

same language; and puts Dr. G. W. Bethune as *American*, and Dr. Bonar, James Montgomery, Miss Clephane, Mrs. Cousin, Henry Francis Lyte, Robert McCheyne and Thomas Moore, as *English*!

We had marked a number of alterations in hymns, which we deemed unavoidable—for there *must* be liberty. All of us thank Charles Wesley for taking in hand Dr. Watt's hymn, and giving it a better "first verse"—"Before Jehovah's awful throne." We only specify one: In "Jesus, lover of my soul," instead of Wesley's "While the nearer waters roll," it is "While the billows near me roll; and instead of "More than all in Thee I find," it is "Boundless love in Thee I find;" and again, instead of "Grace to cover all my sin," we find it, "Grace to pardon all my sin." Perhaps we have stumbled on the worst alterations in the book; but these three alterations are needless; and they *don't improve* the hymn—that is always the true test.

The publishers assert that a 10th edition of 20,000 copies is almost exhausted; showing that the book, which has only been out three years, is getting into favor. The compiler has made a lavish use of British hymns and tunes—no fear of British copyrights being before him; and for the same reason there is a notable lack of United States recent hymns; not one (for instance) of Fanny Crosby's being in the book.

We would recommend any of our churches that need books, to send for a "returnable" specimen, and examine this new and excellent aspirant to public favor.

Literary Notices.

REVIEW OF REVIEWS.—The January No. of the American edition contains a most elaborate sketch and family history of Lord Aberdeen, Governor-General of Canada; with a large number of other interesting articles; and all well illustrated. A capital magazine, perhaps the best in the world, for general information on matters of daily interest and occurrence. It can be ordered through any bookseller. Price \$2.50 per annum.

THE TREASURY, New York, E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union: \$2.50, to clergymen \$2.00. The January issue keeps up its good character. In ten or twelve leading departments, it gives a wide survey of religious thought in many lands, and in respect to many issues. In every issue is a portrait, accompanied by a sermon from the same person, and a picture and description of his church. We have not yet seen any Canadian pastors and churches thus brought forward. But we suggest it.

OUR DUMB ANIMALS, January, is a good number; having on the first page, a large half-tone picture of three boys and a little girl binding up the fractured fore-leg of a dog. We would recommend, with all the vigor we have, the Superintendent of each "Junior Endeavor" among our churches, to get a copy for himself or herself, so as to get thoughts and facts to teach the children, bearing on humanity to all living creatures. It is the best thing extant, in its special field. 50c. a year. Geo. T. Angell, 19 Milk St., Boston.

THE HEADLIGHT.—This is the organ of the Point St. Charles Institute, under the care of Rev. Thomas Hall and the Congregational church there. The work includes a church, Rev. T. Hall, *pastor*; the Institute, Mr. Chas. Cushing, *President*; the gymnasium, Mr. J. Richardson, *instructor*; the Cromwell Cadets, Mr. M. O'Brien, *leader*; a penny savings bank; with six standing committees connected with the Institute. For all these interests in general, "The Headlight" (first No. issued in December), "flashes on the dark days of the closing and opening years." The first No. is largely taken up with the "Constitution" of the enterprise. We hope to quote often from its pages in the future; and hope it may live longer than most of these local efforts. If enterprise on the part of the editor and president will avail, it should thus live, and prosper.

AUSTRALASIAN INDEPENDENT.—Our readers will remember that while "Australia" means the great mainland (the "New Holland" of former days), "Australasia" includes all the colonies, Tasmania and New Zealand included; and when the federation is all complete, it will no doubt include many others of the Islands. So our friends of the Congregational organ recently enlarged their name to "Australasian." It is a large and carefully-edited monthly (our friends there have not yet attained to a weekly, any more than ourselves). The Dec. No. has a portrait, and 17 three-column pages of reading, with many pages of business announcements. There is seldom anything about Canada—as indeed among ourselves there is as yet but little interest in Australian affairs. We hope for closer connection. E. Lee & Co., 53 Market St., Sydney: 6s. 6d. per annum.

A CHICAGO saloon keeper has committed suicide because conscience-stricken over the business in which he was engaged. This is the first instance we know of where the uneasy sense of the injury he is doing his fellow men has driven a saloon keeper to such a deed, though the suicides have been plentiful enough on the other side of the bar.—*Advance*.