

Literary Notices.

CURRENT DISCUSSIONS IN THEOLOGY, for 1886, Vol. IV, pp. 336, 12 mo. Fleming H. Revell, Chicago and New York. Price \$1.50. An Annual Review of the most recent studies, in the languages, literature, and exegesis, of both Old and New Testaments, as well as in Historical, Systematic, and Practical Theology. This is the fourth Annual Volume of these discussions, and is intended more specially for the use of pastors and students, who in a busy life, have neither access to the latest works in all departments nor the time to study them if they had them. It is prepared by the Professors in the Chicago Theological Seminary. The present state of Old Testament studies in grammar, criticism, etc., both in the Old and New World is summed up by Prof. Curtiss. The Contributions to the literature of the New Testament in Theology, Interpretation, Text, and Canon, are discussed by Prof. H. McD. Scott, who also reviews the works that have appeared during the year in the department of Church History. The literature of the year in Systematic Theology is revised by Prof. Boardman under the heads of Dogmatics, Apologetics, Theism, and Ethics. Prof. Fiske deals with the homiletics of the year and Prof. Fiske with pastoral theology.

Germany continues to be as usual a prolific source of Theological authorship, and the more advanced type of thought is largely represented in the literature of the year. With this phase of religious opinion, however, the reviewers have little sympathy, except in so far as it is really an advance in clearer knowledge of the Bible, and no doubt, they, as well as their readers, have turned from their completed task to lean upon the simple truth of the Bible with a feeling of restful thankfulness after wandering through the mazes of opinion more or less shadowy through which the reviewers' pathway some time leads them. One reads the book with a feeling of gratitude to those who have brought the year's contributions to theological study within such easy reach, and lays it down with a feeling of still deeper gratitude that the Way of Life is so plain that the wayfaring man though a fool need not err therein.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE FOR APRIL contains a "A collection of unpublished letters of Thackeray" with fac-simile drawings

of sketches contained in the letters. There is also the fourth and concluding article by ex-Minister Washburn on "Reminiscences of the siege and commune of Paris," giving a graphic account by an eye witness of the downfall of the Commune. Besides these there are several shorter articles and stories, some serial, some complete. Price \$3.00 per annum, 25 cents per month. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. It is well illustrated.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for April contains the following articles:

The Lord's Supper, by Rev. Henry J. Vandyke, D.D.

Our Teachers, by Prof. Ransom B. Welch, D.D.

Reformation Theology in the Light of Modern knowledge, by Prof. J. S. Candlish, D.D.

Were the Apostles Prelates, by Prof. Thomas Withrow, D.D.

Social Discontent, by Principal McVicar, D.D.

The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church, by Prof. Francis L. Patton, D.D.

Historical Notes. The work of John Durie in behalf of Christian Union in the 17th Century, by Prof. Charles A. Briggs, D.D.

Editorial Notes. The Westminster Doctrine of the Salvation of Infants, by Prof. C. A. Briggs. Biblical Doctrine of the Intermediate State, by Prof. L. J. Evans.

Reviews of Recent Theological Literature. The last mentioned department, covering some fifty pages, gives a birds eye view of the Theological Literature that is constantly issuing from the press, and, what is better, a critical estimate of its worth. As an aid in buying books and as affording a glimpse of the newest publications to those who can buy but little, this department is of great value. The names of the writers in this issue will be, to the thoughtful Presbyterian readers of the United States and Canada, a guarantee of the manner in which the several subjects are discussed. Price, 80 cents per number. \$3.00 per year. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

THE FIRST KNEEDLE.—Lessons in the Life of Joseph. By Daniel March, D.D. Fully illustrated. Published by the Presbyterian Board, Philadelphia. For sale by MacGregor & Knight, Halifax. This is a fresh and full presentation of the love-