

which are to be comprised the whole of his writings published during his life-time, except such as were of a purely local and temporary interest. It is, at the same time, the first volume of his Lectures on the Epistle to the Romans, and contains exactly what is in the first and second volumes of the former British edition of that work—just one half of the whole. Being furnished with a distinct title page, additional to the one we have given above, the Lectures are obviously intended to be sold separately, as, we suppose, is the case with all the other pieces included in the edition now announced, and which is to consist of twelve volumes similar to the one on our table.

We will not enter on a task so uncalled for as a critique on the works of Chalmers at large, or his Lectures on Romans in particular. Suffice it to say that while the latter contains innumerable ingenious, eloquent, and effective passages, it cannot, upon the whole, be recommended as a satisfactory exposition of the Apostle's marvellous epistle. Exegesis was not the author's *forte*, as his warmest admirers readily admit. The book, nevertheless, abounds in matter, both doctrinal and practical, which may be perused, especially by a well-grounded student, with great advantage. Its theology, as is sufficiently known, is by no means ultra-Calvinistic. Our chief object at present, however, is to apprise our readers that an attempt is now made to realize the idea lately broached by us in our notice of the Collected Works of Dugald Stewart—namely, to offer for sale in Canada, British editions of British books at such prices as shall render it unprofitable to issue pirated editions in the States. We are informed that a number of the most popular Edinburgh publications are now to be had on such terms in Toronto. To say nothing of justice to authors and publishers, nor yet of legality so far as this province is concerned, surely no person of the smallest sense or taste can fail to prefer these correct and beautiful original editions to the wretched caricatures got up on this side of the Atlantic. Chalmers' Works, we understand, will be published in Britain at 6s. sterling per volume, and will be sold here at 5s. currency, fully as cheap, considering the quantity of matter in each volume, as any edition in the States, while in point of paper, typography, and general execution, comparison would be ridiculous. Besides, we believe there is no uniform edition to be had in the States, the volumes being of different sizes and some of them in double, others in single columns.

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Each of the above three articles is an eight page tract, written as a prize essay, and the first of the three gained the first prize. The excellence of them all, may be inferred from the distinction they have obtained. The object they aim at—the suppression of intemperance is, by universal consent one of paramount importance; and discussion through the press, is a most legitimate method for ascertaining the means most proper to be used. *Lege et intellige* is a motto worthy of a good cause. The Tracts may be had from the Secretary of the Prohibitory Liquor Law League at the reasonable rate of \$5 per 1000.