

tice of these timely, pointed, pithy pamphlets without making the following extract from "*Reprobation no Gospel*;" Our Author says, "The notion of holding unconditional election and effectual calling, detached from reprobation, must at once to any *thinking mind*, appear perfectly absurd! Keeping the dark idea out of view is utterly futile. The very delightful safety, the exalted privilege of this blessed election, how fully it secures the favoured few, is not the whole consideration. What about the safety in the ship to the poor men overboard drowning. No efforts of their own can save them. You throw them a rope, but too weak, or too short, in some way insufficient to *save*. You say, the fault is not the Captain's. They are now so long in the water, they have become infatuated, they are not disposed to be saved. He has sent his men to call them, but holds in his own hand, the only means that can bring them all right; he only wants a fixed number, these he picks up, and sinks the rest *for not coming when called*! Now if he have in his hand sufficient means to save, and consistently lift some out of precisely the same condition, it does not tell well for his noble generosity to "pass the others by," even had they no special claim on his clemency! He would have a *bad case* to come before the Humane Society! It could not be well said of him, not willing that any should perish; and as to decreeing they should die, or placing them without the means of being saved, cannot greatly alter the case to the poor sinking men."

CHRISTIAN NURTURE. By Horace Bushnell, D.D. London: T. Nelson and Sons. Edinburgh and New York. 1861.

We feel it impossible to express our estimate of the value and importance of this work. It is a book on the Christian training of children. It consists of two parts. In the first part, the author unfolds, illustrates, and defends the great doctrine of the book, which is, *That the child is to grow up a Christian, and never know himself as being otherwise*. This he considers to be what is meant by the child's being brought up in the nurture of the Lord. This doctrine is supported by such a variety of argument and illustration as can scarcely fail to convince the judgment of the intelligent Christian parent. We should like those who are sceptical as regards this doctrine calmly and candidly to read the first part of this treatise. If parents are Christians, exhibit daily the spirit of Christianity, and act as Christians, they will mould and fashion their children for Christ, even before they are capable of receiving instruction. It is not meant that moral purity is transmitted from the parent to the child, but that so close is the connection between parents and children,