

Our Monthly Review.

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The appearance of this magazine has supplied a vacuum in the Church literature of the United States; and we hope that the success of the undertaking will prove answerable to the forethought and exertions manifestly bestowed upon it.

It enjoys advantages which are generally found to be, in a great measure, beyond the reach of a weekly journal. Variety is one of these. We are able to testify from experience that the original department of a newspaper is too often left to the unaided powers of one individual.

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place,—what were the circumstances which led to it,—what had been the previous position and training of the individual through whose instrumentality it was planted,—and the difficulties which surrounded the path of the historian will become at once apparent.

"We may illustrate the necessity and advantage of a minute and accurate acquaintance with what are generally considered the lesser events, by a case in point. Episcopacy was introduced into some of the North American Colonies, and became the prevailing religion more than a century before its introduction into Connecticut.

"Passing by these more obvious facts, we must turn our attention to another quarter. In the town of Guilford, in the same colony, resides a pious layman, who, clinging to the Church of his first affection, and notwithstanding the authority and intolerance of Puritan rule, retaining and using the Prayer-book.

"There is another circumstance connected with the subject of the Episcopate, which may have had an influence, and which the elder Adams supposed to have been the chief cause of our obtaining the Episcopate from England. Immediately after the close of the war, several young men of the Middle and Southern States sailed for England to obtain Holy Orders.

"Mr. Cox entered the Church at a period when her true principles were set forth and defended with a clearness and power unprecedented in late years, and when, as a consequence they were held with a firmness of opinion and a consistency of spirit, which would long animate the members of our communion.

"It results, from the very nature of the case, that parochial and missionary annals, must ever be of prime importance, and in a new country like ours especially so, as furnishing materials for the history of the Church.

There are many signs which show that society, at the present time, is peculiarly susceptible to the emotions which a true Catholic poetry can produce.

SEVENTY YEARS SINCE; or, What we owe to Bishop Seabury. A Sermon, preached in St. John's Church, Hartford, on Socage Sunday, Feb. 27th, 1848, by THE RECTOR, Hartford: S. Hamner, Jr. 1848.

This Discourse is an earnest and affectionate tribute to the revered memory of Bishop Seabury. The Author has taken a retrospect of that perilsome time when the Church in the United States—which is now so vigorous and thriving—was suspended between life and death.

"The Revolution has proved a great blessing to our Church, but at first it threatened it with destruction. It was then a feeble thing, brought up as it were by a dry-river, and dependent for its support upon the promise of the venerable Society in its infancy.

"Such was the state of things as the war drew to a close, and the independence of America assumed an air of reality. There were three classes of Churchmen; one of divine light, and another of carnal expedients; and against those who believed in hope, and remembering the promise that God would not fail his people, were fully persuaded that God would not fail his people.

"And now, a word, before we conclude, concerning the future. The future is a field for the poet's imagination, and the orator's eloquence. The 'Te Deum' and the 'Gloria' discourse sweeter music to the ear, than the opera, or the oratorio; and thus we conceive that Catholic poetry is capable of taking a higher flight than the poetry of the Protestants.

"The following passages have been quoted, some as specimens others for the sake of the facts which they contain:— PAROCHIAL ANNALS.

main-spring of energy. God had fitted Seabury to do for America, what Athanasius did for the whole Church.— He fought alone. Yet I mean not to disparage the services of the excellent Bishop White.

SCRIBER'S NATURAL HISTORY. Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge. 1848.

Judging from our own experience, this volume will supply a desideratum to not a few—for though works of a similar nature have frequently issued from the press, we have chanced to meet with none which so fully carried out the object sought to be accomplished.

"Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox. Lo now his strength is in his loins, and his force is in the navel of his belly.

"The hippopotamus is nearly as large as the elephant. Its head is enormous—its jaw extends upwards of five feet, and its hide is so tough that it has resisted the strokes of a sabre, and it is thickly covered with light-coloured scales.

"There is grief in our valley: an infant is born, Hath no soothing pain in these moments forlorn, No rites of the Church for herself or her child.

BISHOP JEREMY TAYLOR, HIS PREDECESSORS.—A Biography, by the REV. ROBERT ARIS WILMOTT. London: John W. Parker.

extract the following curious items illustrative of the period of the great Rebellion.— "The following remarkable passage from the 'Mercurius Aulicus,' for the week ending May 2, 1644, is now reprinted for the first time after an oblivion of two hundred years.

"Monday, May 6.—Now, if you would see what heavenly men these lecturers are, be pleased to take notice, that at Uppingham, Rutlandshire, the members have placed one Isaac Massey to teach the people, (for the true pastor is Dr. Jeremy Taylor, for his learning and loyalty is driven thence out of doors.)

"These are two publications of the Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge, and furnish graphic descriptions of Turkish and Russian manners.

LAYS OF CHRISTMAS: An Offering for the Christmas Season. By the REV. THOS. BOYLES MURRAY, M.A. London: Francis and John Rivington.

"What a blessing to follow the plain golden rule Of OBSERVING THE SABBATH:—What gifts are at hand In the old village Church, with its pastor and school!

"There are convicts sent hither, neglected, untaught; And the crimes they brought with them, to giants are grown.

COUNTRY WALKS IN THE SEASONS; With Smaller Poems. This is a child's book; but not the less an able book. There is ability whosoever the effort is well suited to accomplish the end desired to be attained.

I love the pretty lamkins That gaily sport and play; And make such frolic gambols In the merry month of May!

I love the sparkling fishes That in the waters swim; Or, if about so swiftly In the merry month of May!

I know that God made all things— That we His creatures are; Our thanks for all the pleasures Of the merry month of May!

A CHILD'S EVENING RECOLLECTIONS. I will not let my down to rest, I will not close my eyes in sleep, Until my faults are counted up, And I have paid the penalty.

JEWISH INTELLIGENCE. HEBREW GRAMMAR, BY THE REV. DR. McCAUL. This publication deserves notice, not only on account of its being well calculated to answer the purpose for which it is designed, but also from the circumstances which in some measure have led to its appearance.

It forms no small part of the claims of King's College, London, on the esteem of the Church at large. It was made an integral part of the course prescribed for those who avail themselves of the advantages afforded by that department of the College.

After many unexpected difficulties and discouraging delays, the Committee of the London Society for promoting Christianity amongst the Jews are thankful to be able to announce, that the Holy City is so near its completion, as to make it probable that it will be opened for Divine Service on the 1st of August.