Dear brother! round thy noble brow Thy sister twines, to-day, A wreath of fairest, fadeless flowers; Oh may it ne'er decay!

First in that wreath, affection shines With light unwavering, true; It typifies the purest bliss, And speaks my love for you.

Next come good wishes-here's a chain As long as you could wish; I'll scatter them along the wreath-A flower, and then a wish.

My first kind wish shall be that health May long to you be given; That angel hands may guard thy path From earth's dark shades to heaven.

Then gentle love shall grace the wreath With lustre pure and rare; Wilt wear it ever on thy brow? "T will leave a radiance there.

Another wish—may happiness And peace be thine forever: May no reverse of fortune's wheel E'er come, these joys to sever.

The bud of hope next I'll entwine; "T will sweetly bloom and flourish, If from the "dross of earth" refined. With faith's bright zeal to nourish.

May friends prove true, and cheer thy path With many a lovely vision : And angel bands lead thee to roam-At death—through fields elysian.

Then may a fadeless wreath be thine, Fresh from the bowers of heaven; A harp of praise, a seraph's lyre, To thee be freely given.

Literary Hotices.

THE PENTATEUCH AND BOOK OF JOSH-UA, Critically Examined. By Right Reverned John William Colenso, D. D., Bishop of Natal. Pp. 226, 12mo. New-York: D. Appleton Co. Pittsburgh: R. S. Davis.

Bishop Colenso holds his standing in the English Episcopal Church; a Church which has a sound creed, but admits of great latitudinarianism among its ministry. The writer of the book before us sets himself to work, with great diligence and zeal to prove that the narratives of the creation, the deluge, &c., are mere "stories." and that the portion of the Old Testament named is unreliable as to its historical character. The objections are mostly very old, and are quite fa-miliar in the inside school. They have been oft kicked—and kicked, I was so—so—so refuted. Men who have been placed on the mad. I wished the carriage would upset, come acquainted with the foe which assails their citadel; but our advice to readers generally, is that of Solomon: Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth to err.

PRAYING AND WORKING : BEING SOME AC-COUNT OF WHAT MEN CAN DO WHEN IN EARN-Per. Ry the Rev. William Fleming Stevenson, Dublin. 12mo., Pp. 411. New-York: Robs. Carter & Brothers. For sale by R. S. Davis, 98 Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

No book, in our opinion, has issued from the press during the past year, which is likely to be more acceptable to the devoted Christian than the one entitled "Praying and Working," just published by the Carters. It consists of biographical sketches of five Christian philanthropists of Germany, viz., Jan Falk, Immanuel Wickern, Theodore Fliedner, John Evangelist Gossner, and Louis Harms. The object of the author is, to show what men can do who, in the exercise of unwavering confidence, look to God for aid, while, at the same time, they make a rational and energetic use of the means available for the accomplishment of the ends in view. It is possible some may think that the praying

element unduly preponderates over the working, and that the book encourages the indulgence of an enthusiastic faith in Providence, which is at best of questionable propriety. This apprehension is not, however, as we believe, warranted by the facts of the case. The men presented to our notice are in a high degree sensible, matterof fact Christians; and while they pray for aid and for special aid, too, and confidently expect also that aid will be granted, they at the same time admit the possibility of mistake in their judgment of what is expedient, and are ever ready to say, "Not our will, but thine be done." And those who are disposed to shake their heads in doubt in regard to the wonderful answers to · prayer which are here recorded, must not forget the words of our Saviour: "If ye have faith, and doubt not, * * * if ye shall say unto this mountain. Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." A fanatical faith that ignores the rational consideration of circumstances and means, is unscriptural and pernicious; but we fear that Christians as a mass are far more guilty in the sight of God, of the more heinous sin of

We may all profit by the instructive lessons which the work before us directly and indirectly suggests, though we may not approve of every-thing that is recorded of the good men whose blographies are here given.

