

## Literary Notices.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for July has for contents:—"The Suburban House"—with illustrations from drawings and photographs:—"Bird Cradles"—with illustrations from drawings;—"The Rights of the Citizen. IV. To His own reputation," "Surf and surf bathing" with illustrations; "The Last Slave Ship" by George Horne, M. D., together with stories complete and serial, Price \$3 00 per year, 25 cents per No. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York.

THE PRESBYTERIAN AND REFORMED REVIEW for July is to hand, and opens with "Recent Discussions in Materialism" by Prof. J. M. Baldwin, giving a succinct view of the present state of opinion upon this subject; Then follow II, "Christ the High Priest of the World" by Prof. S. Woodbridge. III. "Jonathan Edwards as a naturalist," by Rev. Henry C. McCook. IV. "The Author of Robinson Crusoe" by Rev. Dean Murray. V. "Recent Works on Kant" by President McCosh; VI. "What is Animal Life" by Sir J. William Dawson, Prof. Shedd, and others; VII. "Historical and Critical Notes on (1) Presbyterian Union in India, (2) Three views of the Public School Question. (3) Notes on 1 Cor. xv. 20-28, (4) Exgetical notes on the Psalms; VIII. Editorial Notes, (1) Substitutes for the 4th commandment, (2) The Presbyterian General Assembly, by Prof. Warfield. IX. Reviews of Recent Theological Literature.

The contents of this issue may be judged from two things. (1) The themes. These are on a wide range of subjects, but all on what may be called living questions. (2) The writers. Some of the names, at all events, are familiar, and are in themselves a guarantee for the treatment of the subject of which they write.

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## HINDU ALARM.

An outcry comes from the Hindu community in Calcutta. There a pamphlet has been issued which contains these sentences: "The life-blood of our society is fast ebbing away and irreligion is eating into its vitals. Looking beneath the surface, we find that the mischief under which we Hindus at present labor is owing chiefly to the influence of Christianity brought steadily and constantly to bear on our national mind for nearly a century and half. . . . The result of the national apathy is that the countless Christian missions at work in this country, especially in Bengal, are in a fair way of achieving their object. The unflagging energy and systematic efforts with which these bodies are working at the foundation of our society will, unless counteracted in time, surely cause a mighty collapse of it at no distant date."—*Church of To-day.*

## THE DISCONTENTED WORKER.

The discontented worker who pines for wealth without being willing to labour for it regards the idleness in which it would enable him to live as the acme of temporal happiness. He has no idea of money as a great motive power to be applied in enterprises that give healthful employment to mind and body. All that he desires is to live a feather-bed life—to "loaf" luxuriously. People who indulge in such sensuous longings do not know how much more glorious it is to tear affluence from opposing fate by main strength of will and inflexibility of purpose than to receive it as a windfall. There is infinitely more satisfaction in conquering a fortune with brain and muscle than was ever experienced in obtaining and dissipating the golden store that some thriftier hand had accumulated.

The joy resulting from the diffusion of blessings to all around us is the poorest and sublimest that can ever enter the human mind, and can be conceived of only by those who have experienced it. Next to the consolations of Divine grace, it is the most sovereign balm for the miseries of life, both in him who is the object of it and in him who exercises it; and it will not only soothe and tranquillize a troubled spirit, but inspire a constant flow of good humor, content, and a gladty of heart.—*Bishop Porteus.*