

# The Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record.

early life and training. An extract from this chapter we have marked for insertion. It would be an easy matter to fill many pages with interesting extracts. But we would rather recommend all who can afford it, to purchase the book, and read it for themselves. A father could not present to his family a more interesting volume. The natural disposition of Livingstone's mind, and the circumstances of his early life, combined to fit him in many respects for the work in which he afterwards entered. He, at a very early age gave evidence of an intense love of nature, and delighted in making himself acquainted with the natural productions of the district in which he lived. From an early age too he gave evidence of strong resolution and of untiring perseverance. Having been brought under the influence of divine grace, he resolved to devote himself to missionary work. The study of medicine, and of the various branches connected with a medical education, gave him additional qualifications for a missionary in such a country as South Africa. These qualifications are strikingly exhibited in his life and travels in the interior of Africa. With the view of making himself thoroughly acquainted with the native dialects, he gave up for a number of years his own vernacular, so that when he again met his own countrymen on his voyage home, he felt like a foreigner attempting to speak the English language. We doubt not that great and important benefits will flow from the researches and discourses of Livingstone. His discoveries are not only of service in extending Geographical and Geological science. It must be remembered that many of the regions through which he passed, are fertile and populous. When once they are opened to European commerce and civilization, and enriched with the blessings of the gospel, who can tell how powerful an influence may go forth on all hands through Africa for its civilization and evangelization. Dr. Livingstone purposes to return to prosecute his important work. It is gratifying to know that the British Government have granted £5,000 sterling, to enable him to prosecute his researches and discoveries, and that the London Missionary Society has raised a special fund for the establishment of missions in some of the regions discovered by Dr. Livingstone.

We should have mentioned that the volume contains a portrait of Dr. Livingstone, a great number of well executed illustrations, and several valuable maps showing his routes in his various journeys. A glance at these maps will show the extent of the addition made to Geographical science by Dr. Livingstone.

**THE BIBLICAL REPERTORY AND PRINCETON REVIEW,** for January, 1858.

We have received this excellent Periodical. The following is a list of its articles:—1. Positive Philosophy of Auguste Comte. 2. The Revolt of the Sepoys. 3. English Hymnology. 4. Ancient Manuscript Sermons. 5. Brownson's Exposition of Himself. 6. St. Hilaire on the Reformation of Spain. The articles are as usual able and interesting. The first contains an able analysis and refutation of the Positive Philosophy of Comte. The article will repay the perusal, whether viewed as a specimen of composition, or as containing an account and refutation of the system of Comte. We read with pleasure the article on British Hymnology. The last article is valuable and interesting. We were particularly pleased with the spirit in which the article on India is written. When we see so many attacks in American papers

and magazines, some leading and influential journals too, on every thing British, it is refreshing to find such sentiments as these expressed in the following extracts:—

"Adopting the theory which the foregoing remarks refute, some of the newspapers, both in Ireland and this country, have set the atrocities and brutalities of the revolted soldiers to the account of national hatred, repaying in kind the wrongs inflicted on the Hindus by their present rulers. The theory, on which this atrocious charge is made, having no truth to rest upon, the charge itself might be summarily dismissed from court. But it has been made too boldly to be ignored. It will soon appear that we do not blindly approve of everything in the policy of the British government in the East; nor do we doubt that examples of personal iniquity and wrong-doing in the intercourse of Europeans with the Hindus can be brought forward. But if there is anything in the history of British proceedings in India that gives even a pretext for the allegation in question, it has altogether escaped our reading. Whatever individual cases of license or of violence may be cited—and it would be strange indeed if none should occur among so many thousand Europeans, living in a country where moral restraints are few and weak; (have we not reason to blush for many such in our own land?) it is nevertheless true beyond question, that for nearly a generation past, the policy of the British government in India has been liberal and humane; while the character and conduct of its official agents, in the civil and military services, will bear a very favourable comparison with that of our own countrymen in the same walk of life.

"We have no sympathy with the tone of disparagement which some have chosen to employ towards a noble people in the time of their reverse; and we repudiate as groundless, nay, as violating one of the holy commandments, the allegation that the Hindus have been merely paying their debts to the British in their own coin. This charge is in the first place false; and in the next, it is without reason. It assumes that the Sepoys have acted from a sense of national grievance, whereas they were never oppressed, never ill-treated, but on the contrary, always dealt with as a favoured and even a petted class; and it is further without reason, because it ignores the real cause of these dreadful atrocities. These have their reason in the unfathomable depths of human depravity, when unrestrained by Divine Providence, and unenlightened by the gospel. It is pure heathenism and pure Islamism that we behold with horror in these Sepoy outrages."

**ANNA, OR PASSAGES FROM HOME LIFE.** New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

**MIA AND CHARLIE: OF A WEEK'S HOLIDAY AT RYDALO RECTORY.** With Illustrations by Berket Foster. New York: R. Carter & Brothers. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

These are two new Books published by Carter & Brothers. They are of the same class as many issued by the same Publishers. Their object is to illustrate the influence and operation of christian principles in the formation of character and the regulation of the conduct in every day life. They are calculated both to interest and prove juvenile readers.

**THE 'MONTREAL WITNESS.'**

The Prospectus of this journal, for the ensuing year, has been issued. It is an admirable family paper, and contains excellent extracts from the leading papers in Britain and the United States. The efforts of the spirited proprietor deserve to be well sustained by the people, and we trust they will be increasingly appreciated and supported.

## MONEYS RECEIVED AT THIS OFFICE UP TO 20th JANUARY, 1858.

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Port Dover.....	4.00
Baltimore.....	5.48
Ottawa.....	20.00
Thera and Eldon.....	22.13
Brockville.....	15.60
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Port Dalhousie.....	5.00
Stratford.....	18.00
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Carradoc.....	2.75
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Ekfrid and Moss.....	9.00
Darlington, Front.....	\$10.00
do, Rear.....	10.00—20.00

### FOREIGN MISSION.

Missionary Society U. P. Church, Pak- eham.....	\$10.00
Baltimore.....	12.85
Darlington Front.....	\$12.62
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Brockville.....	19.00
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Ingersoll.....	8.00
Stratford.....	15.00
Ottawa.....	3.88
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Robert Turnbull, Toronto.....	2.00
R. Johnston, Vaughan.....	2.00
Knox's Church, Hamilton, first Instal- ment.....	200.00
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### INDIA RELIEF FUND.

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FEMALE EDUCATION IN INDIA.	
Ekfrid and Moss.....	\$ 51.86
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Missionary Society of U. P. Church, Pa- keuhau.....	\$ 4.00