

BLACKIE & SON, of Glasgow, have issued *Notes on the New Testament*, by Albert Barnes, Philadelphia. This volume embraces the four gospels. Barnes as a commentator, and especially as a practical commentator, stands high in Great Britain—indeed higher than he does in his own country. For Sabbath School instruction, the Notes of Albert Barnes are not excelled by those of any other writer. He is not exactly as orthodox on some points as we could wish, but he is nevertheless a good writer—a noble Theologian—a learned man and a most laborious Student. Few if any men who have had charge of a leading congregation in a large city for such a length of time have done as much to advance the interests of Bible Literature and of Scripture Knowledge.

*Cabinet History of England, Civil, Military and Ecclesiastical, from the invasion of Julius Cæsar, to the year 1846.* By Charles Macfarlane, in 2 vols. The foregoing volumes are got up in very excellent style, and embrace in a small compass the entire history of Eng'and—abridged—yet not omitting anything essential, and written in an easy and racy style.

These volumes owe their chief value to the fact that they are better suited for domestic reading, than the common books on the subject of English History, and along with "The Child's History of England" recently issued on both sides of the Atlantic, this book furnishes a useful collection of Historical information.

*The Whole Works of John Bunyan* are issuing in monthly parts, price half-a-dollar, edited by Robert Philip, Author of "The Experimental Guides," &c. The parts of the above work which we have inspected, yield the clearest proof that this edition is one in every way entitled to the high credentials which it has obtained from the most distinguished divines in Europe.

Strange to say, although Bunyan is perhaps the most popular writer on practical Religion in the English language, yet you scarcely ever meet with a uniform edition of the work. The society for the republication of "The Puritan Divines," which, like most of its kind has become defunct—issued a few volumes—it might have published them all had it succeeded, but except that of Blackie and Son, in large double columned octavo, we have seen no edition of Bunyan exactly to our mind. We would heartily recommend the edition just noticed to every family.

*Railway Machinery—a Treatise on the Mechanical Engineering of Railways, embracing the principles and construction of Rolling and fixed Plant, in all departments, illustrated, by a series of plates on a large scale, and by numerous engravings,* by Daniel Kinnear Clark, Engineer.

The above great work is now being issued in parts, large quarto, with splendid drawings, and beautifully executed engravings on steel. At this stage of Railroad Engineering in Canada, this cannot fail to be a most valuable and popular work; no Engineer's library is perfect without it. A few parts have been placed before us for inspection, and touching the style and structure of the work, we cannot speak too highly.

*Cabinet-Maker's Assistant, being a series of original designs for modern furniture.*—A large quarto, with magnificent steel engravings. Blackie and Son, are sending forth this valuable book, to

subscribers only, at 2s. 6d. sterling each number. The design of the book is good, the style excellent, and the execution of the steel engravings perhaps the finest of any of their other works. To Cabinet-makers this work is a *sine qua non*.

*Memoirs of Napoleon Bonaparte, by M. de Bourrienne, with continuation till his death at St. Helena, with numerous anecdotes from authentic sources.* Blackie and Son are issuing this work in parts. Bourrienne's "Life of the Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte" is, perhaps, the most correct and authentic extant. The reason is that the author was a school-fellow of Napoleon, grew up with him and retained his kindly feeling towards the Emperor, being an officer in his army, and his confidential friend till near the battle of Waterloo, when a circumstance occurred which created a coolness between them, and thus the knowledge, personal and private, which few if any save Bourrienne possessed, is turned to an admirable account. Many things published in this volume might have been suppressed but for the coolness between Napoleon and his friend the author—while many things known only to the author respecting the school-boy days of Bonaparte are here detailed, and invested with a great degree of interest. We have read no life of Napoleon which seems to us to have given a fair delineation of his real character, with so much accuracy and interest as that of Bourrienne.

DEVONPORT & DE-WITT, of the Tribune Buildings, have recently issued, in pamphlet form, an edition of the *Apocrypha of the New Testament*, which is indispensable for classical purposes. We have read it with care. The apocryphal works of Scripture are not popular; but yet they may and ought to be read by the student of theology. Every man who undertakes the "office of a bishop" ought to be familiar with the Epistles of Ignacius, and the Gospel of St. Mary, as well as the "Protevangelion" and the Gospels of the Infancy of Christ, not to speak of the Epistles of Clement and Barnabas, and the Gospel according to Nicodemus. On this account we recommend only as a matter of curiosity the perusal of the Apocrypha of the New Testament. The edition before us costs a mere trifle, and till recently the work was scarcely accessible.

Harper & Brothers have recently issued a book by Dr. Samuel Hanson Cox of Brooklyn, entitled *Interviews, Memorable and Useful*, containing interviews with Dr. Chalmers and other great men; and seldom, if ever, have we read such a mass of stuff. The work is obviously written to puff off his own powers, and reminds us of a little nursery rhyme we used to repeat in our boyhood days—

Little Jack Horner sat in a corner,  
Eating his Christmas pie;  
He put in his thumb and pulled out a plum,  
And said, 'twas a Big Boy an I.

BLANCHARD & SON, of Philadelphia, have published, in one volume 8vo, the Lives of the Queens of Henry VIII, with a biographical sketch of the life of his mother, by Agnes Strickland. The volume before us is made up of seven most interesting lives—the mother and the wives of the worst man that ever held a British sceptre, or wore a British crown. The name of Agnes Strickland will, of course, be a sufficient guarantee for the popularity of the work.