

the last number, (bringing the tale up to about the fiftieth chapter,) two of the favourite characters are re-introduced, and the thread of the story is resumed. The extraordinary number of copies which have been multiplied, in the journals of the day, place it within the reach of every reader, and we would earnestly recommend all who delight in novel reading, to procure copies of it for themselves.

THE PERSECUTED FAMILY—BY ROBERT POLLOCK.

THIS is a narrative of the sufferings of the Covenanters, by the well known author of the *Course of Time*, and is, we believe, the second prose tale which he has published. It is a history generally of facts, with such slight touches of colouring as the author deemed necessary, to add to the pleasure of those perusing it. It is an interesting book, though the interest is of a rather melancholy nature. Among the descendants of the Covenanters, and those who have admired their stern adherence to their faith, while they mourned the sufferings of which it was too frequently the cause, will read this book with a melancholy pleasure. It is, of course, in its moral tendency, unimpeachable, and the name of Pollock will ensure it a favourable reception with the world.

THE ANCIENNE REGIME—BY G. P. R. JAMES.

ANOTHER novel, from the practised pen of the well known and justly celebrated author of *Richelieu*, has recently appeared, rivalling in its excellence the best of the author's excellent productions. It is, indeed, pronounced by some of the critics to be the best he has yet given birth to. It is not so much of a historical romance as some of James' most favourite tales, but there is enough of historical reading intermingled with it to give it a claim to consideration beyond the mere individually interesting character of ordinary novels. The heroine is a master stroke—a woman requiring the practised pen of one familiar with the lights and shadows of human nature to portray, and the glowing language of the author presents her to the reader as in a picture from some of the fathers of the painter's art. It would be folly to predict for the new work an extensive popularity—that it has already won.

THE CHRISTIAN MIRROR.

WE have received two numbers of a very excellent semi-monthly journal of religious and general intelligence, which, under the above title, has been commenced in this city, under the management of one who appears to have brought to the task an excellent judgment and sound religious views. The *Mirror* is not designed to be the organ of a peculiar sect, but is devoted to the interests of religion generally, and is, to a great extent, made up of valuable selections having strictly a moral and religious bearing. We have heard with the sincerest pleasure, that its prospects of support are very flattering, and that it deserves it, none who have read the numbers now before the public will for a moment doubt. As a family journal, it will be found highly worthy of support.

A TREATISE ON THE PRONUNCIATION OF THE FRENCH LANGUAGE.

WE have been favoured with a glimpse of this very excellent and useful treatise, a second edition of which is now in course of publication in this city. It is from the pen of Dr. Meilleur, formerly the Representative in Parliament of the county of l'Assomption, where he strenuously exerted himself to obtain a general Education Bill for the benefit of the people. The Treatise was originally published in the United States, about fifteen years ago, and is now about to be reproduced with extensive emendations and improvements, and an elaborate introduction, which will be found of eminent service to those who wish to speak fluently and with correctness, the elegant language of which it treats. We shall have occasion at a future time to speak more at length upon the merits of the work, which will at an early day be laid before the public; but in the meantime we cannot too strongly recommend its objects to universal favour and consideration.