CHURCH WORK.

Our churches should ever remember that their first and highest work is to save perishing men. The unconverted world is in darkness: the church should be a light unto the world. The unconverted are perishing: the church should be the salt of the earth whereby a perishing world may be saved. Occasions will sometimes arise when the energies of a church must be largely given to important local or general enterprises, of a more or les temporal character. From the endeavours of a church to extend or to Prayer Meeting held at \$50 on each Sabsustain its various temporalities, it bath evening, in Salem Church. This should return at its earliest opportu- meeting, under the auspices of the Wonity and with all its energy to the men's Temperance Union, should be engreat work of saving souls. To rescue the perishing should be a steadfast purpose and endeavour of every church.

Do we not sometimes make mistakes discussing and refuting the skepticism of the day, and too little time and effort in direct work for winning souls for Christ? The antagonisms of the gates of hell are about to prevail the enemy are no more likely to succeed in this age, than they have been in any of the preceding ages. The safety and the strength of the church are in the preaching of Christ and Him crucified. This gospel is now, as it ever has been, to some a stumblingblock, and to others foolishness; but it is, nevertheless, the wisdom of God; and the power of God. By this Gospel, and only thereby, can the strongholds of the enemy be overthrown.

England States were filled with fear because of the apparent growth of Unitarianism and Universalism in Massachusetts, and in the adjacent parts of the country. At that juncture Dr. Lyman Beecher, an evangelical preacher of great power and fame, accepted a call to Boston, the chief centre of the growing heterodox views. Dr. Beecher was then regarded by the day kindly and appreciative things are many persons as probably the most competent minister in New England for the defence of the orthodox faith. It was generally expected that his settlement in Boston would be followed by a theological warfare of gigantic proportions.

Dr. Beecher marched upon the ern literature: enemy, by preaching Christ, by seeking the conversion of souls, and by awakening in his own church, and in to which he seemed chiefly to devote his the evangelical churches in Boston and in the vicinity, the spirit of revival. In this way multitudes of souls were converted and gathered into the evangelical churches. A victory for the truth was gained, whose blessed results remain unto this day. Against such results as followed, the heterodoxy of the time had no sufficient weapons to make successful war.

The best argument against the antagonistic forces of the day is a living, working church. The converted man in whose heart there dwells the love of Christ, and whose life exhibits that love, possesses a power against which no skepticism can prevail. A united, devoted, loving church, travailing for souls, will reclaim the weak, the wayward and the wandering, and by its works prove the truth and the power of christianity. It is hard for a skeptic to argue against success. Is not this a time when all our churches should arise and shine? What is being done for Christ? What is being done for the saving of the perishing?

There seems to be a great difference of opinion in reference to affairs in Ireland It is difficult to know just what to believe about that country. There is without doubt a great deal of distress in some parts. And the political discontent is probably much greater there now than it has been at any time since the O'Connell agitation. Mr. Parnell who is now addressing public meetings in various parts of year), the subscription price (\$1) is low; the United States, appears to be much more interested in denouncing the British Government and British rule in Ireland, than in seeking relief for the hungry poor. latter, both post-paid.

It is probable that a half-dozen bishops will be elected at the General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church of the United States which is to be held in May next. Among the prominent ministers of the church who are likely to be candidates for that office the following are mentioned D. D. Wheden, E. O. Haven, D. Curry, W. F. Warren, Dr. Foss, Dr. Vincent, Dr. Dr. Kynette, R M Hatfield, etc.

The Thanksgiving Fund of the British Conference progresses very favorably. The most sanguine expectations of its best friends are likely to be realized.

The Rev. Mr. Coley at Headingly, and ticles. the Rev. Mr. Geden at Didsbury are both

A friend asks us to call attention to the couraged by all who regard Temperance

in giving too much time and effort to preaching, recently, about the Tay disaster, took occasion to speak of God's law concerning the Sabbath day. The minister suggested that the Railway Company whose bridge and train were wrecked on that occasion, ought to be satisfied with world are many and formidable; but the business, and the profits, of six days so they have been in every age. Some, of the veck, and that it is worth while for timid christians may be afraid that the the Company to consider whether God's claim to "Remember the Sabbath day" against the church. The assaults of is not worthy of their recognition, and of their acquiescence.

