

Literary Notices.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for April has for contents the following: "Progress and Poverty," by Rev. Principal Grant, Kingston, Ontario; Divine Love in the Old Testament, by Prof. Edward Lewis Curtis; Higher Education in the West, by Rev. President William C. Roberts; Organization in Church Work, by Rev. Samuel J. Niccolls, D. D., L. L. D.; Presbyterianism in Canada, by Rev. Thomas Witherow, D. D.; Legislative Restriction of Evils, by Prof. Willis J. Beecher, D. D.; The Apocalypse of Jesus, by Prof. Charles A. Briggs, D. D.; Historical Note, Woman's work in the Church, by Prof. A. H. Charteris, D. D.; Critical Note, The Babylonian "List of Kings" and "Chronicle", by Prof. Francis Brown, Ph. D. D. D. Editorial Notes, as follows: Church Union or Christian Unity: Some observations on "The Declaration of the House of Bishops," by Prof. Ransom B. Welch, D. D., L. L. D., and, a Plea for the American Alliance of the Reformed Churches, by Prof. C. A. Briggs, D. D.; Forty pages of Review of recent Theological Literature. Price 80 cents per number, \$3.00 per year. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

WEST BEACH BOYS. A Seaside Story. By Margaret E. Winslow, author of "Michael Ellis's Text," "Three Girls in Italy," "Roderic Granger," etc. The West Beach was a plain summer resort by the sea, where a number of bright boys happened to come together in their vacation. The book narrates the experience of the boys. There is a feeling abroad among boys that religion is childish, or at least womanish, and that a good boy—that is, a praying, God-loving boy—must of necessity be a stupid, moping one; that a young Christian must give up all that makes life desirable and lay aside his manliness, his independence and his youth. Such an impression is based on ignorance of the truth that "the blessing of the Lord maketh rich:" rich in all the beautiful and delightful things which he has given us liberally and to enjoy—and that "he addeth" none of the "sorrow" which comes from disappointed hopes, consciousness of sin and unavailing repentance. It is to dispel this false impression, so far as may be, from the minds of our boy-readers that this

little story—most of whose incidents are true—has been written. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication and Sabbath-school Work. 16mo, pp. 334; illustrated. Price, \$1.15. MacGregor and Knight, Halifax.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for April contains the following articles: The Campaign of Waterloo, II, conclusion, by John C. Ropes, with illustrations, prints, and maps; The Centre of the Republic, First Paper, by James Baldwin; The Greek Vale, by William P. Longfellow, with illustrations; The Town of the Holy Children, by Thomas A. Janvier; Gibraltar, by Henry M. Field, illustrated; A Happy Accident, by Sophie Radford de Meissner, illustrated; Where Shall we Spend our Summer, by A. W. Greely; First Harvests, by F. J. Stinson; The Type Writer, its growth and uses, illustrated by drawings. In the June number will be begun a series of illustrated articles on Railways, dealing with such subjects as, The building of a railroad—Engineering feats—Passenger travel—Locomotives and cars—Railroad employee's life, &c. Price 25 cts. monthly. \$3.00 per year. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

THE PROMINENT POINTS OF PRESBYTERIANISM, by Rev. Dr. McLeod of Thorburn, is a neat pamphlet of 24 pages, containing in the form of question and answer the leading characteristics of our church with regard to doctrine and polity. It is divided into three sections. I. *Order, Government, and Worship.* II. *Faith and Practice.* III. *Doctrine.* The author has set forth the truth in a clear and concise manner. The book will be a profitable one for young and old and we would like to see it widely circulated and carefully studied. The result would be more intelligent Presbyterians and better Christians.

The *Independent* says that the project of church union in Japan between Presbyterians and Congregationalists has advanced another step. A joint committee of seven missionaries and thirteen natives have formed a constitution, and the matter now goes to the churches. If they decide the case favorably, as is probable, five denominations will have united to form a Japanese Church.