

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

**THE HOMILETIC MONTHLY.** (New York: Funk & Wagnalls.)—Several famous preachers, of various schools and classes, appear in the April number of the "Homiletic," such as Dr. Duryea, Dr. Talmage, Henry Ward Beecher and Mr. Spurgeon.

**OUR LITTLE ONES.** (Boston: The Russell Publishing Co.)—In the beauty and finish of the engravings, and in the general adaptation to their purpose both of the reading matter and the illustrations, this children's magazine is not surpassed by any of its class.

**COUNT SILVIUS.** (New York: George W. Harlan.)—This is a translation from the German of Georg Horn by M. J. Safford. The story finds its material in the ups and downs of life among the aristocratic families of one of the old Hanseatic cities. It exhibits considerable dramatic power, and the hero, heroine, villain, etc., are duly rewarded according to their works.

**THE SOUTHERN PULPIT.** (Richmond, Va.: Jackson & Lafferty.)—In the April number of this magazine we have the continuation of Dr. Platt's "Imaginary Symposium between Colonel Ingersoll and a Lawyer," the usual supply of sermons, outlines, etc., with the useful departments of "Preacher's Note Book," "Suggestions on Texts," and "Homiletical Illustrations," all well occupied.

**THE HOMILETIC MAGAZINE.** (London: Kegan, Paul, Trench & Co.; New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co.)—The March number of this magazine has reached us, with all the usual departments on the whole well filled. In the Theological Section there is an article with a wrong title. Instead of "The Scripture Doctrine of the Atonement," it would be much more correct to call it "Dr. Little's Doctrine of the Atonement."

**THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY.** (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—The May number of the "Atlantic" contains Mr. Longfellow's last poem, the proof of which was revised by him only a few days previous to the commencement of the brief illness that resulted in his death. The subject is "Mad River in the White Mountains." Among the prose articles Mr. John Fiske's "Arrival of Man in Europe" is specially noteworthy as a valuable contribution to archæology.

**TOWARD THE SUNRISE.** By Hugh Johnston, M.A., B.D. (Toronto: William Briggs.)—This volume contains a very well-written series of sketches of travel in Europe, Egypt and Palestine. The field has been so thoroughly worked of late years, that one would scarcely think anything new could be found in it, yet the freshness of Mr. Johnston's observations constitute the principal charm of the book. A brief sketch of the late Rev. W. Morley Punshon is inserted at the end.

**HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & CO.,** 4 Park street, Boston, Mass., will mail their catalogue of books free of charge to the address of anyone who makes application. The catalogue contains portraits of several of the famous authors on the list, namely, of Mr. Aldrich, Hans Christian Andersen, Bjørnstjerne Bjørnson, Cooper, Dickens, Emerson, Bret Harte, Hawthorne, Holmes, Howells, James, Longfellow, Lowell, Owen Meredith, Stedman, Mrs. Stowe, Tennyson, Warner, and Whittier.

**A FRUITFUL LIFE.** (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—In a nicely got up illustrated volume of 217 pages, we have a narrative of the experiences and missionary labours of Stephen Paxson, a heroic and indefatigable pioneer and organizer of Sabbath schools, for many years in the employ of the American Sunday School Union. The biographer is Mr. Paxson's daughter, who has done her work in such a way as to add to the attractiveness of matter which would be interesting in any form.

**WHAT IS PRESBYTERIAN LAW AS DEFINED BY THE CHURCH COURTS?** By the Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge, D.D. (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication; Toronto: N. Ure & Co.)—This manual of Church law is a volume of respectable size, containing 545 pages of very solid matter in the form of question and answer. Of course it applies particularly to the American Presbyterian Church, but, with the exception of a few details, it will be found a correct exposition of the laws by which all Presbyterian

Churches are governed. Reference to the various topics is much facilitated by a very full alphabetical index at the end of the book.

**THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW.** (Columbia, S.C.: James Woodrow.)—In the first number for the year of this quarterly, Professor W. Robertson Smith's recent lectures on Biblical Criticism are pretty thoroughly examined and unsparingly condemned by the Rev. Dr. Dabney, of the Union Theological Seminary, Virginia; the canonicity of the Second Epistle of Peter is defended by Professor Warfield, of Allegheny; and the now popular writings of the late Rev. W. F. Robertson, of Brighton, England, are shown to be very dangerous in all matters relating to Scripture interpretation and doctrine by the Rev. S. M. Smith, of Washington, N.C. Besides these, the number contains half-a-dozen other papers on important subjects.

**SPECIMEN GLASSES FOR THE KING'S MINSTRELS.** By Frances Ridley Havergal. (New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co.; Toronto: N. Ure & Co. Price 50 cents.)—The contents of this book consist of a series of papers on modern hymns and hymn-writers. The gifted author, in a brief sketch, introduces to her readers some sweet singer like herself, tells in a few expressive words what she thinks of him and of his work, and then gives a few of his hymns as specimens. In this way a number of the more recent Christian poets are passed in review, the reader's knowledge of a rich department of literature is largely increased, and his taste is probably improved, while he is scarcely conscious of anything further than the enjoyment of some very pleasant reading.

