

dangerous doctrine propounded by the author. He says that his first transgression he trusts is now forgotten, (but it was neither his first nor his last,) and that he had dearly paid the penalty of that act! and "that at all events," to use his own words, "if earthly judges do not hold me guiltless, I hope that He who rules and judges heaven and earth will acquit me by His righteous judgment."

And on what does the reader think this hope of such acquittal rests? Not on the erroneous ground of an after life of penitence and prayer and pious acts of charity and benevolence; but on his endeavour to shew that some truth about Providence which he had lately discovered was imprinted on his memory.

In taking leave of the author we feel happy, after all, to be able to end as we began, with a word or two of encouragement. We hesitate not to say that in the work before us, especially in some of the fugitive pieces at the end of it, there is a display of natural genius and talent which require but a little more cultivation for their popular and pleasing development.

THE MERCANTILE CALCULATOR, &C.—BY W. A. MERRY.

THIS is a work evincing an almost incalculable amount of labor. It is arranged for the use of all those in the British Colonies, whose business involves a necessary connection with weighing and weights.

As to the utility and necessity of such a work there can be little question, and still less as to the general adoption of this, provided the public can rely upon the correctness of the calculations, and judging from the respectable testimonials in its favour which the author appears to have received on this all-important point, we think they may. We subjoin a few specimens:—

INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE,
Montreal, April 22, 1847.

SIR,—In reply to the request contained in your note of this morning, I have to state that I submitted your "*Mercantile Calculator* or *Commercial Tables*," to the test of a series of calculations founded on the various rates of duty charged on articles by the *cwt.*, and, being satisfied of their correctness, have great pleasure in adding my testimony to that of other gentlemen as to the accuracy and general utility of the work. I have the honor to be, Sir, Your obedient Servant,

W. CAYLEY,
Inspector General.

W. A. Merry, Esq., Montreal.

MONTREAL, April 23, 1847.

SIR,—We have seen your "*Mercantile Calculator*," and examined the arrangement of the Tables, which we find most suitable to our business, and have no hesitation in recommending them, being fully aware that they will afford valuable assistance to Commercial men generally, more particularly to those engaged in the Forwarding and Ashes Trades. Your obedient Servants,

H. JONES & Co.

Mr. W. A. Merry.

TALES OF WOMAN'S TRIALS; BY MRS. S. C.

HALL.

THIS, it appears, is the republication of a work whose popularity has already been fully established. It consists of a series of beautiful stories of a deeply interesting character, well calculated to call forth the best and kindest feelings of our nature, and to direct them, in their active employment, either to the attainment of some benevolent object, or towards the promotion of the general interests of morality and religion. The work is for sale, in a cheap form, at Messrs. R. & C. CHALMERS', Great St. James Street.

THE BLACK PROPHET; A TALE OF IRISH FAMINE

—BY WM. CARLETON.

THIS is a fearful tale. The miseries of a former famine in that unhappy country are so graphically described, in all their harrowing and revolting particulars, as to make one shudder while he reads; and yet how dreadful is it to think that the sufferings of that famine were light and trivial when compared with the horrors of the present one.

The work is as extraordinary in its other features as it is fearful in the one to which we have adverted. So extraordinary indeed that we hardly know what to say about it, and therefore we must leave our readers to judge for themselves, and we hesitate not to recommend it to their perusal. It can be obtained at the book store of Messrs. R. & A. MILLER, St. François Xavier Street.