

## Literary Notices.

TERENCE O'DOWD; or, Romanism To-day. An Irish Story, founded on facts. It is well written, in vigorous language, touched with poetic fervor. It carries us right into the heart of Irish Roman Catholic home-life and church life and we see in vivid pictures, not over-drawn yet faithfully portrayed, the actual facts as they are occurring to-day in that strange, sad land. The author in his introduction announces his purpose to be to instruct and awaken the people of the Protestant Churches to a clearer conception of nineteenth century Romanism in countries where its power is uncontrolled. Especially does he desire to warn Protestant parents of the danger of sending their children to Romanist schools. The book ought to be widely read. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. 16mo, pp. 350; illustrated. Price, \$1.15. McGregor & Knight, Halifax.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for January begins the New Year with a list of contents fully equal to the average. There are several papers on practical questions by some of the ablest practical men in the Presbyterian Church. The articles are: *The French Synods of the Desert*, by Prof. H. M. Baird; *Some reasons in favor of retouching the Revised English Version of the Scriptures*, by Rev. Dr. Riggs; *The Efficiency of the Congregation*, by Rev. Dr. John Hall; *The Present Struggles in the National Church of Holland*, by Principal Cairns; *The Contributions of Christianity to Science*, by Rev. A. Mair; *The Religious Poetry of Babylon*, by Prof. Francis Brown; *Critical Notes, The New Theory of the Apocalypse*, by Prof. Briggs, D. D. Then follow, *Editorial Notes*, "The Alliance of the Reformed Churches," by Rev. Talbot W. Chambers; "Union on the Mission Field," by Principal Cavan; "The One Hundredth General Assembly," by Prof. Briggs. Fifteen pages of *Reviews of Recent Theological Literature* complete this interesting and valuable number of the *Review*. Price \$3.00 per year, 80 cents per single number. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for January has two valuable papers. One, *The Man at*

*Arms*, to be concluded in the Feb. No., is a lengthy and beautifully illustrated article on the various kinds of plate and chain armor used in the middle ages. The other paper, *The Great Pyramid*, is also an excellent one, fully and clearly illustrated. There is quite a number of articles, such as *First Harvests*, *Municipal Finance*, *Natural Selection*, a romance; *A New Light on Balzac*, French Traits, Intelligence, *Japanese Art*, etc. Price \$3.00, 25 cents per number. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York.

### M'CHEYNE'S LAST SERVICE.

He had been visiting in the fever stricken dens of Dundee. Typhus fever had laid hold of him; but ignorant of the cause of the languor and pain which oppressed him, he had gone to celebrate a marriage, and remained for the entertainment which followed. Some were there who were no friends of his faithful preaching, and thought that his grave manner was due to pietism and not illness. So one of them said:—"See now if I cannot tease your minister." So saying, she sent a little girl of nine years to M'Cheyne with a marriage favor and a bouquet. When the child approached him he brightened up.

"Will you put this on?" said she.

"Yes, if you will show me how."

When it was all arranged he said:

"I have done what you asked me. Will you listen while I tell you a story?" So he began to tell her "the sweet story of old." Very soon six other little girls gathered round, and listened with upturned faces while he told them how the Lord Jesus had come down from heaven to earth, and then died to save sinners. When he had finished, he laid his hand on the head of each child, and asked God's blessing on her. Soon after, he said he felt so ill he must retire:—"He went home to his bed, and in a few days he was with the Lord. This was his last service.—*Christian Irishman*."

THE GOVERNOR OF FORMOSA, in starting a college, has chosen a missionary to inaugurate and organize the institution. Such a step would have been regarded as a miracle one generation ago. It is another proof added to the many others, that the cause of foreign missions is conquering prejudice and subsidizing kings and princes in the prosecution of its work.