert; "but where are they ?

We have not Moloch, with his great red teeth and grinning mouth-a bloody monster as was ever made ; or Ganesa, with an elephant's' head, riding on the back of a huge rat; or the snake god, or monkey. god, or bug god, or little mud gods. We do not bow down and worship such frightful images as these ; but you must remember that an idol is anything we love more than see love God. A little boy was once making a kite, and

he became so much interested in it that he did not want to go to bed. "Come," said his sister, "come, or you will be too tired and sleepy to say your prayers." "I'm not going to say my prayers to-night," an-swered the little boy; "I'm too busy for that."

That little boy was making an idol of his kite. He put it before God. He thought more of it than he thought of God. Some people worship money. " Some make idols of their children ; some of their houses Some think more of their eating than any thing else.

I once visited a house where there was an only child, a little girl. Her name was Phebe ..... The parents could think of nobody but Phebe. They could talk of nobody but Phebe. Phebe was dressed in the finest clothes.....She had every plaything you could think of. Her mother never crossed her.....If company came, Phebe was called, and all she did and said was paraded before them. .... What a pity that child is spoiled so by her parents," their friends said. "They make a perfect idol of her: they worship her." Yes, poor Phebe was and unfeeling at man

You see that people in Christian lands

fell a flight of steps. "Oh !" he screamed. What a scene of

confusion and distress followed 1 The bad temper of a child hardly ever did a worse morning's work than that. Yet it is just what bad temper leads to. It makes a child unfilial to the best of parents, unkind to its brothers and sisters, selfish, cruel, and destructive. If you do not master it, it will surely master you; and bad temper is a terrible master.-Child at Home.

Scientific.

## The Era of Great Guns.

who was evidently calling to some one For the serious work of sieges, says the North American, heavy artillery has in the | we distinctly heard. The dialogue, went rest to my ears." present American war, reached a size and on. Another and another sentence was It is this taste for reading which we hope calibre sufficiently important to mark an slowly and sonorously uttered by the shep- much from, as a means of Christianizing era. One hundred-pounders are now found herd near us, and as often the response was on both sides in all these cases. Practice distinctly given. At length, guided by the shows them to be terrible weapons, breach- sound, we descried, far up the confronting ing formidable walls at unprecedented dis. | hill, the source of the second voice in the tances, in a very brief space of time. Imperson of another shepherd; and learned portant as this advance is, however, we are from our Arab attendants, that they were now in the midst of a still greater. Fifty talking to each other about their flocks. new fifteen-inch Dahlgren guns have been Between these two men was the deep creordered by the Government, and are now vasse formed by the valley of the Kedron, being cast at Pittsburgh, each of which | walled in by lofty precipices, which no huwill carry a ball weighing over three hunman foot could scale. It would probably dred pounds. One thirteen-inch gun and have taken a full hour for one, even as fleet one fifteen have been mounted in the works, and as strong-winded as an Asahel to pass at Fortress Monroe, and tested with perfrom the standing-place of the one speaker. fect success. The rebels, too, seem to have to that of the other; and yet they were a thirteen-inch gun, which they are said to exchanging words with perfect case. The have placed in the Merrimac. In addimystery of the dramatic scene in the wiltion .to the Dahlgren fifteen-inch guns, we derness of Ziph was at an end; and we were reminded at the same time of an imare also casting Rodman fifteen-inch guns and Rodman twenty-inch guns, and when | portant truth, that in dealing with the sathese get into use the war of our artillery cred Scripture, ignorance often makes difficulties which a larger knowledge and a will indeed be terrific. The most important fact connected with this new era of deeper intelligence would at once remove. great artillery is, that no fortifications are As we moved along the hill-face, dialogues of the least use against such weapons. of the same kind once and again attracted Not only can they breach walls of any our notice, showing plainly that these transthickness, unless made of iron, but, as was valline colloquies are of common occurshown in the case of Fort Pulaski, even rence. The facility of hearing was no when placed at extraordinary distances. doubt increased by the extreme stillness of It is now no longer necessary to get within the air, and by the voice being at once coneight hundred yards to open a breach, for fined and thrown back by the steep sides of guns which carry from five to seven miles the hill.-Buchanan's Clerical Furlough. can breach at the distance of two. A 'A H The London Times contains an account

Old as the Patriarchs. of experiments at Shoeburyness, on Tues-The longevity of the Patriarch's appear day, with a gun of large size and calibre, which, (says the Times,) "showed at every to modern critics." at variance with all the discharge that our best and hitherto-con- laws of human and animal organism," and sidered invulnerable forms of iron-sides therefore "as contrary to common sense were, so to speak, almost as easily pene- as the notion of there being any real chrotrated by a shot as if the targets had been, nology in astronomical cycles of hundreds of timber." The Times adds :

"After all our labor and all our expense, cannot ever have lived more than 150, or, after having made heyond comparison the at the most, 200 years; and a document finest and strongest iron frigates in the which assigns them lives of 300, 600, 800, world, we now find that opposite a large and even 900 years, must be unhistorical, muzzle loading gun the best of our iron- and is either, in respect of its numbers, sides can be as easily riddled and sunk as worthless, or to be explained in some not wooden sailing vessels.

afternoon last, is due to the keen and wholeof the "infallible sciences," which are held some rivalry between the War office and to lay down laws, not only for our practical the Admiralty, the former striving to de-vise irresistible artillery, and the latter to intellectual belief as to the occurrences of build invulnerable ships.

experiments on every conceivable form of point before us. Its problem bas been, not target and upon every possible combination what length of time it is possible for man of iron, and wood, iron and india-rubber, ever to, have lived, but how long it is posiron and wire, iron and hemp, and every sible for him now to live under the present child Instead of sweetly saying, "Thy will section of the American Monitor has been circumstances of the earth, and in the pres-be done," she called the blessed God cruel sected and fired at, at Shoeburyness, and ent known condition of human bodies, proved to be as vulnerable almost as timber, And even this question it can only answer

and that no chance may be neglected, a empirically. It finds the body to be a have their idols and what they are. God's target is being made of railway bars, dove-commandment, "Thou shalt have no other gods before me," is as necessary here as in genious manner, as the coating of the Mer-China or India. You see also that it is rimac, and this also will be tried in "a few In this difficulty, comparative phisiology

tance from his relentless enemy, David is upon public and private buildings, upon represented in the sacred history as pro-shops and temples. Enter the poorest ceeding to address Abner, the leader of house in the most miserable village, and Saul's host, and to taunt him with his un- though you will find a want of the commonsoldier-like want of vigilance in leaving his est necessaries of life, you will be sure to royal master exposed to the hazard of being see some beautiful maxims written upon rative is the fact, that these hostile parties These maxims are often finely worded and should have been near enough to carry on the full of sense. Here is a specimen : conversation which the narrative describes "One day is worth three, to him who and yet that all the while the one should does everything in order." have been entirely beyond the reach of the

W" Great minds have purposes; others other. That all this, however, was both have only wishes? possible and easy, was verified in our pres-"Who is the greatest liar? He who ence. As we were riding cantiously along talks most of himself."

the face of the hill, our attention was sud- we we can do without the world, but we denly arrested by the voice of a shepherd, need a friend."

"My books speak to my mind, my friend whom we could not see, but whose answer to my heart, heaven to my soul, and all the

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