

sister of the Rev. Dr. Kirkpatrick, of Mary's Abbey, Dublin.

In 1841 he was chosen as head master of the classical department in the Royal Academical Institution, Belfast, in which position he remained six years, and received meanwhile from the Irish University the degree of LL.D. He was appointed to the Hebrew professorship in Belfast Presbyterian College in 1847, so that his connection with that church as minister and professor has extended to the long period of sixty years. Like many other able scholars of the time, he took an active part in the controversies which the publication of Bishop Colenso's books aroused. He was the author of several scholarly works, among which the best known are his critical and exegetical commentaries on Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, the Book of Chronicles and the Psalms. He was besides a frequent contributor to various periodicals, and the author of a Latin and a Hebrew Grammar. "There were few departments of literature or science which he had not explored. He was an excellent mathematician, and a well read divine. He was acquainted, not only with Latin, Greek, and Hebrew, but also with Chaldee and Sanscrit, as well as with several of the modern European languages. Not long since he was presented with the degree of D.D. by his old University—a distinction which, we understand, has been accorded to no other Presbyterian minister by Trinity College for the last two hundred years."

At his funeral a large and representative company manifested the high esteem in which the deceased minister was held by all with whom he came in contact, and on all sides profound regret was expressed at the removal by death of one who was beloved by all. The Rev. President Killen, D.D., to whom the deceased had been known for upwards of sixty years, and Dr. Buick, the Moderator of the General Assembly of the Irish Presbyterian Church, delivered addresses and both bore high testimony to his eminent ability, to his long and useful career in the service of the Church, and of the Church's Head, and to the worth, simplicity and beauty of his Christian character.

"Throughout all the changes of life," said Dr. Killen, "he has exhibited the same characteristics, the same truthfulness and integrity, the same meekness and gentleness, the same confidence in the good providence of God, the same trust in an Almighty and eternal Saviour. Dr. Murphy was one of the most learned men ever connected with the Presbyterian Church in Ireland—he had tapped many of the fountains of human knowledge—and yet he was known to all who came in contact with him as one of the most unassuming among his brethren, as a minister 'clothed with humility.'" Dr. Buick added this testimony: "He died as he had lived, cherishing a childlike confidence in his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, and now, thank God, we have nothing to regret, and nothing to mourn but our own loss and bereavement."

PROFESSOR WILLIAM HENRY GREEN.

PRINCETON Theological Seminary, New Jersey, has just been celebrating with great enthusiasm the fiftieth year of the professorial connection with it of the eminent Biblical scholar, Hebraist and teacher, Prof. William Henry Green. This has led to numerous sketches of Prof. Green in American Presbyterian religious papers, and as so many of his pupils are to be found in our own Church, we believe it will be pleasing to them to put before them in our columns a brief sketch of his life and work.

He belongs to New Jersey by birth, having been born in that state in January, 1825. He comes of a family several of whose members have taken a conspicuous place in that state and in New York. He was also a descendant of the first president of Princeton, the Rev. Jonathan Dickenson. His collegiate education he received at Lafayette College, from which he graduated in 1840 before he was quite sixteen years of age. Although so young he was immediately appointed a tutor in his *alma mater*, and held the position for two years. In 1842 he went to Princeton Theology Seminary, and graduated in 1846, being again immediately appointed at the close of his course instructor in Hebrew, doing also for some of the time the duties of stated supply for the second Presbyterian Church of the place. After three years, when at the age of twenty-five, he accepted a call to the Central Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, and was at once

recognized as one of the ablest and most acceptable preachers in a city which had then many distinguished preachers in its pulpits.

