

in the "Church Reporter" department are got up in the "smart local" style, not burdened with reverence, interesting nevertheless. Publishers: Carpenter & Sheldon, 105 West Randolph Street.

Some specimens of the periodicals of the American Tract Society, Boston, have recently come to us. They are tastefully got up, the letter-press being from Riverside, but the engravings do not equal those of the cheap British publications,—*"British Workman," "Band of Hope Review," "Children's Friend,"* &c., nor those of the New York Tract Society. The matter is excellent. The papers referred to are *The Child at Home*, (monthly, 30c., 8 for \$1; coloured edition, 50c.)—*Apples of Gold*, smaller juvenile, (weekly, 50c.) and the *Christian Banner*, for adults.

Orders to be sent to H. O. Houghton & Co., 117 Washington St., Boston.

Dean Stanley's *Lectures on the History of the Church of Scotland*, (London: Murray,) and Dr. Rainy's *Three Lectures on the Church of Scotland*, (Edinburgh: Maclaren,) in reply thereto, have both appeared. We believe that the Presbyterian champion is generally adjudged to have come off much the best in this tournament. The Broad-Church view of things does not go down in Scotland.

## The Sunday School.

### NOTES FOR TEACHERS AND SCHOLARS.

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#### LESSON XIX., MAY 19th, 1872.

##### THE LEPER HEALED.—2 Kings, v. 8-14.

Let one of the scholars relate from memory the story of the previous lesson. Then bring out the following points in the narrative:

- I. The Remedy prescribed by the prophet, *vs. 9, 10.*
- II. The age of the Syrian General, *vs. 11, 12.*
- III. The remonstrance of his servants, *v. 13.*
- IV. The Repentance and restoration of the leper, *v. 14.*

I. *V. 9,—Naaman came, &c.,* to display his dignity, and show the prophet how worthy he was of his attention, and how able to reward him. *V. 10,—Sent a messenger.* This looks discourteous on the part of Elisha. Perhaps, it was so, for prophets are not perfect, any more than other men (*Acts xiv. 14; James v. 17*). See exhortations, *1 Pet. ii. 17: iii. 8.* But probably it was to humble Naaman's pride. *Wash in Jordan*,—this was to be the sign, not the means of his cure; just as baptism symbolizes, but cannot procure, spiritual cleansing. *Seven times*,—the number representing completeness. *Thy flesh shall come, &c.,*—shall regain its natural appearance. *Clean*,—cured of thy leprosy (*Lev. xiii. 17*).

II. *V. 11,—Wrath*,—angry at the prophet's apparent discourtesy. *He will surely come out, &c.,*—will show respect to my dignity, and command the leprosy to depart. *Recover*,—heal the leper. Naaman forgot that "beggars should not be choosers." *V. 12—Abana and Pharpar*,—now called the Fijih, and the Bar-rada, branches of the Chrysorrhoeas. Dr. Mansford describes them as beautiful and unfailing streams, of which the Damascenes are still proud. *May I not wash,*