PARISH PAPERS. By Norman Macleod, D.D. Author of "Wee Davie," "The Gold Thread," etc., 12mo., pp. 328. New-York: Robert Carter & Brothers. For sale by R. S. Davis,

Dr. Macleod stands conspicuous among the clergy of Scotland as a man of learning, eloquence, taste, and untiring industry in the Master's service. We advise all who can do so, to obtain a copy of his "Parish Papers." They are a collection of brief dissertations on religious topics of the highest importance to the immortal soul. They are eminently adapted to impart clear views on the subjects indicated, and to impress upon the mind the most salutary lessons. The following are among the topics con-| pidered : Christianity : The Final Judgment Future Life; Enture Punishment; Revivals; The Cure for Schism; Progress of Missions and, The Mystery of Sorrow.

WAR AND PEACE. A Tale of the Retreat from Caubul. By A. L. O. E. 18mo., pp. 268.

New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. For sale in Pittsburgh by R. S. Davis.

The scene of the present story by one of our most giftedifemale writers, is laid in Afghanis tan. The reader is entertained with many particulars of historical interest pertaining to the British occupancy of this country, as well as with incidental allusions to the character and habits of the Afghans; but the chief interest of the story consists in the admirable illustration it affords of the power of the Gospel to sustain and cheer the believing soul in times of the sorest calamities. The young who read this well-told story will not soon forget the faithful Willie, nor the blind but trusting Edgar, nor Literharpio Zobeide, monsthemobile idelinate nor even the grossly selfish but finally reformed

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benefit of the young all over the country. We would like to see a copy of these sermons in every fire-side library. THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY, For January,

The most attractive feature of the present number will, in the eyes of many, probably be, Mrs. Harriet Beecher Stowe's Reply to "The Affectionate and Christian Address of many thousands of Women of Great Britain and Ireland to their Sisters, the Women of the United States of America." The Address, it will be remembered, consisted of an earnest appeal to the women of America to put forth every exertion in their power for the abolition of Slavery. Many who signed that address are now, by their sympathy with the South, abetting the cause they were once so eloquent in denouncing. Mrs. Stowe, at least, sets forth their inexcusable inconsist-

For the Poung.

A Letter to Sabbath School Children. NORRISTOWN, Oct., 1862.

DEAR CHILDREN :-- Would you like to take a "peep;" a "peep" at what is go-ing on in other children's hearts? Many know how "blessed are the pure in heart, feel that he had been brought into comparof them have been sending me deguerreo- for they shall see God." types of their thoughts and feelings-heartpictures made with their own pen and ink. Daguerreotypes of faces often tell stories. For bright eyes, rosy cheeks, and smiling faces often cover that which is ugly and sour within.

"Papa calls me a good little girl," said a "Kitty," one day, "and Aunt does, and most every body, but I am not good at all." "I am very sorry," said mamma. "Solam I," said Kitty, "but I have got a very naughty think?" "Naughty what?" asked mamma ... "My think is naughty inside When I was dressed to go to ride, yesterday, and the carriage came, and there was no room for me, I went into the house and Aunt told me I behaved very good about it. She said I didn't ery or any thing; but, mamma, I thought wicked things, and the old horses run away That's mhar I mean. It was a naughty think in me.

Many other children feel as Kitty felt. They, too, would like to know "how to be

"Well, nobody knew it," said John. "Some-body did know it," said Kitty. It was

your letter over a great many times, and parlor communicated with her sitting-room, showed it to other children to read. How that the door between them was ajar, and see why I cannot, but I find it very hard which opens our story, Mr. Dexter hung to do right even in the two days since I his coat on the hat-rack and walked into He remembered when Chr. received your letter. For I have thought the sitting room, and spread his hands over

if every body has so much trouble. I pense of all the rest of his sex. if every body has so much trouble. I "That sounds just like a woman," he thought I would ask you to please tell me.

If I was talking to you, I don't believe I could say half so much. I should be so edicatives!" But his cogitations on this bashful; but I can talk to you on paper feminine infirmity were cut short by the when you don't see me. Your friend, bright, carnest voice, and the time. when you don't see me. Your friend, EMMA.