Princeton was at this time about to enter upon the second stage of its honored history, and the General Assembly, after Dr. Green had spent two years in the pastorate, in which he had shown himself laborious, faithful and sympathetic, appointed him to the chair of Biblical and Oriental Literature in the Theological Seminary. Its faculty then consisted of Dr. McGill, Dr. Hodge, Dr. Addison Alexander and Professor Green. He now began a career of great literary activity in which he has not slackened his labors up to the present time. These labors took the form of frequent contributions of a learned and profound character on a great variety of Biblical subjects, in the *Biblical Repertory* chiefly, then the periodical organ of Princeton and the Old School Presbyterian Church. To the *Presbyterian Quarterly Review*, and, since its establishment, to the *Presbyterian and Reformed Review* he has contributed many able and important articles and reviews of current Old Testament literature. Besides these, he is the author of a number of volumes, chiefly of a defensive kind, on Old Testament literature. When Bishop Colenso startled the Christian world by his attacks on the trustworthiness of the Mosaic History, Dr. Green came to the defence in a spirited volume, "The Pentateuch Vindicated against the Aspersions of Bishop Colenso." He was also one of the first to appear in defence of the truthfulness of the Old Testament history, after the publication of Prof. W. Robertson Smith's lectures. Later he has taken a similar stand against the teaching on the same subjects of Professor Briggs of Union Seminary, New York. In the controversies which have, during the greater part of a generation now, been waged in connection with what is known, speaking generally, as the Higher Criticism, Dr. Green has taken a strongly conservative position, conducting his defences of the Scriptures from the "point of view of a profound faith in the historical trustworthiness of the Bible, and the reality of a supernatural revelation authenticated by miracles." In his case it has been shown that "Christian scholarship loses none of its scholarly quality by being joined to profound Christian conviction." In him it is seen that the American Church has lost none of its vigor or faithfulness to the ancient landmarks, and that, if it retains its faith in the Old Testament history, it will be more likely to regard Dr. Green than any other scholar as its foremost representative in the conflict."

Shortly after he was made professor he set himself to the preparation of a Hebrew Grammar, and in 1861 the first edition appeared, and the fourth in 1885. He has followed this up with several works of a similar kind. Having become well-known as a scholar, "he took part in the preparation of the American edition of Lange's Commentary, being the translator and editor of Zockeler's 'Commentary on the Song of Solomon.' He was also elected chairman of the Old Testament section of the Anglo-American Bible Revision Committee. As was to be expected the work of this Committee met with unfriendly criticism from the more radical Hebraists, such as Rev. Dr. Briggs, for example, and naturally Professor Green replied, and that ably, to the objections made to the Committee's work. While employed in this Old Testament Revision he published the volume, "The Argument of the Book of Job Unfolded."

As a teacher Professor Green has always held a high place. We have met with many of his pupils and have never heard him spoken of but in terms of affectionate respect and admiration. Of his character in this respect we quote the following sentences from the New York *Observer*, to which we have been chiefly indebted for our information. "Partly because of the seriousness of his manner, and partly because of the strained attention which the subject and the teacher united in exacting, the most of his pupils at first regarded him with a feeling of awe akin to fear. But no teacher has enjoyed more unanimously, or more profoundly, the respect of all whom he has taught. We venture to say that pride in Dr. Green's ability and attainments, and respect for his lofty, sincere and simple character, are not more profound or general among his students, than affection for a personality, as modest, as gentle, as sympathetic, and every way as engaging as that of any theological teacher in the country."

Books and Magazines.

The May *Atlantic Monthly* opens with a most interesting series of letters from Dante Gabriel Rossetti to William Allingham, edited by George Birbeck Hill. "The Scandinavian Contingent," by Kendrick Charles Babcock is the third in the series on race characteristics in American life. "Olney's Fitness for the Presidency," is timely and anonymous. Mrs. Olive Thorne Miller's "Whimsical Ways in Bird Land," is another of her bird papers which have won for her a wide reputation as an acute observer and graceful writer; "Pandean Pastimes," an out-door study of Spring. Other features are a discriminating Japanese sketch by Lafcadio Hearn, "A Trip to Kyoto," "Memories of Hawthorne" are concluded in this issue. "The Preservation of our Game," by Gaston Fay, and "The Teaching of Economics," by J. Laurence Laughlin. Henry James' "The Old Things" is continued. A striking one-part story of Western life is given by Mary Hallock Foote, entitled "Pilgrim Station." Poems, book reviews, and the usual departments complete the issue. [Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.]

