

heart to feel the sorrows of the wretched, the miserable condition of the guilty, and the ignorant, that I may 'never turn my face from any poor man;' and so enlighten my understanding, that I may be a capable and resolute champion, for those who want and deserve a friend."

Mr. Buxton was raised to the baronetcy in 1840. It was a well-deserved honor.

His last days were peaceful and happy. He died in the Lord, February 19, 1844.

*The Battle of Buena Vista, with the Operations of the "Army of Occupation" for one month.* By JAMES HENRY CARLETON, Captain in the First Regiment of Dragoons. New York: HARPER & BROTHERS. 18mo. pp. 238.

The battle of Buena Vista was the battle of the Mexican war. It was a hard-fought battle. The Americans were evidently in a very perilous situation—in the heart of the enemy's country, and with a force far inferior in numbers to that opposed to them. Defeat would have been annihilation. They had to struggle for their lives. Fully aware of his danger, General Taylor had chosen for the battle ground a spot which presented great obstacles to the numerous cavalry of the Mexican army, and at the same time furnished excellent positions for his own artillery and his skilful riflemen. There he waited for the foe, and after a fierce conflict, in which it more than once appeared extremely doubtful which side would prevail, succeeded in repulsing the attack, with great slaughter, though not without heavy loss on his own part. The results were quickly seen and felt. The spirit of the Mexicans was broken, and the Americans gained what the world calls "glory."

To those who like to read of battles, Captain Carleton's book will be very acceptable. It is written in a vigorous, dashing style, and its descriptions are evidently truthful. That it abounds in eulogy of his fellow-soldiers, is not to be wondered at; we must forgive him that fault. The following passage refers to the morning after the battle:—

"By seven o'clock, our scouts brought the information that Santa Anna's whole army had fallen back on Agua Nueva; but our troops were not only too much ex-

hausted, but too few, to pursue and attack him there. Soon afterwards General Taylor, accompanied by General Wool and nearly all the staff, and having, as a guard, the companies of the 1st and 2d Dragoons, and Pike's squadron, moved up to the plateau and along over the battle-field; and thence, following the enemy's trail, to La Encantada. No one can imagine, much less describe, how dreadful a scene it was for the whole way. All of our men who had fallen, and whom the enemy had been able to reach, were stripped of every article of clothing, and gashed over with wounds evidently inflicted after death. The Mexicans, on the contrary, lay just as they had died. The plateau was covered with the dead, and the gorges and ravines in front were filled with them. The ground furrowed by cannon-shot and torn by the bursting shells, was literally reeking with blood. Men and horses, parts of equipments, shattered muskets, drums, trumpets, lances, swords, caps,—in fine, all the paraphernalia of armies, were scattered, crimson with gore, in every direction. The Mexican wounded had nearly all been taken to the cover of the ravines, or along the road beyond cannon range; and two or three surgeons had been left behind, and were now busily engaged in trying to save them. As our dragoons passed along over this part of the field, the cries for water, which were heard in every direction, were truly heart-rending. Our men dismounted, and placed beside them, upon the ground, the contents of their haversacks. It was a touching sight."

We hope there will be no more Mexican wars. That war was disgraceful, though the battle is accounted glorious.

PUBLICATIONS OF THE AMERICAN TRACT SOCIETY.

*A Guide to Acquaintance with God.* By the Rev. JAMES SHERMAN, of Surrey Chapel, London. 18mo. pp. 173.

*Memoir of Clementine Cuvier, Daughter of Baron Cuvier. With Reflections,* by Rev. JOHN ANGELL JAMES, of Birmingham. 18mo. pp. 96.

Both these works have been long before the British public. They are of great value, and have proved extensively useful. The elegant reprints now before us will be messengers of salvation, we trust, to many souls.