

## Literary Notices.

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The American Congregational newspapers have undergone some changes recently that call for some notice here. In New York the *Independent* proclaims itself as no longer a denominational journal. The present editor, Mr. Theodore Tilton, lately stated, that during the incumbency of the triumvirate, Rev. Drs. Bacon, Thompson, and Storrs, by whom it was conducted for several years, the paper sunk not less than \$40,000! Since it has gone into commerce, politics, and "progress" generally, we suppose it has been making money, but there have been loud complaints of its failing to fulfil its original design. To such a pitch had these risen that the establishment of another New York paper, strictly denominational, was contemplated. Another proposal was to transfer to that city the *Recorder*, published for over fifty years in Boston, and representing what may be called the Old School wing of the body. Negotiations for this purpose were almost completed. But the latest phase of the movement is, that the *Recorder* has been amalgamated with the *Congregationalist*, also of Boston, a soundly evangelical but more youthful and lively sheet. It has had a circulation of nearly 20,000, the *Recorder* of 7,000. One of the editors of the latter is to remain on the staff. Rev. Dr. Dexter has resigned his pastorate in Boston, and will devote himself to the same work. No doubt the amalgamated journal will be a strong one. We greatly enjoy the *Congregationalist*. It is very full of matter, choice, and in great variety. It is abreast of the times, but not cut loose from old moorings. We can heartily recommend it to those who want an American paper. Price \$2 50. Address: 15 Cornhill, Boston. It is also proposed to have a first-class Congregational weekly in Chicago, for the Western States. They ought to be able to sustain one. There are already smaller journals in some of the States for local purposes. One of the best of our exchanges is the *Pacific*, of San Francisco, which is under Congregational influence, in every way a capital paper.

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*The Journal of Sacred Literature*, (quarterly, Williams & Norgate, 5s., or 17s. per annum,) begun by Dr. Kitto, continued by Dr. Burgess, has been for some years under the editorial charge of Rev. B. H. Cowper, a Congregational minister. Although the editor and contributors have received no compensation for their labours, a new series of the *Journal* has been begun, with, we understand, somewhat brighter prospects of support. It is now owned by members of "the trade," and they can and will push its sale far better than any clerical proprietor could do. It is not creditable that this publication, which is the only one in England exclusively devoted to sacred literature, should have languished so long. There is able writing in it, and the editor gives a hearing to some men of orthodoxy not unquestioned, believing that such persons as read the *Journal* wish to "prove all things," and can "hold fast that which is good." The following is the table of contents for April, the first number of the new series:—1. The Church and Working Men; 2. Rites and Ceremonies (I. Law and Liberty); 3. On the Eternity of Future Punishments, by Rev. C. Hope Robertson; 4. The Tripartite Nature of Man; 5. Mr. Hinton's Metaphysical Views; 6. The Breton Bible, by Dr. Tregelles; 7. Ritualism, by Rev. W. Kirkus; 8. Plea for a Revised Translation of the Scriptures; 9. The Pantheism of Auguste Comte, by J. W. Jackson, F.A.S.L.; 10. The State of Parties in the Church of England,