In the time of Jeremiah, and in other periods, when God's servants demanded that the people should recognize and observe the divine commandments, and when they denounced the transgressors, many of the people were wont to take up stones, and stone the Lord's ambassador. One of the modern ways of stoning men is by newspaper paragraphs. The Scotch divine has received some of those peculiar compliments which, under the circumstances, he might well have expected. Our civilization differs considerably from More than half a century ago many that of the time of Jeremiah, but our huevangelical christians in the New man nature is precisely now what it was

> Bishop Gilbert Haven possessed those peculiar qualities of mind and heart which are sure to attract attention, and to beget esteem upon the one hand, and upon the other hand envy and enmity. He was many others. In many of the journals of said of him. He has won a grand fame which will live for ever in the annals of his Church. A portion of the Southern press which has been wont bitterly to denounce him, now, that he has passed away, says but little or nothing about him. We clip the following from the Southwestern Presbyterian, as a curosity of South-

"Telegrams bring intelligence of the death of Bishop Gilbert Haven, of the Northern Methodist Church. The work energies was to breed and perpetuate discord between the Northern and Southern Christians, by his slanderous invectives of Southern people. He did a great deal of 3 1-2. The influence philosophical sys-We trust that he also did some

James E. DeMille, Esq., Professor in Dalhousie College, Halifax, died at his residence in this city, on Wednesday morning. He had been ill but a very few days, of congestion of the lungs. Mr. DeMille was, we believe, a native of New Brunswick. He had won considerable renown as a lecturer and author. His unexpected removal from amongst us will be deeply regretted by a large circle of friends. He was in the 43rd year of his age.

LITTEL'S LIVING AGE.—The number of The Living Age for the week ending Jany. 24th, has the following noteworthy contents: The Functions of the Brain, by Dr. Julius Althaus, Nineteenth Century; He that Will not when he May, by Mrs. Oliphant, advance sheets; Ruddha's First Sermon, Fortnightly Review; Bush-Life in Queensland, Blackwood; Adam and Eve. by the author of "Dorothy Fox," advance sheets; The Ticknor Library, Boston, Saturday Review; The Animal Heat of Fishes, Nature; Irresolution, Saturday Review; A Feat in Triangulation, Nature,

and the usual amount of choice poetry, etc. The two serial stories above mentioned. one by Mrs. Oliphant, and the other by the author of "Dorothy Fox," have been recently begun, and the publishers present to new subscribers for 1880 the six numbers of 1879 which contain the opening chapter of both serials.

For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each for more than 3,300 pages a while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to seud any one of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with The Living Age for a year, including the extra numbers of the

McCLINTOCK AND STRONG'S CYCLOPEDIA.

EIGHTH VOLUME.*

This great work is slowly approaching its completion. The ninth volume is already in the press, the tenth will complete the alphabet, and the necrology and other matters which have accrued during the Hurst, E. Q. Fuller, Dr. Brush, Dr Fowler, progress of the work will be published in a supplementary volume or volumes. When completed, the Cyclopedia will form the most exhaustive thesaurus of information, on sacred subjects, to be found in any one work in any language. The latest volume alone has over 2,300 ar-

Since the death of Dr. McClintock, March 4th, 1870, the supervision of the entire work has fallen upon Dr. Strong. For the Biblical department he is wholly responsible; in the remaining fields covered by the Cyclopedia, he has numerous and able co-workers of different denominations and churches.

as a part of religion. And who, in view -exhibits the same accurate scholarship 675, 686). of the evil caused by intemperance can do and patient investigation of which the Smith's, Fair airn's, and Kitto's Dictionaries, supplemented by the results of his own life-long study and personal observa. Dr. Winchell, as to Preadamic man, footbeen full and accurate information, rather than originality. Some of the articles are by the editor himself: e. g.,--Pyramid 3 pages; Petra, 4 1-3, with original photograph and map; Pisgah, 3; Predestination, 5; Resurrection and Revelations, Spurious, 5 1-4. The following are some the Mosaic history. The article in quesof the more important Biblical articles: tion (which appeared originally in the Peter, 12 pages; Epistles of Peter, 12; "Methodist Quarterly Review," July, Pharoah, 9; Pharisee, 71-2; Greek Philosophy, 10 1-4; Hebrew Philosophy, 4 1-2; Strong has contributed the results of some Phoenicia 15 1-4; Plagues, 9 1-2; Hebrew Poetry, 18; Ecclesiastical History of Poland, 6 1-2; Ecclesiastical History of Prussia, 14 1-2; Prayer, 7; Priest, 14 1-2; brew. will find here suggestions which Prophet, 16; Proverbs, Book of, 8 1-2; will open his eyes to further searches and Psalmody, ancient and Christian, 12; Psalms, Book of, 11; Puritans, 6; Red "We hope we have said enough to illus-Sea, 11 1-4, with two photographs by the trate our proposition that these two lineditor; Revelation, Book of.

