

and praying for the time when kings shall be nursing fathers and queens nursing mothers to the church, the Synod finds that the question as to the mode in which the civil magistrate may discharge his responsibility, is one in which, in their circumstances, they are not called upon to come to any deliverance.

REVIEWS.

THE SAILOR'S COMPANION, or Book of Devotion for Seamen in public and private. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Education.

THIS work is intended for that large and useful class of men who "go down to the sea in ships," and it is admirably fitted to promote their highest interests. It consists of two parts. The first is designed for public service on shipboard, and consists of forms of public service for the Lord's day, and for funerals, consisting of prayers, general and special, and selections of Scripture. Then follow thirteen short sermons abridged from Burder's Village Sermons, with a selection of Psalms and Hymns. The second part is intended for more private use. 1st. An answer from Scripture to the question, What is religion? 2nd. Brief expositions, of the Ten Commandments, and of the Lord's Prayer. 3rd. Prayers for various occasions, suitable for public, social and private worship. 4th. Brief expositions of various passages of Scripture. And Lastly, Friendly advices to seamen.

A large portion of the adherents of our Church are either engaged in a seafaring life, or have their friends and connexions so employed, and we can only say that this is just such a volume as we would wish to see in the hands of all our friends who "tempt the dangerous deep."

THE GREAT REFORMER, or Sketches of the Life of Luther. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Publication. Pp. 117.

THIS gives in a short compass the life of the Great Reformer. The leading incidents of his life are sketched with vivacity, and his labors and services are forcibly presented. The book is of a size and character well fitted for Sabbath Schools.

NOT A MINUTE TO SPARE, by S. C. Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Publication. Pp. 104.

THIS is truly a "tract for the times." It appropriately commences:—

"'Not a minute to spare' may be said to be the motto of the age in which we live;—hurrying to and fro on the earth—travelling from North to South, and from East to West—everything reckoned by time rather than by space—science, art, machinery, all uniting to aid man in his efforts to redeem time, even down to the minutest article in common life—such is the present state of the world."

The writer of this little volume shows how this constant hurry is hindering attention to the affairs of religion, and in many instances causing professing christians to neglect religious duties. The work contains most earnest appeals to men to devote their time to God, by conducting their worldly business in the fear of God, and securing a due portion of time for those duties which we owe more immediately to God. The work is seasonable and fitted to be useful.