OUR COMPANIONS IN GLORY; OB. SOCIETY IN HEAVEN CONTEMPLATED. By Rec. J. M. Killen, M. A., Author of "Our Friends in Heaven." 12mo. Pp. 354. New-York: Anson D. F. Randolph. For sale by R. S. Davis, Wood Street, Pittsburgh.

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We are pleased to see that the author disclaims all disposition to indulge in mere speculation, and professes to "keep strictly within the territory of the revealed Word." We are not sure, however, that every reader will concede that speculation has been absolutely avoided, and we have no doubt that some of the conclusions which are drawn from certain of the passages of Scripture will be dissented from by many. Still the book is adapted to be highly useful, and deserves to be extensively read by the expectant heirs of eter-

THE SUNDAY EVENING BOOK. Short Papers for Family Reading, by James Hamilton, D.D., A. P. Stanley, D.D., John Eadie, D.D., Rev. W. M. Punshon, Rev. Thomas Binney, and Rev. J. R. MacDuff. 18mo., pp. 180. New-York: Robert Carter & Brothers. For sale in Pittsburgh by R. S. Davis.

The names of Hamilton, MacDuff, and Eadie, on the title-page of the present little volume will, to many, be a sufficient guarantee for its excellence. We think, however, that after a perusal of all the papers, most readers will agree with us in the opinion that the names of the other, three are not unworthily placed side by side with those just mentioned. The book is small, but abounds in precious truth, and deserves a place in every fireside library.

THE IRON FURNACE; OR, SLAVERY AND SE-CESSION. By Rev. John H. Aughey, a refugee from Mississippi. 12mo. Pp. 296. Philadelphia: W. S. & A. Martien. For sale by Robert S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

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Mr. Aughey's book will be extensively read. We trust that if, in any mind, the ardor of patri-

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What Good Properties Belong to the Firmaament or Atmosphere? (Gen. i: 6-8.) 1. The expanse, firmament or atmos-

phere, which surrounds our earth to the height of forty-five miles, is a transparent, colorless fluid, and while all things are seen through it, vision is not in the least 2. It is without taste or scent, and

therefore, although constantly in contact with the mouth and nostrils, it does not interfere with their appropriate functions. 3. Such is its weight that it lifts mist and smoke from the surface of the earth. and even raises water through a vacuum to the height of thirty-two feet. It also turns mills and other kinds of machinery, propels ships across the ocean, (the land and sea breezes and trade winds being only air in motion,) and can even elevate men five

or six miles above the earth's surface, when they attach themselves to a partial vacuum, e. g., a balloon. 4. It consists of a mixture or chemical combination of two gasses, nitrogen and oxygen, in the proportion of four parts of the former to one of the latter. The first enters into and forms a constituent part of all animals and many vegetables. The second is the great supporter both of flame and life, without which all fires would cease to burn, and all vegetables and ani-

mals would instantly die. To supply these gases we inhale into our lungs one gallon of air every minute. 5. It is an elastic fluid, pressing equally in all directions, and therefore, while a common-sized man sustains a weight of it equal to fourteen tons, he is not injured thereby, the internal and external force counteracting each other. On the contrary, he is greatly benefited : for his joints

are so constructed that the pressure of the atmosphere keeps them in their place. 6. Speech and music are produced by the vibratory motions of the air. Remove the atmosphere, and we would all be speechless, songless, and deaf. The world would become silent as the grave.

7. In the atmosphere we have oxygen and nitrogen combined in the only proportions which can be inhaled without injury or death. Thus nitrous oxyd (1 to 1) intoxicates; nitric oxyd (1 to 2) suffocates; nitrous acid (1 to 4) is totally irrespirable; nitric acid (1 to 5) is exceedingly acrid and corrosive, stains the skin and nails yellow, and is an active poison when swallowed.

8. The atmosphere, by its refractive power, so modifies the light of the heavenly bodies as to render it agreeable to our organs of vision; otherwise, the skies would appear perfectly black, and only those parts be luminous in which the sun, moon and stars are set.

9. By its absorbent power, great weight, and constant motions, it conveys all the water from the surface of the oceans to refresh our fields and forests, and supply our springs, rivers, and lakes, so that the thirst of every living thing may be quenched.

10. The firmament or atmosphere may well be called good, therefore, because it answers fully all the beneficent purposes which our most powerful, wise, and kind Creator had in view when he spoke it into being. "The firmament showeth his handiwork, who maketh the clouds his chariot, who walketh upon the wings of the wind."

