

### Literary Notices.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for January contains the following articles:—"The Relation of God to the World," by the late Dr. A. A. Hodge; "The Church of Ethiopia," by Prof. Schodde; "Rationalistic Criticisms of the Life of Christ," by Paul Van Dyke; "The Proposed School of Biblical Archaeology and Philology in the East," by H. W. Hulbert; "The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America," by Dr. Craven; "Classifications of the Parables," by Dr. Talbot W. Chambers; Editorial Notes; by Dr. Caven, on "College Confederation in Ontario," and by Dr. Patton on the late Dr. Hodge, and fifty-five pages of "Reviews of Recent Theological Literature." This number possesses a unique and touching interest in that the opening article is from the pen of the late Dr. A. A. Hodge, while toward the close is a short sketch of his life, *in memoriam*, by Dr. Patton. One of the ablest and best theologians of the day has been suddenly called to his rest and reward. The *Review* is published by Charles Scribner's Sons, 743-5 Broadway, New York, price \$3.00 per year, 80cts per number.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE is a new candidate for favor, and seems to be a popular one from the immense sale that it has attained. The Jan. and Feb. issues have come to hand. There are several articles of great value, interspersed with the lighter, and to some, more attractive fare, both of short, and of serial, stories. Both issues deal somewhat largely with French history at its most exciting periods, by those who were eye witnesses of events. "Glimpses at the d'aries of Gouverneur Morris" give in an entertaining form a picture of social life and character in the Paris of the Revolution. The articles of greatest interest and value, however, are from the pen of E. B. Washburne, ex-Minister from the United States to France, entitled "Reminiscences of the Siege and Commune of Paris." Mr. Washburne was in Paris all through the exciting scenes of that exciting time, was intimate with many of the leading characters, and quotes largely from his diaries written under the impressions of the moment. One can almost fancy oneself an actor or at all events a spectator, so vivid and real do they appear as day after day they pass in succession across the page. The price

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THE HOLY LAND, that land which has been the centre of all God's dealings with men in revelation and redemption, that land where all the visible representatives of God to man have been made, that land where our Saviour lived and taught and died, that cradle of Christianity, is almost as destitute of a true knowledge of that Christ whose feet once trod its pathway, and whose touch and voice blessed its multitudes, as are the darkest lands of heathenism. A little, but very little, effort has been made by Protestant churches to give it the Gospel.

Two or three years ago the Free church established a mission at Tiberias on the shore of the Sea of Gallilee, and appointed to it Dr. Torrance, a medical missionary. His sister and another young lady have recently joined him, and propose to open a school at the same place. A considerable bequest has lately been left to the Free Church which will enable it to maintain another, and it is now proposed to send out an ordained missionary. And their call is: "The Holy Land, who will go."

Now, within sight, and almost within hearing of that Capernaum where Jesus lived and taught, and Bethsaida, and along those shores where waiting multitudes were fed by the Bread of Life as well as by the five loaves and two fishes, the same old gospel is heard once more. Amid all the changes of eighteen centuries it remains unchanged. If the multitude who lined the shore and listened to Jesus as He sat in the boat and taught, could awaken to listen to it they would find it still the same. May the multitudes now as of old listen and look and live. May that old land which has been so long a moral and spiritual waste rejoice and blossom as the Garden of the Lord, and be in the sight of God as it was in the sight of Moses when He viewed it from Nebo's top, indeed a goodly land.