has been heretofore a large contributor to ly interesting representatives [the Hebrew the non-Biblical department. His fulness and the Greek], which, widely variant as and accuracy, the product of his German they are in age, culture, flexibility, and diligence, have been referred to by the genius, yet by a remarkable Providence editor in the prefaces of preceeding vol- have been brought together in the only umes. Among his larger articles are revelation written for man-have no ordithose on Philo, 51-2 pages; Pietism, 41-2; nary or casual points of resemblance,"-Pius IX., 3; Cardinal Pole, Christian p. 122. greatly beloved by multitudes of men. Polygamy, Priscillian, Probabilism, 41-3; He was almost as thoroughly hated by Protestantism, 2 1-4, and Protestants, 2 1-4; Purgatory, -\$ 1-2; Puseyism and

Dr. B. Pick, of Rochester, N. Y., contributes several articles in Jowish literature and biography, in German ecclesiastacal biography, on various editions, revisions, and versions of the Old Testament, and especially on the Quotations from the Old Testament in the Talmud

Professor George F. Holmes, of the University of Virginia, writes most of the philosopical articles: e. g., Plato, 10 pages; Platonic Philosophy, 6 1-2; Plotinus, 5; Polignac, 3 1-12; Positivism, 2 1-2; Pythagora, 4 1-2; and Realism, tems have had, and are still having, upon Christian thought, is a sufficient justification for the liberal space allotted to these topics in the Cyctopedia. Prof. Holmes is a brilliant writer, and you are sorry when you reach the close of his fascinating articles.

Dr. Kidder, of Drew Theological Seminary, contributes the articles on Polity, (Church,) Preaching, and Pulpit Eloquence, 5 3-4 pages.

The venerable Dr. T. D. Woolsey, late President of Yale College, furnishes a Meire, Hugh d'Anvers, and Lisseu de valuable and learned article on Polytheism, 11 pages.

Prof. A. J. Schem. who has heretofore written many of the articles relating to the Roman Catholic Church, continues his series. In the present volume we notice those on Pope, 8 pages, and The Reformation, 16.

Dr. Lyman Coleman, of Lafayette Cellege, author of "Antiquities of the Church," "The Apostolic and Primitive Church," "Historical Geography of the Bible," &c., writes an article on Prelacy.

The articles on John Pordage, and Rationalism, 4 3-4, are by the late Prof. John P. Lacroix, of Ohio Wesleyan University, whose recent premature death is a great loss to Methodist literature and scholarship. He is one of the men for whom learning mourns when they die.

Dr. James Porter, well known in Methodist circles, contributes the article on Revivals; and the Rev. S. H. Platt, A.M., an excellent and carefully prepared article on Providence, 41-2 pages.

The Church Articles are especially full and satisfactory-furnished for the most part by representative men of each church. That on Presbyterian Churches includes titled "A Lover's Peril."

33 1-2 pages, with supplementary articles on Presbyterianism by the late Dr. Gillett, of N.Y., and on the Presbyterians.

The Protestant Episcopal Church, 191-2, by Prof. J. A. Spencer, of the University of the city of New York; the Reformed Episcopal Church, 5 pages by Dr. J. Howard Smith: the Reformed (Dutch) Church, 10 1-2, by Dr. W. J. R. Taylor; the Reformed Presbyterian church, by the Rev. R. Hntcheson. who also writes an excellent article on Religion, Primitive, 4 1-2: the Primitive Methodist Church, and the Protestant Episcopal Church of Ireland, by Rev. George C. Jones. The article by Dr. Spencer has been widely criticised for its comical definition-("This is the legal title of that portion of the Church of Christ which has its lecal habitation in the United States of America," p. 669), and for its other assertions tinged with High Church exclusiveness and assumption, which compel the a high order, and the words are full of editor, in one or two instances, to call attention in the notes to the fact that there The eighth volume-recently published is also another side to look at see pp.