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"No, mother; but I love to play so well now, and I do not see why I cannot ican Spanish. learn to sew when I am older. I do wish

I were a cat!" she said, as puss ran before the door; "then I might play al-"Well, Fanny," said her mother, "if you wish, I will let you be a cat for one

Fanny gave a laugh. "Oh, how funny that will be! Do you really mean what you say, mother ?"

"Yes," said she; "not that you can be turned into a cat, but you may act as if f you were one." Fanny put down her work. "What fun I shall have! Let me see: what shall

I do first? I think I will take my ball and have a nice play in the yard."

"No. no." said her mother; "pussy does not eat with us. You may go dut to

Fanny did not like this very well; still,

When Fanny went to bed her mother used to go with her, to ask God to bless her, and to see that she was nice and warm in bed; but this night Fanny went to bed all alone, with no kind mother to pray with her or to cover her up. "Cats do not need to pray," said Fanny to herself. "That for Delaines, and there remains but a small the Humphrey importation made from must be why mother did not come up to me. I don't know, after all, that I shall

like to be a cat." The next day, while busy at play, she saw a lady, of whom she was very fond, come up the walk. "I must go in and see dear Mrs. Bell," she said; "she may have come to take me home with her." But as she came to the door, she heard her mother say, "I am sorry I cannot call Fanny; as the present perfection of the Selesian famther than the present perfection of the Selesian famther than the proper requirements to promote the let her come in to see you."

Fanny went away, for she knew her mother would do as she had said. It made her feel very cross to be shut out of the room. Still, she did not like to go to her mother and say that she was tired of being a cat, as it was but two days since she had made the wish

The next day was Sunday. She had been used to go to Sunday School to meet her class and the kind teacher who took

Fanny saw that her mother was not going to do as she had always done; that is, wash and dress her, and then get her book for her, and help her to learn her lesson. So she went up to her and put her arms round her neck, while the tears ran down

"Mother! dear mother!" she said, "do not treat me as a cat any more. I want to be your own child again, and have you than intelligent breeding, and no breeder Spanish sheep continue to improve for the

"to hear you speak in this way; and, now and wool of the future lambs, all things are and Spain, and Saxony, and Silesia, have that you are tired of being a cat, you will to be properly considered. The breeder each had the golden fleece in turn. Why

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Spanish Sheep.

What are they more than other fine wooled sheep? The source from whence all our fine wooled sheep originated Saxony, Silesian, and French. The Spanish-being the parent stem, and the other enumerated varieties but the offshoots.

Saxony imported in 1765, and afterwards. from Spain, of the pure Spanish sheep, and by a course of refinement in breeding and taking care of, and rather scanty food, reduced the size of the sheep much below the size of the original importation, thus establishing a distinct variety, producing the finest and most desirable wool for very fine, light fabrics, of which we have any knowledge; but at the expense of constitution, and an unremunerating wool to the producer; and it has ever been so and most likely ever must so remain in the United States, in comparison with a medium or less fine wool. A flock of fine Saxony sheep will not produce more than 3 pounds to the head on an average. (See Patent Office report, 1859, pages 293 and 294.) 3 pounds at 60 cents per pound, yields one dollar and frequently paid for bucks and ewes of eighty cents per head. From a fair flock of ordinary fine Merino, other than Saxony sheep, it is not more difficult to find flocks number of the American Stock Journal, yielding four pounds or greater weight, on that George Campbell, Esq., of Westmin-the average, than Saxony 3 pounds. Say four pounds at fifty cents per pound yields dred dollars for his favorite old stock buck two dollars a head on the average for the This buck has proven a remarkable breed fleece. Ten cents a pound difference is as er, bestowing his admirable points upon his much as any Saxony wool-grower can fairly lambs in a very remarkable degree, and claim. Thus it will be seen there is twen- yields his owner five dollars for each ewe ty cents a sheep in favor of the fleece of with which he is permitted to mate; and the Merino, over the Saxony, showing for many more are offered at that price than the production of wool that the Saxony is the he can be permitted to couple. This shows least profitable, as they are certainly less the estimate put upon a good breeder in

