

## LITERARY.

THE JOURNAL OF SACRED LITERATURE for October discusses with much ability the History of the Sabbath under the Old Testament Dispensation, its Divine origin and universal obligation; the Biblical revision movement, which is viewed with favour; Stanley's Sinai and Palestine, in a critical spirit, also the periods of our Lord's Life and Ministry; in which there is a defence of the common traditions regarding Christmas and other Holy days associated with Christ's life.

THE BRITISH AND FOREIGN EVANGELICAL REVIEW for October retains its highly literary and religious character. The most noticeable original article in the present number is that on *Unitarianism in New England and Theodore Parker*, in which a most interesting and comprehensive view is given of the position and opinions of this popular preacher.

NEW HISTORICAL ATLAS.—A work of great importance is announced as shortly to appear from the celebrated house of Julius Perthes. It is an historical and genealogical atlas of all known countries of the world, from the birth of Christ down to our own times. Dr. Carl Hopf, privat-docent in the University of Bonn, is the author; a name which is a guarantee for diligent research and unwearied study. The book will be completed in nine parts.

THE CODEX ARGENTÆUS.—Dr. Leo, of Berlin, who, in the course of last year, as we formerly mentioned, made a journey to Upsala, to superintend the copying by photography, on plates of glass, of the celebrated Codex of Ulfilas, has, by the advice of some distinguished scholars, made an arrangement with a Berlin publisher to reproduce, on photographic paper, fac-similes from the plate glass, and to publish the work with an explanatory text written by himself. By this means public and private libraries will be able to obtain an exact copy of the MS. for about fourteen pounds five shillings, English money.

Among the remarkable recent fruits of American learning which have come from the press, are Dr. Hodge's clear and satisfactory Commentary on First Corinthians, Dr. A. Alexander's volumes on Acts, probably his ablest as it is certainly his most interesting work, and Dr. Breckenridge's original and brilliant System of Theology. These are all Presbyterian works, and each of them is the precursor of others from their respective authors; Dr. Hodge being about to appear on Hebrews, Dr. Alexander on Matthew and Mark, and Dr. Breckenridge in a couple of additional volumes complementary of his plan.

A HUNDRED THOUSAND NEW TESTAMENTS FOR GUJARAT.—An appeal is made by Dr. Morgan of Belfast, and Mr. McKee, Irish Presbyterian Missionary in Gujarat, in the Bombay Presidency, who is at present in this country, for the collection of money to give to Gujarat one hundred thousand New Testaments in the native language. Donations for this noble object are received by the Rev. Drs. Morgan and Cook of Belfast and a number of other ministers in Ireland. The New Testament, and a portion of the Old, have been translated into Gujarati by the missionaries of the Irish General Assembly. They are still proceeding with the work of translating the whole Scriptures.

We notice the publication of a work entitled *The Ministers Directory, or Forms for the Administration of the Sacraments and Rites and Ordinances according to the use of the Church of Scotland*, from the pen of the Rev. James Anderson, Minister of Cults, of this book the U. C. Magazine remarks that "though Mr. Anderson's work is designed primarily for the Parish Minister, its usefulness need not be limited to him. As suggesting topics, and furnishing the basis on which they may rect their own thoughts, it is worthy the attention of Presbyterian Ministers in general. The tone is earnest and practical, the language natural and perspicuous, the sentiment, so far as we have observed appropriate sound and evangelical."

THE PUBLISHERS CIRCULAR for November, announces the following important works in process of publication:—

IN THEOLOGY AND RELIGION, and attendant subjects.—Practical Sermons on the First Forty Chapters of Isaiah, by Lady Verney, Twenty Sermons preached at Manchester during the past Autumn, by Clergymen of the Church of England; Precepts for the Conduct of Life; Sunday Sun-line, Christianity in the First Three Centuries, being Lectures by Merle d'Aubigné, Dr. Bungener, Count Gasparin, and M. Viguet; Sunday, by Margaret Oliphant, Genesaret, by the Author of The Footsteps of St. Paul; English Hearts and English Hands, by the Author of Memorials of Captain Hedley Vicars. In HISTORY, BIOGRAPHY, &c.—The Martyr of Allainabad, by the Rev. R. Meek, a new Life of Alexander Pope, to precede Mr. Murray's edition of the Works; a new History of Modern Europe, by Thos. Dyer, 4 vols. 8vo., a Second Series of the Memoirs of the Duc de St. Simon, by Mr. St. John; School Days of Eminent Men, by John Timbs; Letters, Despatches, and other papers of the Duke of Wellington, hitherto unpublished; to be edited by the present Duke; The Cornwallis Papers and Correspondence; and a Memoir of the late Rev. R. Nesbit, of Bombay, by the Rev. J. M. Mitchell.