Was'nt that a nice letter from "bashful" Emma? And how true every word of it. Emma lives aside of the big ocean, and I guess when she hears the loud noise the big waves make when striking each other, she must think of that verse in the Bible where it says of sinners' hearts, that they "are larly sweet in the listening ear of Edward like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, Dexter.

whose waters cast up mire and dirt." Let us now leave Emma in her sea-shore themselves there.

A little-Martha living in the "Coal regions" writing to me says—"Mr. Long, waist-belt, and slipped it into Mrs. Dexter's hand. A little Martha living in the "Coal redo with it. I try to pray, but it seems to you could peep into my heart and see how bad it is. I wish I could love Jesus. I

years of age-who lives in the city of Phil-

adelphia, says in his letter:

"How bad I feel this morning. I was, when I found it in my stocking, should like to be a good boy. But I have which Willard had hing on the mantel so many temptations. Bad boys tempt me, and my bad heart. I don't go to sleep any eral times to be certain that I was awake."

"Well' you have cot a kind husband. more in church. Pray for me."

It is no wonder Willie don't get asleep any more in church, if there is such a bad feeling about his heart. O how I wish that not give quite so much pleasure to her husall our dear young friends could see themselves as do Kitty and Emma, and Martha a "Is not he? I thought that such a gift Roberts Ambana, amanan in the (bushes)

ing—a place where sin-sick souls went to the watch, by the six years of steadfast over them, as though her heart was like a six what they must do to be saved. As economy which I'd practiced in my house fountain which run over with sweet-leaping the preacher was asking this one and that hold." the preacher was asking this one and that hold." the preacher was asking this one and that one about their sing, he, after a liftle, said to Robert: "Well Robert how do Findo?" Well, I congratulate you, Julia, both to Robert: "Well Robert how do Findo?" on Willard and on the watch," responded unhappy, but there was some brightness one out of it, for which, in that moment of am about as good as other folks:"

"That of sadness in her voice." He knew that it may be," said the preacher, "but are you did not spring from any envy at her friend's responsible of spring a taken and off " good enough for God? I will put you on good fortune. His wite was above such a a way so that you can find out. Do you petty feeling; and would be generously glad you feeling well, Charlotte?" what makes with much boldness, "Well then, before Mrs. Ripley: "Are not any observed on the second of the second going to bed, for three nights, I want you "And, now, did you have a pleasant to turn yourself inside-out; and look at Christmas. Charlotte?"

and here it is, just as he put it down:

o, and so I played truant. When I got to school, my sums were not done. I copied them from Bill Poor's slate. Master asked ways coax him into giving me an hour or tle Crowns, and How to Win Them," they can at did not hear him. I tickled Bill in the toys; and I believe he enjoys it as much least enjoy the reading of some very interesting sermons which were first preached to little folks like themselves, and are now published for the like themselves, and are now published for the self goes on. After it was all done, he self goes on. After it was all done, he 1863, contains many interesting and instructive of black sins!"

was Robert with his eyes opened.

And, dear children, would not some of your bright eyes open wide, too, if, over "O, well, you know, Charlotte, that men there on the wall of your school-room, was never think of these things as we do. Wilbeing written all your sips for the past lard is quite a marvel for the interest he three days? Methinks I see how your takes in such matters. But I've had to hands would cover your faces as your lips draw him into it, and take most of the would cry out: "Teacher, don't - O, credit to myself." DON'T put down that dirty thought; stop, O STOP—what will people say, if they see watch, and saw that it was an hour later all the bad feelings of my heart?" And yet, an angel is taking a daguerrectype of every thought, word, and deed, and putting Her friend did not detain her. She had it in God's big book of accounts. How sinners who are "not good inside" will tremble when God opens this big book, on the cover them. Fly now to Jesus, the sinner's grate fire, and an unusually thoughtful exfriend, and have your sins covered with his pression on his countenance. blood-your heart made good, and clean, E. M. Long. Yours,

For the Fireside.

[From the Ladies' Repository.] A Happy New-Year.

