

Tyana, that arch impostor, The Death Penalty in Madagascar, The Quakers, and The Czechs, Slaves, and Magyars in Bohemia. The three last fasciculi of the Proceedings of the Society of Biblical Archaeology, among other material, contain a refutation by Professor C. de Harlez of Maurice Verne's new system of Biblical Chronology, which places the composition of the historical and prophetic books of the Bible between the fourth and second centuries, B.C. The Professor says "A time will doubtless come when the infatuation (engouement) for Postexilism (if I may be allowed the expression) will reach the natural end of all current systems." The Rev. A. J. Delattre, S. J., continues his translation of the deeply interesting Tell el Amarna epistles. W. F. Ainsworth discusses Haran in Mesopotamia: Robert Brown, jr., writes Remarks on the Euphratean Astronomical Names of the Signs of the Zodiac: the Rev. C. J. Ball resumes his comparison of Chinese and Akkadian, in which I see that he is supported by Professor Lacouperie of the Babylonian and Oriental Record: Mr. F. L. Griffith gives an account of the Rhind Mathematical Papyrus, and of the Metrology of the Medical Papyrus Ebers: while Prof. Karl Piehl, Dr. W. Pleyte, Prof. Maspero, and Prof. Lefébure treat of various matters in Egyptian philology. No student of Biblical Archaeology can afford to dispense with these proceedings.

Before entering upon Theology, I must do my duty by Current Comment and Legal Miscellany, published by the D. B. Canfield Co. of Philadelphia, which shews that lawyers are not by any means dull people. Justice John Blair's portrait forms the frontispiece. There are reviews of law books, Lectures on Constitutional Law, Lynch Law, The Destruction of New London, the New Procedure Act of Pennsylvania, on Pensioning Judges, and, *mirabile dictu* two pieces of poetry, A Fact told in Verse, and a Comedy entitled The Honeymoon. The Canfield Publishing Co. must surely have heard of some of our intending students, who have drifted away into the legal maelstrom, and a few of whom will settle in the land which floats the stars and stripes. Many lawyers find a good deal more tragedy than comedy in their profession.

Now then, what about the Briggs' case? The Assembly condemned him and the Seminary supports him. It is generally understood that the General Assembly did not condemn Dr. Briggs on the demerits of his theological opinions, because he has emphatically denied being guilty of those imputed to him, but that grave and reverend body found the Dr. to be "too cheeky," and it refused to stand "cheek." What a good thing it is for some men, even in our own Church, that they cannot be disciplined for simple unmitigated cheek. What decimation would take place among theological students, especially in the first year, when all the humptiousness of Arts begins to surge up upon the solid rock of Theology. Perhaps some institutions do take off marks at examination times for cheek. Certainly I have heard a dignified