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**Notices of Recent Publications.**

THE BIBLICAL REPERTORY, AND PRINCETON REVIEW FOR JULY, 1858.

We have received the July number of this excellent review, which contains as usual several admirable articles. The articles are the following viz: Sprague's Annals of the Presbyterian Pulpit: 2 Historical value of the Pentateuch: 3 Missions in Western Africa: 4 The Present State of India, with Map: 5 The General Assembly. We have read with peculiar satisfaction the article on India, which is written by one well fitted by personal experience and observation to treat this subject with fidelity and accuracy. It is one of the best articles which we have read on India, at least on the recent troubles; and, when taken in connexion with the admirable letters of Dr. Duff, may show that missionaries may often stand comparison with the highest statesmen and diplomatists for comprehensive and clear views of those causes, which lie at the foundation of national movements and resolutions.

SERMONS BY THE REV. JOHN CAIRD M. A. MINISTER OF PARK STREET, GLASGOW. Author of "Religion in Common Life." New York: Carter & Brother. Sold by J. Geikie Toronto, and D. McLellan Hamilton.

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that by many these discourses will be prized, as well fitted to improve the mind, and elevate the character, and impart clear views of evangelical doctrine. The sermons are on the following subjects: The Self Evidencing nature of Divine Truth.—Self—Ignorance.—Spiritual Influence.—The Invisible God.—The manifestations of the invisible God.—The solitary cross of Christ's Suffering.—Participation in the suffering of Christ.—Spiritual Rest.—Spiritual Prosperity.—The Christian's Heritage.—The simplicity of Christian Ritual.—The comparative influence of Character and Doctrine.

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They who throw themselves out of God's service, throw themselves out of his protection.

Those who slight God in their prosperity, will find themselves compelled to seek Him when in trouble.

The greatest and best are not self-sufficient, but need one another.

It is good to know the worst, that we may provide accordingly.

Those who, in God's name, call others to do their duty, should be very ready to assist them in it.

In every undertaking, it is good to be satisfied that God goes before us— that we are in the way of duty, and under His direction.

It is better to be wise late, and by experience, than never.