"Don't you think I've got a good hus band, Charlotte? He's the best man in the The lady who made this interrogation

and answered it in the same breath, in so inflated a style that her relations with the subject of her remark only excused it, was a warm-hearted, higly impulsive little worman, a wife of half a dozen years. She was sitting in the pleasant and tasteful, bu by no means excellent parlor of her friend, Mrs. Charlotte Dexter, and she had run in for a friendly call two days after Christmas. The ladies had been schoolmates, and continued and solidified after their mar-

God. He cannot call me good as Aunty Mrs. Ripley and Mrs. Dexter had crossed and Papa do. Mamma, how can I be good a little beyond their thirtieth birthdays. Both were intelligent and agreeable women Both had married men of worth and integworld, for neither had a fortune to commence with. Now, it happened that Mrs. Dexter's

I wish I could do just as it says. I don't that just as Mrs. Ripley made the remark more about it, and tried harder since then. the pleasant grate fire, for they were blue but it seems easier to do wrong. I can do that without thinking of it. But I have to think all the time and TRY, too, when I face, which was, on the whole, an agreeable to think all the time and TRY, too, when I face, which was, on the whole, an agreeable to the time and the time wish to do right, and then I almost give it one, as he heard the remark of his wife's ing up baby-toys; besides, it's a foolish friend, which exalted one man at the ex-

could say half so much. I should be so adjectives!" But his cogitations on this bright, earnest voice, "Now, you will think just as 1 do," i

continued, when I show you what he brought me home last Christmas." "I shan't be brought to admit that he's better than Edward. You must make up your mind to that, Julia," subjoined a voice that somehow sounded, just then, particu-

Ah, well. I'll make an exception in Let us now leave Emma in her sea shore his favor, as it happens to be his wife to her lips, and her eyes, the smiles on home, and go up to the mountains, and see whom I am speaking;" and this was followed by a moment's silence, during which what the little folks have to say about lowed by a moment's silence, during which Mrs. Ripley had thrown aside the folds of

do me no good. My sins! oh! they lay so was the astonished exclamation which folheavy on my heart. 1 cannot rest. I wish lowed, as Mrs. Dexter lifted up the pretty you could peep into my heart and see how bad it is. I wish I could love Jesus. I wish I was sure of heaven. O do pray for me."

"Your little friend,
"MARTHA."

"And the inside of her watch with that child-like

But the boys, too, wish to know "how to sort of pleasure which always counts on be good inside. Little William - eight sympathetic admiration and delight in the beholder. "You can't think, Charlotte,

> eral times to be certain that I was awake."
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> "Well, you have got a kind husband,
> Julia, that is certain," cordially responded Mrs. Dexter; but somehow these words did band as her former remark had done. Tag

back which he gave for it; and he wanted roses in her cheeks, and the soft hazel eyes me to have one present from him which I had lost something of their fustre. They Let me tell you how his eyes were open could look at and remember with peculiar had a chastened expression, and the lips, ed to see himself. One evening, he went pleasure, for his sake, all the days of my though they were sweet ones still, had not along with his cousin to an inquire same the life; and, moreover, he said that I'd earned the old smile drifting about and breaking

yourself." Robert was frightened. He "0, yes; but a quiet one "ighthe tones rightly that she was thinking of the Christhad promised to do anything the preacher were very "quiet," too, which ran along mas gift of her friend and the told him. "But to turn myself inside-out, the words, and the husband felt, that there "Because you are not looking quite so told him. "But to turn myself inside-out, the words, and the husband telt that there because you are not looking quite so how can I do that?" said he to himself, were no warm, bright memories to give bright as Llike to see you, my dear little "I mean," said the preacher, for you to them color and animation. "I gave the wife." are said to new one paper all day quite up the children. Indeed, I was a word to new and the words were not like

fore you shut your eyes in sleep, see your-dress Mary's doll, and I was out in the self." Robert began the picture that night, early part of the evening hunting up some Robert began the picture that night, early part of the evening hunting up some toys for my boy and girl. You know how "In the morning I got up without prayer. children's hearts are set on these things; I never think of God. Mother wanted me to cut some kindling wood; I didn't want cause Edward is so hurried with business

if we did them ourselves; made believe we two for selecting the children's Christmas

