

in this matter shows how easy it would be, by a combined effort of those who hold and love the truth, to extend the circulation so far as to place it on a safe basis.

The following extract from an Editorial article, exhibits the character and condition of the paper, to which, in all sincerity, we say, "God speed :—"

\* \* \* If the leaven of Tractarianism be infused into the length and breadth of our Diocese, and if it be exhibiting its subtle influence in quarters where it is hardly suspected, and in persons who are scarcely aware of it themselves, are we to fold our arms in supine indifference, as if it were no business of ours; and, as if we had no responsibility beyond the narrow bounds of our own individual locality?

In this journal, a feeble but earnest effort is making to advocate and extend the true doctrines and principles of our Church, as handed down to us by the Reformers; let each reader ask himself what he is doing to make the effort more worthy of the cause; and how much he is aiding us by his purse, his pen, and—most powerful aid of all—his prayers. Surely were every one that knows and loves the truth, doing his duty, (that wonder-working watch-word and Pole Star of Nelson and Wellington) we would not have to mention the reproachful fact, that we are about to commence our enlarged second volume with scarcely half the number of subscribers required to pay the actual expense of paper and printing; leaving a large amount of mechanical labour to be done or paid for, as heretofore, by the Editor himself. Were the number of hours of labour thus unfairly imposed upon one person throughout the past year, (in addition to his Editorial duties proper) divided among fifty persons, each spending his share in seeking additional subscribers, we should circulate at least four thousand copies, instead of the little more than one thousand to which our present circulation has only attained as yet.

Although our circumstances are rather discouraging, and the report of our Travelling Agent is not calculated to give us much hope for the future, yet we feel that we are in the path of duty, and we hope for grace to persevere. —*Echo*, Oct. 20.

#### REVIEWS.

**BUTLER'S ANALOGY**, with an Analysis left unfinished by Rev. Robert Emary, D.D.; and Life of Butler by R. R. Crooks. Harper & Brothers, N. Y. At T. Maclear's of this city.

We rejoice in the opportunity of noticing another American edition of this incomparable work. We have no modern book on Theology to compare with Butler. This was the book which led Dr. Chalmers into his argument on The Evidences; and it furnished the basis of his two volumes of the Bridgewater Treatises, as he most honourably acknowledges. He was a placed minister before he had ever read the work; and it was by the suggestion of Sir David Brewster, that he commenced to study it, when he undertook to write the article on Christianity, in the Edinburgh *Encyclopædia*. Butler's argument is impregnable. It was published in 1736, being dedicated to the then Lord Chancellor Talbot. Shortly before his translation to the Rolls Chapel in London, whither, Adam Smith said, "the Lord Chancellor had wafted him on a cloud of metaphysics," and though one hundred and twenty years old, the book is as fresh and as little out of date as Sir James Mackintosh's History of Ethics. It does not by age. It is a golden

currency; tear and wear cannot waste, mutilate or deface it. It is the Text Book, adopted by Regius, Professor of Divinity in Trinity College, Dublin; and indeed in all the leading Divinity Halls of the empire.

The Edition before us is the handsomest and best we have seen. The Rev. A. Barnes undertook some years ago to give, under his own auspices, an edition of this work to the American public; but his introductory essay was feeble, as his talents do not lie in the *profundities* of Theology. The Analysis, which was never before published, is an admirable help to the comprehending of Butler's argument, and is itself, to the student of Theology, worth the price of the whole book.—We have seldom enjoyed so much satisfaction and pleasure in noticing a new book, and we would most heartily recommend the edition before us to every Theological Student.

**THE ANGLO AMERICAN MAGAZINE.** Published by Thomas Maclear of this city.

We are indebted to the politeness of the enterprising publisher for the October No. of this great colonial miscellany, and we feel much pleasure in uniting our testimony to that which has already been given, so generally and deservedly by the public press of the Province.

The talent of a country is not generally found in the ephemeral sheets of a public newspaper, nor yet in the pages of some great national work. In the former we find the plebianism of our literature, in the latter the aristocracy; but the real pith and substance of our literature will be found in the monthly or quarterly magazines. Here we have a concentration of talent, cumulative and diversified; and nothing shows the healthiness of a nation's literature so powerfully, as the well conducted Review. On this account we regard the birth of the Anglo American as a most auspicious epoch in the history of Canada, believing that the literary taste and the literary talent of our Province are verging towards a vigorous maturity.

The number before us embraces some thirty articles, about one-third of which are original, and written with great elegance, and talent.

The opening article is an account of Brockville, historical, topographical, and commercial; which is followed by another paper on emigration. The doctrine enforced in these articles on emigration is most true, and we would strongly recommend the adoption of some method for promulgating it extensively in Europe.

"The Editor's Shanty" pursues its impetuous course as if the authors and publishers had been consigned to oblivion a thousand years ago.—Still, it gives commendation where commendation is due.

We conclude this our first notice (on which account we have extended it) by wishing this periodical every success, and believe the best way to ensure it is, by continuing to fill its pages as heretofore, with a judicious selection of original and chosen matter.

The Anglo American resembles Harper's Magazine, to which it is fully equal—to Canadians quite superior. We fervently hope that our young men will now discard all the yellow

covered trash which is hawked about the streets, and take up the Anglo, which will afford amusement while it imparts instruction, without leaving a stain or sting after it.

**INSTITUTES OF ALGEBRA**, by Gerardus Beekman Docharty, L.L.D., Professor of Mathematics in the New York Free Academy. Harper & Brothers, N. Y. T. Maclear of this city.

Some fifty years ago there was scarcely such a thing in the English language as a good Elementary treatise on Algebra, in all respects suited to the use of schools. Bonnycastle's was the school book in England. Tyson *misimproved* it; no doubt with a view to get sale for his Key. Within the last thirty years there has been a rivalry between the English and American schools for the ascendancy in this department of Academic Literature, and at this moment every leading seminary has its own author and its own system. The "Analytic Method," which is peculiarly continental, has been imported into our British and American schools; and the press is literally inundated at this moment with elementary treatises of this branch of science.

We have hastily glanced at the work before us, and are inclined to think favourably of it.—The author gives a very simple and beautiful investigation of Sturm's Theorem and Horner's method of solving Equations of the higher degree.

**SHADES OF CHARACTER, or The Infant Pilgrim.** By Ann Woodrooffe; 2 vols. New York: Carter & Brothers. Hamilton: D. McLellan.

The above work has received a very favourable welcome by the leading journals of the United States. It is an accession to that department of literature to which it belongs. It lies between Christian Biography and juvenile romance,—belongs to neither, but is intended in a racy and attractive style to impress, especially on the young, the necessity of acquiring habits of order, taste, cleanliness, and indeed all those habits which find a home in a well regulated mind. The Carters never publish a bad book, and the elegantly finished volumes before us do credit to their taste.

**PATTERSON ON THE SHORTER CATECHISM.** A new edition by Carter & Brothers, 1852; for sale by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

No work on the Shorter Catechism has obtained so universal currency in Britain and America, as the book before us. It is a settled fact that for domestic and Sabbath School purposes, as also for the Bible Class, Patterson is, next to the Bible, THE BOOK. The analytical part of the work is admirable, the explanatory most sound and judicious, while the catechetical is simple and easily comprehended. Indeed Patterson's is a perfect book of its kind, and ought to be in the possession of every Presbyterian family, as well as of every Sabbath School teacher, and every Bible Class attendant.

We are much pleased to find that Mr. Carter is pushing a new edition of this work through the press every second or third year. It cannot