

THE STANDARD DICTIONARY.*

We have purposely delayed noticing this great work, feeling that in the mighty chorus of praise that greeted its appearance our small voice would be lost in the multitude and our breath wasted. Countless reviews have appeared, and little but what is warmly appreciative has been said. It is doubtful if ever before such unanimous praise greeted the work of man, and the enterprising publishers and the host of editors must feel a glow of triumph as they read the good things that have been said about their achievements. We can find no special feature in this Dictionary that has not been commented upon a thousand times and yet its special and distinctive features are many and most valuable. In our opinion the Dictionary deserves well all the fine things that have been written and said concerning it. But we are sorry it countenances the detestable spelling of labor for labour, and honor for honour, and similar words. But it gives the correct spelling in smaller type and so tries to atone for its mistake. We clip the following from an esteemed English contemporary:

The high praise which the specimen pages of the Standard Dictionary of the English Language (Funk & Wagnalls Company, London and New York) elicited from eminent English lexicographers, and from other recognized authorities both in England and America, is fully justified by the first volume of this stupendous and carefully edited work. A second volume to be issued in a few months, will complete the dictionary, which may fairly challenge criticism in regard to its accuracy and utility.

No expense or effort seems to have been spared to make the dictionary as complete and authoritative as possible. The vocabulary is extraordinarily rich and full, thousands of words being admitted for the first time in a general dictionary. The editors were selected from the front rank of American and English scholars. . . . Indeed, it may be said that the dictionary is the work of men thoroughly equipped in the schools of science, literature, and art, and of experts in various handicrafts and trades. The plan and workmanship will commend themselves to every one in need of a good, comprehensive and reliable dictionary that is abreast of modern scholarship. The typography is excellent, and the general get-up of the work leaves nothing to be desired. The dictionary is destined to hold a pre-eminent place for many years to come.

THE EXPOSITORS BIBLE.†

EPISTLE TO THE ROMANS.

The latest addition to the *Expositors Bible* series deserves to rank among the best of its predecessors; the book takes the form of a continuous exposition of the Epistle to the Romans. The task of writing has evidently been a task of love. The book will be greatly enjoyed and deserves a warm welcome.

The Principal of Ridley Hall, Cambridge in this work (the first of his we have read) writes under the influence of strong feeling, his outlook is wide, he is generous in controversy, he possesses the gift of writing easily and well. In commenting on the difficult and much disputed passage Romans, vii, 7-25, he advances a view which seems to be a very happy solution of a difficulty which has been felt by all expositors. Does the passage refer to man regenerate or unregenerate? The writer is of the opinion that S. Paul is here describing an experience of the regenerate man

* *A Standard Dictionary of the English Language*: New York, London and Toronto: Funk and Wagnalls Co.

† The Epistle to the Romans, H. C. G. Moule, M.A. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Toronto: Willard Tract Depository.

"when he acts out of character as a regenerate man" when he does not make full use of his Christian privileges. It is a picture of "the christian man in conflict, regenerate, yet taken, in a practical sense, apart from his Regenerator, really fighting though he really fails, unwittingly, but guiltily betraying his position to the foe, by occupying it as it were alone." In a word it is a picture of the Christian fighting for his Master, but not in the whole armour of God. On the vexed question of Predestination it is a little difficult to make out what our author's view is. A comparison of pages 250 and 257 seems to suggest that while he holds fast the doctrine of God's absolute sovereignty, the freedom of man is not ignored. But we question whether our author's statement of the former truth leaves any room for the exercise of human freedom. The well known theological position of the author prepares us for Sacramental views which we must pronounce inadequate.

But we do not wish to end our notice with criticism. The book is well worth reading. There are many fine passages and many felicitous phrases scattered up and down throughout the work. The book shows signs on every page of scholarship, erudition, sympathy, moral and spiritual insight and a love for men and we can heartily recommend it to our readers.

TRINITY CRICKET FOR 1894.

TRINITY men have great reason to be proud of this year's team, not because they have won every match, for such is not the case, but because they have fully sustained Trinity's reputation on the cricket field. With the exception of one match and that one the first on the tour and against the very strong combined team composed of players from the London C.C. and London Asylum C.C., the team has not been badly defeated.

Up to the time of the examinations, which means as long as they were in condition, we had an unbroken succession of victories. But when the team once more took the field they fell an easy prey to their eager opponents. To every Trinity man the moral of this is very apparent, viz: "Exams must be done away with."

As usual the Inter-Varsity match was an easy victory for us. The Toronto men were out-played at every point. Here especial mention must be made of Captain Wadsworth's magnificent innings in which he made 64 in capital style. We may be wrong, but we think this is the record score for Inter-Varsity matches.

As has always been customary our cricket season was ended by a tour, which was pronounced by all to be the most enjoyable that Trinity ever went on. The two matches against the Asylum were both losses, no doubt owing to our want of condition. The London men did everything in their power to give us a good time, putting us up at the London Club and showing us the sights of the town. Rene and Lowe, no doubt, remember Robin Hood and his many jests, and no doubt they are still wondering what a two-legged doe is. On Friday the team went on to Chatham and on Saturday played the club of that town. Chatham gave us a splendid wicket and a most enjoyable day's cricket was the result. Douglas developed into a phenomenal bowler, getting 6 wickets for 11 runs. Charlie "Gong" unfortunately got a "sun stroke" and was obliged to retire. On Sunday the members of the team who were still in Chatham were entertained at the Big Point club house by that great old sport W. B. Wells. Messrs. Atkinson, F. W. Ireland, and E. B. Ireland, of the Chatham team also were with the party. A splendid sail was enjoyed and a great many fish were caught; the Trinity men were very successful, getting no less than ninety-seven