

hands; such as most persons have occasionally, though not many know how to employ them to advantage. 'Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost,' was the command of our Saviour, even after he had been multiplying bread as he brake it to feed thousands in the wilderness. There are no 'fragments' so precious as those of time, and none are so heedlessly lost by people who cannot make a moment, and yet can waste years. In spare intervals, then, let the Christian Correspondent be consulted, at whatever page the eye may first light upon; for, open where he may, the reader will at once find himself in company with one of the excellent of the earth: and not merely admitted to a formal audience, as in published works or official memoirs, but received on familiar and confidential terms into his house, closet, and his heart. He who cannot profit by such a participation of 'communion of saints' may be assured that the first defect is in himself."

We feel every desire to re-echo the sentiment of our accomplished friend in reference to this publication.

The Scripture Doctrine of Atonement, proposed to careful examination. By STEPHEN WEST, D. D. of Stockbridge, America. A. D. 1785. Tract Society, London; Greig, Montreal. 1836.

It is justly observed by the author in his Preface, that "he who renounces the doctrine of the Atonement, to be consistent with himself, must, also, renounce the divinity of Christ, and the eternity of punishment; and when these three points are given up, there is nothing left in the system of revealed truth materially to distinguish it from mere natural religion; and a crucified Christ will no longer appear to be the power of God and the wisdom of God."

The little volume before us is a clear, calm, rational, and above all scriptural, exposition of the cardinal doctrine of which it treats, pursued in ten chapters, tracing the argument with great precision and force, and presenting it in its various aspects and applications, though necessarily in a condensed form, by which, however, it is better adapted to the per-

sal of those who have not time for more elaborate productions.

The author was evidently a student in the school of Jonathan Edwards; and there needed not a reference to his works to convince us that he has spent much of his time in such good company. He exhibits many of the qualities of that great man as a reasoner, while his style is generally more neat and pleasing. We presume not to affirm that he is in all respects equal to his master; but we deem it no mean compliment to say, that we can think of Edwards without any detriment to the author of this judicious work. The Tract Society have done well in reprinting it.

The Appendix, containing a "View of Consequences resulting from a Denial of the Divinity of Christ," is worthy of serious consideration.

Lectures to Children; familiarly illustrating important Truth. By JOHN TODD, Pastor of Edwards' Church, Northampton, N. A. Tract Society.

The author has a very happy talent for illustration, and has exerted it with good success in these Lectures. Dull, indeed, must that child be, both in intellect and feeling, who can read them without impression and benefit.

Poetry.

SPREAD OF THE GOSPEL.

See, how the light of Zion spreads;
Immortal is each ray;
The glow of morning, o'er her head
Is bright'ning into day.

Yes, for Messiah's radiance soon
Shall blaze upon her brow,
Encircling with eternal noon
His Paradise below.

From thence his glory, like a flood,
Shall sweep o'er every land,
Until each fannish'd idol god
Be crush'd beneath his hand.