looked at it again. "What, did I do all have that part of the enjoyment to myself." these naughty things to-doy? Why, just see—I got angry—I told stories—I disobeyed my parents—I acted the hypocrite, was in her words, for she was too true and and I got the 'pouts.' O, what a long list loving a wife to insinuate by look or tone anything which could reflect in the slight-Robert now saw himself-was sick of est degree on her husband, or give one the himself. At the next meeting for inqui- slightest reason to infer that he was not rers, a little boy was seen sitting in the above reproach in all domestic relations and crowd, with cheeks wet with tears; and obligations; but Mrs. Ripley must have dropping from his lips were the words: felt in the tones somewhat that her friend "What must I do to be saved?" Ah, that | would never have acknowledged to her, for she said, quickly, and in a half-commisser-

ating way,
"O, well, you know, Charlotte, that men And then Mrs. Ripley looked at her

no Christmas gift to show! Mrs. Dexter returned to the parlor, and ble when God opens this big book, on the pusied herself in arranging the vases and great Judgment day! No wonder they will books on the table, and her husband still then call upon the rocks and mountains to stood with his hands spread before the

The truth is, he was annoyed and disison with the husband of his wife's friend and that the result had been unflattering to himself.

The man moved uneasily, and rubbed his hands briskly as this unwelcome thought intruded itself. Edward Dexter had a very comfortable degree of self-esteem. He held his own opinions with tenacity, and was not easily convinced that he could be mistaken or enlightened in any matter respecting which he had thoroughly made up his mind. Moreover, he was naturally of a somewhat practical tendency, and the mercantile life in which he was engrossed had certainly been little calculated to develop that tender and healthful sentiment which gathers its sweet blossoms about one's home, and fills it with beauty

and fragrance.
Edward Dexter meant to be a good husband, a loving and watchful father. He supplied the wants of his wife and family cheerfully, and for its sake, as he believed, devoted himself assidnously to his busithe warm friendship of their girlhood had ness; and he would have been amazed and indignant if any one had insinuated that he was not above reproach in both of these

relations.

But the dew and the sunshine of tender and loving words did not fall softly, day by day, on the roots of that vine under whose shadow he sat. Its green and goodly tenrity, who, by economy and strict business shadow he sat. Its green and goodly tenhabits, were making their way in the and fruits of all sweet and gracious minis-trations, and the heart of his wife often ached with a dumb, sad, yearning pain for something of the lost sweetness of her youth. And there broke dimly into the mind of the husband father, for the first time in all the years of his married life, a

> He remembered when Charlotte had sugwaste of money, any way, and I don t approve of indulging the children in such

the time. Poor Charlotte Page 12 he said to himself. And then his thoughts strayed back down the long avenue which wound through the past years of his married life. He saw Charlotte Dexter no more as the mistress of his home, the mother of his children but he saw her in the joy and bloom of her maidenhood, when the shy roses first began to widen in her cheeks as she felt his glance on her face. He saw pleasant waters. He saw her as she stood one morning in her wouthful loveliness by his side, and once more the solemn voice of the minister, as he bound their lives

into one with those holy words, "husband' and "wife," came back to him. And then he remembered what a true and loyal wife Charlotte Dexter had been to him through all these years what a fond and devoted mother; and as his gaze swept over the years, he felt that all the right and holy claims of her womanhood had not been recognized—that there must have been many hours when her woman's heart had ached for sympathies and appreciation which she had never received. There must have been something chilling and barren in her life, for which his own rose up and rebuked him. And it was not enough that he could say to himself, "I have been a careful provider, at kind hisband to my wife, a good father to my children."

"Why, Edward, how long have you been home Ward Janemaga : street land These words were the first which startled the husband from his reverient on the and Willie. Some dear children go to school many, many years, and yet never learn to know themselves. They know all these hard times was terribly extravagant, and if we were ever reduced to selling it, it face. He looked at her with a new tender ness and interest. Maternity lad paled the would probably bring nearly the money back which he gave for it; and he wanted had lost something of their fuste. They

I came in a little while ago. Aren't

He had detected a little shadow on her face when he first saw her, and he guessed

those which Charlotte Dexter was accustomed to. She looked up in surprise, and as she met the smile and tenderness in her husband's eye, a change came over her face. There was a quick leap of brightness, like that which he remembered in her girlhood, and then it melted suddenly in a gush of tender feelings, and the tears stood bright in her hazel eyes.

