

tions which have recently sprung up, and which owe their origin mainly to the speculations of the Germans. The author is one of the Editors of the late Sir William Hamilton's Lectures, and has evidently drunk deep into his philosophy. It says not a little for the culture of the age, that such a work has had so wide a circulation. This American edition is from the third which has appeared in Britain. Let those skilled in metaphysics study the book: let those who make no such pretensions betake themselves to more suitable reading.

Missionary Intelligence.

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1. *Algiers*.—A large house in a central locality has been obtained, affording accommodation to two missionaries, a school, public meetings, and a book depot. The last has been opened with a keeper, and a zealous colporteur has for several months been engaged in circulating Bibles and tracts.

The state of the work among the Jews in Algiers is peculiarly interesting and hopeful. On the return of the Rev. B. Weiss from Scotland in October, he was agreeably surprised to find a great degree of excitement prevailing, especially among the young Jews. First ten, and then thirty, young Jews called upon him, stating that their Rabbis refused to explain to them the prophecies of the Old Testament, and requesting him to do so, as they were persuaded that their teachers were afraid to let the truth be known. Extreme violence prevented these young men attending him, as they wished to do, in the form of a class, and made it necessary for them to come in twos and threes as they found opportunity. They listened with much eagerness to his expositions, and were particularly struck with the prophecy of Jacob, which says, that the sceptre should not depart from Judah, till the Shiloh—that is the Messiah—should come. Bands of Rabbis visited him, armed with what they regarded as puzzling questions, which he found no difficulty in answering. The spirit of inquiry spread; and it is said by Mr. Weiss, that he understands there was scarcely a workshop in Algiers, where Jews are employed, in which the prophecies, and above all that of Jacob, were not the theme of discussion. The results of this awakening of the young Jewish mind are yet to be seen; but it indicates dissatisfaction with their teachers, a willingness to think for themselves, and a resolution to throw off the domination by which they have been enthralled. So lately as 26th March, eight young Jews called on the missionary, put to him a number of questions, and when these were satisfactorily answered, one of them said to the others, "You see with what fine stories the Rabbis feed us."

Mr. Weiss preaches on Sabbath forenoon and on Thursday evenings to a small congregation in French; and he says, in a letter dated 23rd April, that the attendance on these meetings has doubled during the last winter. A remarkable spirit of inquiry has been awakened. Multitudes eagerly read the tracts and pamphlets that have been circulated, and goodly numbers come from time to time to hear with astonishment the pure gospel of Christ preached in its simplicity; and several of these have joined the mission. The Popish bishop and clergy took the alarm; and as the liberal government established in Algiers prevented them from persecuting, they brought an eloquent Jesuit preacher from France, to counteract the influence of preaching, tracts, and pamphlets. But this man over-acted his part, and helped forward the movement. In attempting to refute the charge that the Roman priesthood are hostile to the possession and reading of the Bible, he said, "No my,