

Where is the rain ?
 Patter it came,
 Dancing along with a merry sound,
 A grassy bed in the field it found.
 Each drop came on the roof with a bound.
 Where is the rain ? It hath left the ground.
 What good hath it done,
 Gone away so soon ?

Ever, ever,
 Our best endeavor,
 Seemeth to fall like the melted snow.
 We work out our thoughts wisely and slow ;
 The seed we sow, but it will not grow.
 Our hopes, our resolves—where did they go ?
 What doth remain ?
 Vexation and pain.

Nothing is lost—
 No snow nor frost
 That came to enrich the earth again ;
 We thank them when the ripening grain
 Is waving over the hill and plain,
 And the pleasant rain springs from the earth again.
 All endeth in good—
 Water and food.

Never despair,
 Disappointment bear ;
 Though hope seemeth vain, be patient still ;
 Thy good intents God doth fulfil.
 Thy hand is weak ; his powerful will
 Is finishing thy life-work still.
 The good endeavour
 Is lost—no, never !— *Exchange Paper.*

Book Notices.

THE BIBLICAL REFERTORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW.—We have received the April number of this well-established Review. It contains the following articles, all able and instructing : 1. The Structure of the Old Testament ; 2. An account of Extreme Unction ; 3. Census of 1860 ; 4. Herbert Spencer's Philosophy ; Atheism, Pantheism, and Materialism ; 5. Principles of Church Union, and the Reunion of Old and New School Presbyterians.

We trust the circulation will increase from month to month.

THE PRESBYTERIAN HISTORICAL ALMANAC.—An annual Remembrancer of the Church. By Joseph M. Wilson, Philadelphia, for 1864.

We are glad to welcome this volume, although it makes its appearance at rather a late date. It contains, like its predecessors, an immense amount of information with reference to the various branches of the Presbyterian family. We trust that the compiler will be encouraged to continue the work from year to year.

UNITY OF MANKIND.—A Lecture delivered in the Village of Caledonia by the Rev. James Black. Caledonia: Printed at the "Sachem" office.

We have read this pamphlet with much pleasure and satisfaction. It was written to meet the views propounded by a lecturer, who in an address to a