The May *Review of Review* is full and fresh. A portrait of the Czar of Russia to be crowned this month is given as frontispiece, and in "The Progress of the World" department are to be found many likenesses interesting to see and valuable notes on current events. In "Current History in Caricature," is to be found not only fun, but plenty of food for reflection. A most interesting and timely feature is "Great Occasions of 1896," giving notice of great public gatherings to be held in connection with political, religious, educational and all such matters. "Some Ambassadors of the People" is the first of a series of sketches under this title, and this one is devoted to "M. De Blowitz of Paris and Europe," the well-known newspaper correspondent. Charles D. Lanier gives an interesting illustrated sketch of "Thomas Hughes and Thomas Brown." "Vacation Camps and Boy's Republics" is by Albert Shaw. Many pages are given to notices of "Leading Articles of the Month" and "Periodicals Reviewed." [The Review of Reviews Co., 13 Astor Place, New York, U. S.]

This number of the *Arena* for May concludes Volume XV. with a larger circulation than ever, and greater warmth of the love of its readers. It is an admirable organ for able and free discussion on all subjects. The publishers promise that Vol. XVI. will eclipse all its predecessors in ability, variety and general interest. No doubt this promise will be fully redeemed. The present number contains a great variety of interesting articles. We mention only those continued:—"Man in his Relation to the Solar System," Part II.; "The Telegraph Monopoly," Part V. "The Valley Path" and "Between Two Worlds," serials, go on in this number. "Professor Rontgen's Discovery and the Unseen World Around Us" is the first article. "America's Relation to England," by Evelyn Laura Mason will be read just now with interest. "The Land of the Noon-day Sun," "Is the Single Tax enough to solve the Labor Problem?" with many reviews of recent books, make up a very varied number. [The Arena Publishing Company, Boston, Mass.]

In the *Methodist Magazine and Review* for May are up-to-date papers. Thus we find in this number a striking article by a native of Turkey, on "The Sorrows of Armenia," with ten excellent engravings. Recent portrait of Victoria, Empress and Queen, is contributed by a Canadian lady, and there is also a patriotic article, from the *Edinburgh Review*, on the "Progress of Great Britain in Her Majesty's Reign," and a timely "Plea for Peace." "The Triumphs of Christianity," especially in heathen lands, are described and illustrated. The Rev. Dr. Sutherland, Missionary Secretary, Principal Shaw of Montreal, and Chancellor Burwash are all contributors to this number. Other interesting features abound, and the departments of "The World's Progress," "Current Thought," "Recent Science," etc., have a portrait of "Tom" Hughes, a map illustrating the Egyptian campaign, and several timely articles.

The May number of the *Missionary Review of the World* opens with a suggestive article by Dr. Arthur T. Pierson on "The Twofold Relation of the World-Kingdoms to the Kingdom of God." Rev. F. B. Shawe follows with a second illustrated article on "Nine Centuries of Buddhism," in which he gives us a striking description of Gautama's doctrine in theory and in practice. Dr. Ellinwood writes of "Missions in Siam and Laos," and Dr. Baldwin, of the Methodist Board, on "Work in Malaysia." James Johnson writes on "Money and Giving." Dr. Geo. Smith, the great missionary biographer, on "A Missionary Romance," and Dr. Neve, of India, on "Unoccupied Fields of Central Asia." Some of the best things in the magazine are in the International, Field of Survey, Editorial, and General Intelligence Departments. [Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.]

In addition to continued articles now well known *Scribner's* for May contains several very live and timely articles. Of these we may mention, "The Crowning of a Czar," "Impressions of South Africa" with a map by James Bryce, M.P., "Photographing the Unseen," "A Symposium on the Rontgen Rays," "The Election of a Pope," "The Alaskan Boundary Question," with map, and "Are Nervous Diseases Increasing?" Other articles of interest of a different kind are, "The Painter Diaz," "Max Crofford's Truism," "The Harshaw Bride" by Mary Hallock Foote; "In Bohemia with Du Maurier," and "Cinderella up to Date, a Romance of Etna," "Topics of the Time," "Open Letters" and "In Lighter Vein." [The Century Co., New York, U. S.]