An able and scholarly article by Prot. former volumes were the products. In Alexander Winchell, on Preadamite, disthe Biblical articles, the editor has avail- cussing affirmatively the question of the A Presbyterian minister, in Scotland, in ed himself (with acknowledgements) of existence of man before Adam, and conthe most valuable matter in Winer's, sidering also the Prehistoric races in general, occupies nine pages. The editor. who strongly discredits the conclusions of tion in the Bible lands. The aim has notes the article with counterfacts and

Before closing, I wish to call attention to an orginal and suggestive treatment, by Dr. Strong, of Comparative Philology. This is a recent science, but one of great value, for its incidental corroboration of 1865, p. 480, to which "Review" Dr. of most vnluable investigations) touches points of deep interest to the student; and especially the student of Greek and Hediscoveries. We quote the conclusion :gual families [The Shemitic and Indo-Professor Worman, of Brooklyn, N. Y., European], and especially their two chief-ALFRED FAULKENER.

lesiastical Literature. John McClintock, D.D., and James Strong, S. T. D. Vol. VIII.—Pet. Re. New York: Harper & Brothers, 1879. 8vo., pp. v., 1086.

HARPERS MAGAZINE for February is as rich in illustration and as varied and entertaining in its reading-matter as any number that has ever been issued. For massive strength, Blackmore's new novel, "Mary Anerley," deserves first mention. In every quality that marks a great novel this is the most remarkable serial now in course of publication here or abroad. Those who prefer a lighter novel will turn with pleasure to the chapters of Black's White Wings," Edward Everett Hale coutributes a short story—" Mr. Keesler's Horse-Car"-conceived and written in his happiest vien. A brief story of thrilling interest, sntitled "A night in an Avalanche," is contributed by S. H. M. Byers.

The illustrated articles cover a wide range of subjects. Howard Pyle writes and illustrates "Bartram and his Garden" -an interesting sketch of an American Quaker botanist of a hundred years ago, whom, Linnæus pronounced the greatest of the then living natural botanists. The Rev. B. F. DeCosta contributes a humorous article on "Foreign Tips," which furnishes motives for eight characteristic pictures by Reinhart. Mrs. J. W. Davis describes "A Famous Breviary" - the priceless gem among the art-treasures of the ducal palace in Venice—decorated with paintings by Memling, Van der Gand. Reproductions in wood-engraving of seven of the most striking of these pictures are given. One of the most interesing articles that has ever been written about General Washington is that contributed to this number by Wm. F. Carne, treating of "Washington as a Burgher," i.e., in his relations with his fellow townsmen of Alexandria. The illustrations, a number of which are drawn by Frank Mayer, are exceedingly interesting. The Hon John Bigelow contributes an illustrated paper entitled "A Visit to Ssn Marino," from which it would appear that the title of "republic," as applied to this province of Italy, is a misnomer A. B. Allen contributes an illustrated description of the "Percheron and Norman Horse," to the breeding of which so much attention has recently been given in this country. A. A. Hayes, Jr., contributes his series of Colorado papers, with an entertaining description of the mining districts of that state, with twelve excellent illustrations by Rogers. The Right-Reverend Arthur Cleveland Coxe contributes a poem entitled "The Drop-Star," an Indian legend of Lake Kayuth, in New York, which is beautifully illustrated by A timely musical contribution to this

number is the paper on Hector Berlioz, by Emily Royall.

Among the poems in the number is one by James T. Fields, in his best vein, en-

Now that Mr. Linton has "had his say" about wood engraving in a recent Magazine article, and his still more recent book, "Practical Hints on Wood-engraving," the reader (especially the reader of illustrated magazines) will peruse with eager interest an article in this Number entitled " A Symposium of Wood-engraving." in which some of the most distinguished engravers of this country are given a hearing. The article consists of reports of conversation with A. V. S. Anthony, T Cole, John P. Davis, Frederick Juengling, R. A. Muller, John Tinkey, and Henry Wolf.

