

LITERARY.

We notice the publication of a new volume of the Rev. Dr. Guthrie entitled. *The City ; its Sins and its Sorrows* which will we doubt not be eagerly sought after by the religious community.

There have just issued from the American press two masterly works on Universalism and Parkerism. The first is from the pen of Rev. Mr. Barlett, lately of Manchester, N. H., now of Chicago. It is a searching exposure of modern Universalism, tested by philosophy, by Scripture, and by experience ; and condemned out of its own mouth as fruitful in all unrighteousness. In a small compass it gives a most conclusive and effective argument against that pernicious error. It gives also a compendium of proofs against the system from the writings of its apologists. Every pastor has need of just such a work, and in point of thoroughness and ability this is in every way satisfactory.

The other work is an analysis of Parkerism from the keen and practiced pen of Rev. J. B. Walker, of Mansfield, Ohio. Mr. Walker is most favorably known as an able logician and a vigorous writer. The influence of Mr. Theodore Parker is widely felt in all our towns and villages at the East and West, where he has had access to the public mind by means of Lyceum lectures. Mr. Walker grapples with the main points of his system and thoroughly refutes them. Every minister who has occasion to deal with the latest phase of infidelity, should provide himself with this work. It is called the "Philosophy of Skepticism."

An important historical work has just been published in Philadelphia entitled :—*THE HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN AMERICA, from its Origin until the Year 1760. With Biographical Sketches of Two Hundred of its Early Ministers.* By the Rev. Richard Webster, late Pastor of the Prebyterian Church, Mauch Chunk, Pennsylvania. With a Memoir of the Author, by the Rev. C. Van Rensselaer, D. D., and an Historical Introduction by Rev. William Blackwood, D. D. Published by authority of the Presbyterian Historical Society. It is now ready, and will be sent to any part of the United States free of postage. This work, for which the labour of twenty-five years was expended by the author, and which is now published for the benefit of his family, is offered as the most interesting, unique, and valuable history that has yet appeared ; it is the volume to which all must come who wish to form a correct estimate of the importance and value of the Presbyterian element in U. S. Society.

THE LETTERS OF CALVIN.—Messrs. Constable & Co., who have undertaken the publications of the Calvin Translations Society, intimate that Volume II. of the *Letters of Calvin* is just finished at press, and is now in the hands of the binder, so that they hope to deliver the first issue immediately. Volumes III. and IV., completing the set, may be expected soon.

We have much pleasure in noting the publication of a new work by the Rev. J. C. Ryle, B. A., namely : *EXPOSITORY THOUGHTS ON THE GOSPELS.* For Family and Private Use. With the Text complete. The author is well known as a popular and earnest evangelical writer. The present work breathes the spirit of the gospel, and presents the truth in a simple and pungent manner, well calculated to leave a salutary impression.

Messrs. T. & J. Clark have just published, as the Fourteenth Volume of their new series of the Foreign Theological Library ; a "Commentary on the Book of Joshua," by Dr. K. F. Keil, of the University of Dorpat, pp. 501. This work is designed to vindicate the historical veracity of the Old Testament records, as well as to illustrate and explain their contents.

— From the same Press there issues "The Internal History of German Protestantism, since the middle of the last century," by Dr. Kahnis, Professor in the University of Leipzig, translated by the Rev. T. Meyer. This is the work of an ultra-Lutheran, and throws great light on the extraordinary state of the theological and philosophical public in Germany.

— We notice two works on the subject of the position of Baptized Infants in the Church. The one entitled—"The Child of the Covenant, or how Christian Parents should train up their Households," by Dr. Waterbury, of Boston ; the other, "The Church and her Children," a sermon preached at the opening of the Synod of New York and Jersey, by the Rev. J. P. Wilson, D. D., published by J. A. Gray, New York. These two works are indications of the fact that the mind of the Church, in its several communions, is beginning to be exercised on this important subject.

NEANDER'S HISTORY OF DOCTRINES.—The first volume of this posthumous work of the great modern father of Church History has just appeared, edited by Professor Jacobi of Halle. We may notice this work more particularly hereafter. At present we wish merely to announce a translation of it by Professor Hitchcock of the Union Theological Seminary, which Mr. Scribner will put to press in the autumn.—*New York Evangelist.*