

"CROWN JEWELS."—A Series of Parables and Narratives, by the Rev. D. ISGLIS, Hamilton.

This little volume cannot fail to interest all who read its contents. Intended especially for the young, it teaches truth in its most attractive form, and will make a valuable addition to juvenile libraries at this season of the year. There are some pages in this little book which will deeply touch the hearts of older readers.

FROM B. DAWSON, Montreal, we have received the following books:—

THE CHURCH AND SLAVERY by the Rev. A. BARNES, (Philadelphia,) in which the position of the New School Presbyterian Church in the United States, in relation to Slavery, is stated and vindicated with much ability. The further efforts which ought to be made by the Church in the way of discipline, discussion and testimony, to rid itself from all connection with this curse, are also considered. We recommend the book to thoughtful readers, hoping to examine its contents more at large in a future number.

"DEED." A Tale by HARRIET BECHER STOWE.—*Boston: Phillips, Sampson & Co,* 2 vols.—This is the best edition of Mrs. Stowe's new Tale, which has attracted very great attention wherever the English language is read. We shall refer to it hereafter.

"THE LAST OF THE PATRIARCHS," or the History of Joseph; by JOHN CUMMING, D.D.—*Philadelphia: Lindsay & Blackiston.*—This volume is in the well known style of a popular author and preacher, for whose voluminous writings we cannot feel admiration, but who has done some good service to England in the Popish and Puseyite controversies. Dr. Cumming is no thinker, but a skillful compiler and shaper of the thoughts of other men.

SERMONS BY THE LATE REV. W. ARCHER BUTLER.—Second Series. *Parry & McMillan.*—The writings of this good and gifted man deserve to be widely known. We shall refer to his Sermons in our next issue.

NEW GRANADA, by J. F. HOLTON.—*Harper & Bros.*—This interesting volume will be noticed hereafter. It is very well got up by its spirited publishers.

ABOUT COMMON THINGS, by J. ABBOT.

HENRY THE FOURTH, by J. S. O. ABBOT.

OLD WHITEY'S CHRISTMAS TROT, by A. O. HALL.

These three books are from the press of *Harper & Bros.*, beautifully printed and illustrated, and well adapted for Christmas presents to children.

HARPER'S SCHOOL HISTORY.—A Narrative, by JACOB ABBOT, of the general course of history from the earliest periods to the establishment of the American Constitution. Well got up, and profusely illustrated with beautiful wood-cuts, this book will be an acquisition to American school literature. It is written, upon the whole, with much candour, and contains less than is usual in such books, of American cant about kings and aristocrats.

HARPER'S STORY BOOK, by JACOB ABBOT.—Written for boys, this volume is interesting, instructive, and religious in its character. The printing and illustrations are remarkably good.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE for December is unexceptionable in its tone, varied and interesting in its contents, successfully combining sound knowledge with amusing literature, and pertinent criticisms on books and events. †

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

ECOLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

STATISTICS OF PROTESTANTISM AND ROMANISM.—The following statistics of the Protestant and Roman Catholic populations respectively throughout the world are given in the *Christian Witness*, professedly compiled from the best authorities:—

Protestantism in the world in 1855.

Great Britain.....	21,000,000	Russian Empire.....	1,200,000
Ireland	2,000,000	Greece and Asiatic Islands.....	500,000
Prussia.....	10,000,000	United States of America.....	21,000,000
German States	11,000,000	British America.....	1,750,000
Austrian Empire.....	8,000,000	Africa and its Islands.....	700,000
Denmark.....	2,500,000	West Indies and Guiana.....	1,000,000
Sweden and Norway.....	4,600,000	India, Ceylon, and China.....	500,000
Holland and Belgium	2,500,000	Australia and Polynesia.....	1,000,000
Switzerland.....	1,500,000		
France.....	2,500,000	Total Protestants in the world...	88,250,000