TEMPERANCE JEWELS -A new collection of Temperance. Reform and Gospel Songs, Duets, Quartels, Solos and Chornses. By J. H Tenny and Rev. E. A. Hoffman, OLIVER DITSON & Co., Publish ers, Boston Mass.

Temperance musical literature has not on the whole, attained a high rank; perhaps because of the homely subjects, on which poets do not care to sing. In this book however, everything seems to be of encouragement to the reformed and the

" In God we trust! He is our sure defence, He shields us with his own oranii otence. In God we trust!"

" Hallelujah! raise a song, For the triumph over wrong.

As there are ninety songs, we might give ninety extracts like the above, and all good. The music also is throughout well made and appropriate. Thirty cents sent to the publishers, will oring a specimen copy.

WE would call the attention of those of our readers who contemplate purchasing Seeds or Plants during the coming season, to the advertisement of Peter Henderson & Co., New York, now appearing ir, our columns, Peter Henderson, the senior member of the firm, is known far and wide as a horticultural writer and authority. His books "Gardening for Profit," "Practical Floriculture," and "Gardening for Pleasure," are now in the hands of thousands. The Green-house establishment of this firm covers three acres in green-houses and employs upwards of fifty hands. Millions of plants are shipped mail or express annually to every State and Territory. Their seed warehouse is the most extensive in the city of New York, and every order received is certain to be filled with goods of the best quality, and as they are producers as well as dealers, "everything for the Garden" will be sold at low

In the North American Review for Feb-

ruary the first article is by Cardinal

Manning, and treats of the relations of

of the Roman Catholic Church to modern society. The eminent author does not undertake to discuss the broad question of the relations of the Church to the State general-whether the one is subordipate to the other-but simply essays to determine "what can be and what ought to be the relations between the Church in the nineteenth century and the political society of the world in the nineteenth cen-Cardinal Manning is perhaps the most uncompromising champion of Papal prerogative in the whole English-speaking world, and this candid and able exposition *" Cyclopedia of Biblical, Theological, and Ec- of the principles actuating the politico-Prepared by the Revd. ecclesiastical practice of Rome will be read with profit both by her friends and by her opponents. Ex-Senator Howe contributes a pungent article entitled, "The Third Term." He turns to ridicule the fears that have been expressed by sundry organs of popular opinion, lest by electing Gen. Grant to a third term of office our republican institutions should be overturned, and "the empire" established. The article is essentially an effort to show that in the 'Springer Resolution, adopted by the House of Representatives at Washington in 1875, which denounced as dangerous to our free institutions any departure from the precedent set by Washington when he declined a third term in the presidency, are comprised "a grave indictment of the Federal Constitution, a gross libel upon its framers a base counterfeit of our political history, and a wanton insult to our common sense." Rear Admiral Daniel Ammen makes a very eftective reply to M. de Lesseps' article on the American Interoceanic Canal. The advantages of a canal with locks over a canal à niveau are pointed out, and the French engineer's objection to a locked canal shown to be tutile. George Augusta Sala contributes an entertaining article entitled "Now and then in America," "now" being this present year of grace, and "then" 1863, the third year of our Civil War. "The Emancipation Proclamation," by James C. Welling, is a calm judicial review of the crowning act of President Lincoln's administration. The considerations which forced Mr. Lincoln to issue that memorable proctamation as a measure of political expediency are convincingly set forth. The author further more learnedly discusses the legal effect of the proclamation its constitutionality, etc. In his opinion the validity of the edict was not derived from law or constitution: the act "moved above law in the plane of statecraft:" it was a coup & état, and its justification is to be found in its end. which was the salus populi. The book notices of this number of the Review are from the pen of M. W. Hazeltine.

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MR. EDITOR,—In the a of amounts received from cuits for the "Extensi amount from Musquod stated, owing, no doubt, t cal error. Will you pleas quodoboit (Middle) raise of ministerial subscription first instalment of \$31 has

warded, according to the Missionary Secretary. We have held two of sionary Meetings, and sha last year. We hope to go Spiritually, the society is former years. We have series of cottage prayer Bible readings, which, w blessed by God. We also services at Meagher's Gran We labor on, sometimes other times despondent;

in Israel's God.