**ONE OF CLEOPATRA'S NIGHTS AND OTHER FANTASTIC ROMANCES.** By Théophile Gautier. Faithfully translated by Lafcadio Hearn. (New York: R. Worthington; Toronto: Willing & Williamson.)—By the student of literature as a fine art this volume will be welcomed as presenting in English dress some of the more remarkable writings of one of France's most brilliant literary artists. The author's ornate luxuriance of style is well preserved, and his power of painting word-pictures appears to have been shared to a considerable extent by the translator. It is not a book for story readers; they would probably find it wearisome; to them the most brilliant descriptive passages, and the most vivid representations of the life and surroundings of persons who lived two thousand years ago, would not make up for any deficiency in plot and incident. Neither is it a book to be placed in the hands of the young and inexperienced; it would not always be safe for them to follow M. Gautier's imagination.

**THE COMPARATIVE EDITION OF THE NEW TESTAMENT.** (Philadelphia: Porter & Coates.)—In this edition we have the authorized version of the New Testament and the revised version in parallel columns. In a former notice we expressed our decided preference of this form to any other, as it greatly facilitates the work of comparison. The publishers have now made the following additions and improvements: (1.) Chapter headings in Roman numerals. (2.) Running head-lines, as in the old version. (3.) Chronology of the New Testament. (4.) The Readings preferred by the American Committee, which were adopted by the Committee on Revision, are incorporated in the text. Those which were rejected are collectively in the Appendix, and for convenience of reference are also inserted as foot-notes to the respective passages. (5.) A history of the revision and an account of the methods followed by the Committee. (6.) The text (they say) can be relied upon is absolutely correct.

**PREMILLENNIALISM IN RELATION TO REVELATION XX. 1-10.** By Rev. Professor McLaren. (Toronto: James Bain & Son.)—At a meeting of the Toronto Ministerial Association, on the 6th of February, Professor McLaren read a paper which attracted considerable attention, and was discussed with much interest at two successive meetings of the Association. That paper is now before us in a neat pamphlet of twenty pages. It shows that even a literal interpretation of the passage indicated in the title fails to teach what is essential as a foundation for the Premillennial theory. This is done with remarkable clearness and force, while at the same time the view is upheld that the language of the passage is to be taken, not literally, but figuratively. Considering that this passage is claimed by Premillennialists as

the foundation of their peculiar doctrine, and as a direct and literal statement of future events, to which all other unfulfilled prophecies must be accommodated, it will be perceived that although the scope of the essay appears at the first glance to be narrow, it really involves the whole question at issue.

**DAILY STEPS UPWARD.** (New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co.; Toronto: N. Ure & Co. Price \$1.)—This very tastefully got up volume contains a Scripture text and selection of poetry for every day in the year. We turn to the date on which we write and find the following:—

"APRIL 10.

"Sad to his toil he goes,  
His seed with weeping leaves;  
But he shall come at twilight close,  
And bring his golden sheaves."

Burgess.

"They that sow in tears shall reap in joy."—Ps. cxxvi. 5.

"We must not hope to be mowers,  
And to gather the ripe gold ears,  
Until we have first been sowers,  
And watered the furrows with tears."

Alice Carey.

It adds not a little to the value of the work, that in every case the name of the poet is given. The contents of this book may also be had, mounted on cards, in calendar form, price 75 cents.

**HUBBARD'S NEWSPAPER AND BANK DIRECTORY OF THE WORLD.** (Newhaven, Conn., U. S. A.: International Newspaper Agency.)—These two huge volumes well illustrate the wonderful enterprise of the present day. The labour and expense attending the accumulation of such a vast quantity of material from sources scattered over the known world must have been enormous. Copious indeed must be the details supplied in a work, described in an extension of the title as "containing the names and descriptions of over thirty-four thousand newspapers and twenty thousand banks throughout the world, embracing substantially all newspapers, magazines and quarterlies published upon every continent, in every empire, kingdom, nation, province and island, together with the names and locations of the leading responsible banks and banking institutions of every country upon the earth; with maps and gazetteer information of all the various nations of the world, with especially full descriptions of the several States of the United States of America." The population of the various places is supplied, as well as the circulation of the different publications. The maps and various statistics are corrected down to the latest date. It will be observed that, in order to be a newspaper and bank directory, the work must be a pretty full gazetteer of the world, and as such calculated to have a very wide sphere of usefulness.

**THE TREASURY OF DAVID.** By C. H. Spurgeon. (New York: I. K. Funk & Co.; Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Vol. I. Price \$2.)—This "Treasury"—well worthy of the name—contains: "An original exposition of the Book of Psalms, a collection of illustrative extracts from the whole range of literature, a series of homiletical hints upon almost every verse, and lists of writers upon each psalm." Of the exposition Mr. Spurgeon says in his preface: "I consulted a few authors before penning it, to aid me in interpretation, and to arouse my thoughts; but, still I can claim originality for my comments—at least so I honestly think." Regarding the collection of extracts he says: "I am far from endorsing all I have quoted. I am neither responsible for the scholarship or orthodoxy of the writers. The names are given, that each author may bear his own burden; and a variety of writers have been quoted, that the thoughts of many minds might be before the reader. Still, I trust nothing evil has been admitted; if it be so, it is an oversight." The "Hints to the Village Preacher" are especially pithy. The whole forms an exceedingly rich commentary. The American publishers are doing a good work in issuing this edition, unabridged, printed from larger type than the English edition, and at half the price at which that edition is sold on this continent. Vol. II. will be ready about the end of April, and an additional volume will be issued about every two months thereafter. It is expected that six volumes will complete the work. That now before us contains Psalm I. to XXVI. From the high estimation in which the author is held by all evangelical denominations in this country, we should think that the demand for the book here will be very large.