profitable in every other respect. pure Spanish stock (the principal importation in 1786) and pursued just the oppoall comparable to the Saxony. The consti- fleece of the, and on every lamb got by imported from Spain. Both varieties are pounds of wool for the use of a ram for a white-topped in comparison with the orig- single season, and every lamb subsequentwhite-topped in comparison with the original. Silesia also imported of the best blood from Spain, the earliest, perhaps, in Many aram gets during his life 800 to 1, 1801. The best Silesian wool-growers 000 lambs. Nor is the extra amount of have occupied a middle ground in sheep wool all. He gets from 800 to 1,000 half-husbandry, between Saxony and France, in blooded sheep, worth double their dams. regard to food, &c., and have retained a and ready to make the basis of another very desirable family; in every respect a and higher stride in improvement: A good much more remunerating sheep to the wool-grower than the Saxony sheep, and me quite as valuable an animal assa good for fine wool, and in fact, altogether a farm stallon. When the number of a ram's better family than the French variety. progeny are taken into consideration, and The Silesian sheep have a very close re- when it is seen over what an immense exsemblance to the American Spanish, having tent, even in his own direct offspring, his since 1845 been bred very much the same good or bad qualities are to be perpetuated, as our best American Spanish flocks have the folly of that economy which would sebeen. In fact they should be called Sile- lect an inferior one, is sufficiently obvious. sian Spanish, never having gained a dis- The importance of the proper selection of

animal is not quite so heavy fleeced, and was published in 1845.

It is something singular that at the very time the wool-growers of the United States art of deception. were embarking into the Saxony sheep, the most intelligent and largest wool-growers of Saxony and Silesia generally were actively and systematically engaged in breeding sheep that would produce a greater ducing so light a fleece as they had been obtaining from their sheep. (Patent Office Report, 1847, page 255.) Though still, in those countries as well as the United States, liver the simon pures at our doors for, the you were one, and I will try to treat you as there are those who hold on to those delicately made, beautifully producing, lightfleeced sheep. Always hoping against hope; so far, and still hoping a brighter day is eventually to dawn upon their favorite kind of wool, and thus they will have their When the bell rang for tea, she came efforts crowned for the production of so in, and was going to take her seat at the extra fine, light, sightly wool. Extra fine black cloths are now but little used in comparison with former times; our young and old men, in town and country, to a great the cook, and she will give you some bread extent, are wearing what are called business suits at all times, which require for the manufacturing of the cassimere, from she did as she was told, and, when Betty which they are made, a wool of stronger had given her the bread and milk, she went and longer fiber, and produced at less price to the manufacturer than Saxony wool can black-topped sheep pure, either by in-andufacturers have almost if not entirely mont of the American Spanish, they would turned their machinery on other fabries now be reaping an abundant reward for

The Saxony wool is too short in staple wool, and extra fine Saxony sheep must befice Report, 1848, page 628.) The estab-Selesian Spanish—and present degree good, intelligent breeder, and has no just of wool that the sheep originally imported right to produce other than an improving produced per head, and of a quality cercation, &c., is upwards and onwards, and sheep imported from Spain to the United than intelligent breeding, and no breeder talk to me and pray with me as you used to do. And now, mother, I see that I was not made to be idle, and play always, and more deply pity the Southrons; and pray for them with new emotion.

The makes me glad," said her mother, I see to a desired improvement, and the effect of the proposed buck on the make; from the United States, ere long. Italy, and more deply it is hear you speak in this way; and, now to be your own cannot again, and no breeder talk to me and pray with me as you used to do. And now, mother, I see that I was not made to be idle, and play always, and understanding, as far as possible, the science of breeding as the shepherd. The make, the constitution; and adaptedness of his ewes to a desired improvement, and the effect of the proposed buck on the make.

"It makes me glad," said her mother, it is not probably claiming too much to say the world will be paying tribute to the make. The make, the constitution; and adaptedness of his ewes to a desired improvement, and the effect of the proposed buck on the make. The make, the constitution and adaptedness of his ewes to a desired improvement, and the effect of the proposed buck on the make. The make is the fitting lanks and no breeder talk to me and pray with me as you used to do. And now how have done for the make, the constitution; and adaptedness of his ewes to a desired improvement, and the constitution and solve the make. The make is the solve to the proposed buck on the make. The make is the solve to the proposed buck on the make is the solve to the proposed buck on the make.

who thus investigates and pursues a con- not our turn next? chases now and then a buck, because he is before the New-York Agricultural Society, cheap and conveniently obtained, and only February 12th, 1862, in preparing this stops to think coupling a ewe and huck to paper.—Cor. Am. Agriculturist. gether will produce sheep, must fail of improvement, or at least no prominent advancement can be made. The latter has ENTIRELY VEGETABLE:
really no just reason to be behind or to retard the general advancement, and unless he be advancing in intelligence he is like his stock, at least retarding the general

