

Literary Notices.

Messrs. J. B. Ford & Co., of New York, announce Henry Ward Beecher's *Yale Lectures on Preaching* (12mo., \$1.25), as the first volume of a uniform edition of the author's works. Every preacher will want to know what so famous a pulpit orator has to say on the subject. Those who have suffered from Beecher-phobia may be surprised to find these Lectures so well-balanced and judicious, so spiritual withal; and this without any loss of the author's characteristic boldness and humour. Not the least valuable feature in the book is its perpetual quotations of personal experience, making it a most interesting chapter in Mr. Beecher's autobiography.

Since the discontinuance of our own notes on the uniform lessons, some teachers may be at fault for helps in preparation. We therefore repeat the statement made in our January number. *The Sunday School Times*, (John Wanamaker, Philadelphia,) is a large handsome weekly paper, at \$1.50, giving splendid value for the money. Of the monthlies, the *S. S. Teacher*, (Chicago: \$1.50), the *S. S. World* (Philadelphia, 50 cents), and the *S. S. Journal* (N. Y., 60 cents), deserve specially honourable mention.

Rev. Elon Foster, author of the much quoted "Cyclopædia of Illustrations," has compiled a companion volume, the *New Cyclopædia of Poetical Illustrations*, adapted to Christian Teaching. (New York: W. C. Palmer, pp. 696, \$5.) There are in the selection 86,000 lines, from 600 authors, on over 3000 topics!

A revised edition of *Neander's Church History*, with the author's latest corrections, has been prepared by Rev. Joseph Torrey, D.D., the American translator, with an introductory critique by Dr. Ullmann, of Neander and his writings, more copious indexes and other improve-

ments. The publishers are Messrs. Crocker & Brewster, Boston, and the price of the five volumes is \$18. We hope it may reappear in England at a cheaper rate.

For its own intrinsic merit, as well as for the pleasure with which one reads a devout treatise on the Saviour, by a writer still a Unitarian (by name at least), *The Fourth Gospel the Heart of Christ*, by Rev. Edmund H. Sears (Boston: Noyes, Holmes & Co., \$2.50), has strong claims on our attention. There are many shades in American Unitarianism; one party going off into sheer Deism, if not further; and another approximating very closely to evangelical views; with all varieties between. The author of this book strongly advocates the supernatural element in revelation; vindicates with much learning the authenticity of John's Gospel, so much impugned by recent critics; and expounds the book in a generally evangelical sense, and with a warmth and reverence of tone particularly gratifying in such a quarter.

A dozen years ago how many of us expected to read a *History of the Rise and Fall of the Slave Power in America*? Yet such a book has been written by one of the most steadfast of the abolition party, Senator Henry Wilson, of Massachusetts, now the candidate of the Republican party for the Vice-Presidency of the United States. (Boston: J. R. Osgood & Co.) It is to extend to three volumes, of which the first has appeared in book form, the whole work having been previously published in the N. Y. *Independent*. How far the author, who was so active a participant in the labours and sacrifices of the great struggle, has been able to attain to the judicial impartiality of history, may be open to question. But for our part we don't want to read such a story written in a bloodless style,