

value to young people aiming to be specialists in that line.

HOMILETIC REVIEW for July. Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. Prof. W. C. Wilkinson gives an extract of a poem on "Paul," wherein the bent of the imprecatory Psalms is discussed. The apostle says to his "sister's son," who is here supposed to be with Paul from Jerusalem to Cesarea, and who had quoted with great gusto, the CIX Psalm,

"Yea, nephew, hast thou, then, already grown
Perfect in love, that thou darest hate like that?"

Hating is sweet and wholesome for the heart
That can hate purely, out of utter love.
But who for these things is sufficient—save
God only? *God is love, and He can hate!*"

Dr. W. H. Ward's article on "Chedorlaomer and Abraham," gives some new light from recent discoveries. "The Ghost Theory of the Origin of Religion;" "Testimony of Science;" "Eternal Punishment"; "Social Science," and "Two Biographies" are other articles in this excellent number.

THE BIBLICAL WORLD for July, University Press, Chicago. \$2 a year. Ministers will find this a very valuable publication. Even if they do not subscribe to the sometimes sweeping "higher criticism" of its editor and chief writers, they will find very much of value. In this issue are "Studies in Palestinian Geography," "Jereboam and the Disruption," "The Westcar Papyrus," and many suggestive notes and short articles. The "Westcar Papyrus" shows us something more of the domestic life of the Egyptians before the Exodus. In "Synopsis of Important Articles," we have short reviews of "Jeremiah," "Jonah," "Prophets and Sacrifice," "The Hebrew Legend of Civilization," by as many different authors.

CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK. (American.) The volume for 1894 is just out. 438 pp., full of statistics. First, 85 pp. of Annual Record, Obituary notices, National Societies, ("American Board," "Congregational Home Missionary Society," etc.), Theological Seminaries; and then, State by State, the detailed Statistics of the Churches. These, from Alabama to Wisconsin, including the Territories, are 49, each giving Churches and Sunday Schools under 40 columns. The Summaries, and the names and addresses of all Congregational ministers in the United States are of much value for reference. The book, bound in boards, is issued by the Congregational Publishing Society, Congregational House, Boston; \$1.00, postpaid.

NEW CHURCH AT BROOKLYN, N.S.

Our frontispiece this month is the new building just finished for the Congregational church at Brooklyn, Nova Scotia, ministered to by the Rev. John D. McEwen. The cost of the building is about \$3,500. The inside is very handsome. The ceiling has double arches; the windows have ground stained glass. It is to be seated with chairs. We trust that Mr. McEwen may long be permitted to break the bread of life to his people in their comfortable new building. The people have lost no time in getting their church up and finished. Energy in such matters betokens a similar energy in the more spiritual part of the work.

SUDDEN CONVERSIONS.

"So far as I have had opportunity to observe," writes C. G. Finney, "those conversions which are most sudden have commonly turned out to be the best Christians. I know the reverse of this has often been held and maintained. But I am satisfied there is no reason for it, although multitudes even now regard it as a suspicious circumstance if a man has been converted very suddenly. But the Bible gives no warrant for this supposition. There is not a case of protracted conviction recorded in the whole Bible. All the conversions recorded there are sudden conversions. And I am persuaded there never would have been such multitudes of tedious convictions, and often ending in nothing at all, if it had not been for those theological perversions which have filled the world with *cannot-ism*. In Bible days they told sinners to repent, and they did it *then*. *Cannot-ism* had not been preached in that day. It is this speculation about the inability of sinners to obey God that lays the foundation of all the protracted anguish and distress, and perhaps ruin, through which so many are led."

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