The sight moved Edward Dexter strange ly. He put his arm around his wife's waist, and drew her to him, and kissed her as he used to in the old days before she had belonged to him.

Charlotte Dexter drew a long breath, much like a tired, grieved child who has been watching long for its mother and sees her at last. She laid her head down on his shoulder, and the sobs came thick and fast, and every one which shook to and fro her slender frame went to the heart of her husband, as he held her tightly and tried to comfort her.

"God forgive me!" said the man to himself, in his sudden self-abasement, "he has given me a great and precious gift, which I have not half appreciated nor understood." At last the lady looked up, and a smile

trembled out through her tears. "You took me so by surprise, Edward, that I was overcome completely."
"Well, darling, if kind words affect you like this, it is unmistakable proof that

am very remiss on my part. But dry up those tears, now, for they are a reproach to "O. Edward, it does my heart good to have you speak to me in that way!" and

she clung to him. "Charlotte," said her husband, with a gush of feeling which fairly choked his voice, "you have been the best and truest wife that ever a man had, and I haven't half deserved you."

Just at that moment the dinner-bell rang, and the "boy and girl" burst into the room, hungry and vociferous. But something in their parents' tones subdued the children. And Edward Dexter thought it had been long since the face of his wife had worn such a radiant brightness as it did that day at dinner!

"Charlotte shall have a New-Year's present. It will be the first one that I ever gave her—poor child!" murmured Edward Dexter to himself, on his way to the store the morning before New-Year's. "I don't know what in the world to get her, though, mused the man; "she don't want a watch for her brother gave her that pretty one on his return from California, after our marriage. And a brooch? No, she's got that pearl one. What shall it be?" Suddenly a conversation, which he had partially heard in an abstracted mood, between Charlotte and heredressmaker, the week before, recurred to him.

"You'll have hard work to get the waist and sleeves out of this, Mrs. Dexter," said the dressmaker, after a thorough inspection of the green silk which the lady had given

"I know I shall, Miss Gray. But I can't afford to get a new silk, and I must turn the old one, and make it do. We must set our wits to work and get it out in some fashion. You know they wear tight sleeves, now, and I can afford half a breadth from She shall have a new silk dress, and a handsome one!" was the audible conclusion of Edward Dexter's cogitations, as he struck

the heel of his boot down hard on the "A happy New Year to you, Charlotte, and the young husband dropped something done up in brown wrappers, into his wife's

It was a beautiful morning, and like a flash of golden-winged birds came the sunbe ms of the newly born year, with joy and blessing into the home of Edward Dexter. "Is this for me, Edward?" asked his wife, her face full of surprised pleasure.

"For you, dear." Her rapid fingers broke the small cord in a moment, and then the dress rolled It was a rich, dark-brown silk, overshot

with lustrous green leaves and buds, a most graceful design. "Do you like it. Charlotte?" "O! Edward, I never in all my lite saw such a beauty Is it really for me?"
"Really! for you, my dear wife."
She tried to thank him, but the tears ov-

ermastered her voice. "Mamma! mamma! let us see!" and the two bright-haired children bounded into

Her face, was radiant through her tears s she lifted up the fabric. "It's mamma's New-Year's present, my children." What makes you cry, then?" "Don't trouble mamma now, my little

girl and boy," said the father, slipping his arm around his wife. There was a new ight in his face. "Papa you look happy, if mamma does ory," said his little boy, sidling up to him.
"I am, my child. It shall be, please God, a happy New-Year to all of us."

And it was! O, husband and father, see to it that you make for you and yours, also, a happy New Wear bet to become or of it a field kengers). He was a straight and commence to call aid.

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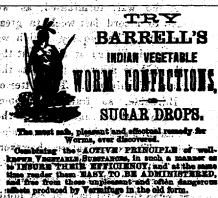
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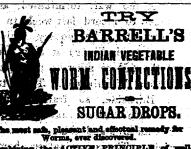
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