weal. The American Spanish sheep are far superior in every respect, to their original progenitors. Whether viewed, as in years DR. C. gone by, or present, they are superior to the originally imported Spanish sheep. (See Patent Office Report, 1851, page 157 and 160.) The American Spanish produce more wool and more desirable quality, when properly bred; it being finer, softer, more crimpy, and longer. The weight of fleece is increased by density of growth, 40,000 to 40,800 wool hairs are produced on a square inch on a thorough-bred, while on an inferior bred sheep there are but about 16.288 wool hairs to a square inch, though the latter may be near about as fine as on the thorough-bred. (See Patent Office Report, 1847, page 271.) These things being so, we see why so large prices are known purity of blood of American Span the State where there are more pure Amer-The French imported from Spain, of the ican Spanish sheep than on the same area elsewhere. Col. Randall says, in his sheep husbandry, page 172, "It is all important site extreme from Saxony, over-feeding and for those commencing flocks, either of full pampering, and caring for, and thus produced a sheep well nigh thrice the size of the Saxony. (See Patent Office Report, 1852.) But by increasing the size of the sheep a good Merino ram (American Spanish is they have ever failed to produce a wool so here meant) will, speaking within bounds, fine or desirable for the finer fabrics, or at add more than a pound of wool to the tution of the French are superior to the it from a common wooled ewe." Here is Saxony sheep, but not equal to the sheep, one hundred, or one hundred and fifty,

tinctive character from the original Spanish. stock bucks cannot be well overestimated. Like the American Spanish, they have re- Those who do not feel the importance of ed all the best features of the originals, the proper extreme care, necessary, to be and the defects of the originals are materi- be observed in this particular, are working Principal Office and Manufactory, No. 631 ally lessened; while the Saxony and French | admirably into the hands (or pockets have become distinct varieties. The Silesian sheep are dark-topped, or as the Silesian sheepherds say, are noble-colored;
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victims to those sheep-dealers, to an extent

"I think it right for you to learn to ony, but much more wool is produced by almost unbelievable. This is no new thing. sew now," said Fanny's mother, "so that each individual sheep. The wool is of good In the "American Shepherd," page 34, it may be of use to you when you grow up. length, soft, mild, and crimpy; is finer there is a plain criterion laid down to judge You do not wish to live an idle life, I than most of the American Spanish. The of the purity of descent given. This book

is claimed to be nearly as hardy as the Amer- The pedlers and other jobbers are of the progressive order; and though they cannot crimp the wool, they are well posted in the

In Silesia, persons, competently educated shepherds make it a regular business to select or pick bucks, and classify ewes for a consideration for all who wish to employ them. There are breeders of the genuine weight of fleece, and not desirous of pro-ducing so light a fleece as they had been of stock bucks can be ordered and obtained: certainty of genuineness in having no gobetween the producer and user, will amply repay the trouble of ordering. The best breeders are not under the necessity of selling to go-betweens, and never sell to them the best: not having at the mating time an inconvenient number to keep over-Winter, if, indeed, at that time any to sell. The known best breeders, very frequently, cannot supply all bucks they have

The American, Spanish, Silesian, and

ordered.

Ohio, and Western Virginia kept the descendants of their Wells and Dickison now be reaping an abundant reward for their care, in, sales of stock sheep. Wells and Dickison's black-topped variety was of requirement for Saxony wool. The de- Spain in 1802, or their descendants. The mand must necessarily decrease for Saxony present American-Spanish sheep are the present American-Spanish sheep are the descendants of importations made from come as scarce in the United States, as Spain from 1802 to probably not later than they are now in Saxony and Selesia. In 1813. The present (best flocks of) Amer-1848; we had flocks in the United States, ican-Spanish sheep are large, low, broad incr than had Germany. (See Patent Of-short-necked and symmetrical short strong short-necked and symmetrical; short, strong proper secretions which produce meat and of perfection of the American Spanish, wool at the least outlay for the breeder, clearly demonstrate what every intelligent thus combining in the American Spanish breeder at once acknowledges, namely, that sheep—a sheep better adapted for profit, the improvement or misimprovement of all for the production of fine wool and mutton, stock is committed to man, bringing up than any other sheep in the United States. forcibly to the mind the saying, "God No sheep are better adapted for driving, helps those who help themselves." A flock none make more fine wool and mutton for of sheep, be it ever so excellent and justly the feed consumed no other sheep are so celebrated for its every perfection or desi- long-lived and continue so long to breed. rableness, has only to be for a short time No other sheep imported from Spain have neglected, or the owner but for a very short so much improved in fine wool and mutton time to relax his attention, to destroy all his hopes and expectations and that of his friends, thus ceasing to be a public beneficients, thus ceasing to be a public beneficients. factor, to become a detriment to his coun- imperfections; until we have now a sheep try. No man can afford to be other than a that produces more than double the yield

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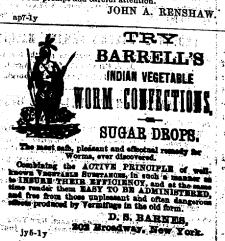
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