

is profitless and vain ; and praying that the seed-time of her life, may in due time yield a rich harvest to the praise and glory of God.

I remain, faithfully yours,

A. B.

Notices of Publications.

The Biblical Repertory, and Princeton Review, for January, 1868. Edited by Charles Hodge, D.D. Philadelphia : Peter Walker, 821 Chestnut Street.

The articles contained in the January number of the Princeton Review are the following : (1) The English Language ; (2) Prisons and Reformatories ; (3) Presbyterian Re-union ; (4) The Pastorate for the Times ; (5) Liberal Christianity. The articles are all able, and several of them are deeply interesting, as bearing upon questions which very much engage the public mind at the present time. Probably the one which will first be read by those, into whose hands the Review comes, is that on Presbyterian re-union, we presume from the pen of the Editor. The tone of the article is decidedly favourable to re-union. The writer points out the errors of the New Haven Theology, and shows that the Old School church could not admit this system as consistent with the Confession of Faith ; he farther states his objections to the Doctrinal Basis proposed by the union Committee, on account of its vagueness. But he proceeds to say that his mind had been greatly relieved by an article from the pen of Dr. H. B. Smith, and that all doubt had been removed by the Philadelphia Convention. He states, in conclusion, that "if the New School Assembly, and their Presbyteries will sanction what their representatives did on the floor of the Convention, the doctrinal basis of union may be considered as satisfactorily adjusted."

The Sabbath. By Charles Elliott, Prof. of Biblical Literature, &c., in the Presbyterian Seminary of the North-West, Chicago. Philadelphia : Presbyterian Board of Publication. May be got from A. Kennedy, London ; and D. McLellan, Hamilton.

The Sabbath question is occupying no small share of the public attention at present. Its enemies are seeking to destroy its sanctity, and its friends are rallying to the rescue. The excellent treatise before us is well fitted to establish the obligation of the Christian Sabbath. The object of the writer is to establish the obligation and perpetuity of the Sabbath, and to show its advantages physical, intellectual, social and moral. The concluding sections of the book point out the way in which the Sabbath should be sanctified, and the duty of the State with reference to the sanctification of the Sabbath. Such works are worthy of being read and circulated.

Weighed in the Balance By the Author of the "Win and Wear" Series. New York : R. Carter & Bros. Hamilton : D. McLellan.

The writer is already well known as the author of the "Win and Wear" series. The present volume has the characteristic excellencies of its predecessors. The story is well told, and the truths illustrated are of great importance.

The Lake of the Woods : A Tale Illustrative of the 12th Chapter of Romans. Sunday Chaplet of Stories. Holiday Chaplet of Stories. The Triumph over Midian. New York : R. Carter and Bros. Hamilton : D. McLellan.

The above named volumes are all from the pen of A. L. O. E., whose books are so much admired by all who have read them. They may be safely put into the hands of the young. The last mentioned is very beautifully illustrated.