

Literary Notices.

THE THEOLOGUE.

The first issue of another new exponent of Presbyterianism comes to us from the students of the Presbyterian College, Halifax. It is a handsome pamphlet, containing 52 pages of orthodox, magazine size, with faultless "Divinity" cover. The contents are in keeping:—1, A Canadian Agnostic,—By Rev. Dr. Burns;—Missionary Address,—By Rev. John Morton;—Reminiscences,—By Rev. Neil McKay;—The Moravian Missions in Labrador,—By W. J. McKenzie, B. A.;—The important office of the Religious Teacher,—By Prof. H. M. Scott, D. D., Chicago;—A tramp through Thuringia,—By R. A. Falconer, M. A. Several pages of College Notes and personals:—And, two, "Reviews," viz, "The Old Testament in Greek,"—by Rev. Prof. Currie, D. D.; and "Cairns Philosophy of Religion,"—By Prof. Seth, M. A.

If the first number is to be taken as a sample, the *Theologue* will occupy, both in appearance and quality, a front seat among College magazines. Five or six copies will be issued during the winter. Price 50 cents, single copies 20 cents. Address, Mr. L. Harvey, B. A., Pine Hill College, Halifax.

THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED REVIEW.

The first issue of this new Presbyterian Quarterly has come to hand. The contents are:

Meaning and value of the Doctrine of Decrees,—By Prof. Shedd.

On Prenching,—By President Patton.

The Biblical meaning of Holiness,—By E. B. Coe, D. D.

A Tendency of the Times,—By Samuel Kellog, D. D.

The Atonement,—By Prof. R. B. Welch.
Christian Science or Mind Cure,—By W. Greene.

Historical and Critical notes. Editorial notes,—By F. W. Chambers, D. D.

And nearly sixty pages of Reviews of Recent Theological Literature.

It will be seen from the above that the general character and compass of the *Review* is similar to that of the late *Presbyterian Review*. Its standpoint is somewhat more conservative, and will thus be more in accordance with the views of the great body of its readers in the Maritime Provinces.

The article by Dr. Shedd is a very thorough and thoughtful and timely one in connection with the agitation for the revision of the confession. President Patton on preaching is likewise from a master mind, and upon a subject always timely, especially to ministers. That the new *Review* may have prosperity will be the earnest wish of its many friends. Price \$2 per year, 80 cents per number. Anson Randolph & Co., New York.

A NEW ROMISH CATECHISM.

It is reported that the Vatican has on hand a Confession of Faith, Rome seeks to remodel and unify her Catechism. She is not satisfied with the variety of catechisms in her communion, and is preparing one to supplant existing ones. Before it is adopted, it must first receive the sanction of the Cardinal, and then be approved by the Pope. Upon its adoption by these high authorities, it will then be translated into every language recognized by the Hierarchy, and be circulated wherever she has, or can gain, a foothold. She thus aims at unifying belief and strengthening her rule. She wisely begins with the young, and lays the foundations of her faith and control at an early age. She makes much of her Catechism. Protestants need to imitate her and give her more prominence to Catechetical instruction. Presbyterians ought to return to the custom of the fathers and instruct the children thoroughly in the Shorter Catechism. Pastors would do well to emphasize the duty more. A series of sermons upon the Shorter Catechism would not only be timely but refreshing and profitable to many congregations.—*Phil. Pres.*

The *Free Church Monthly* under the heading "Work and Play" speaks as follows:

It is calculated that the Protestants of America give 2,250,000 pounds sterling a year for religious objects. It is a large sum; but then an actor calculates that in the same country 40,000,000 are annually given to sustain the theatre.