

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The Fortnightly Review.

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We have received No. XVI. of the North American Series of the "Fortnightly," bringing the publication up to the end of September. The present number contains: "A Political Epilogue," by the Editor; "Dreams and Realities," by Leslie Stephen; "Mrs. Gaskell's Novels," by W. Minto; "Hallucinations of the Senses," by Henry Maudsley; "Prospects of Moral Progress in India," by H. J. S. Cotton; "Brockden Brown," by G. Barnett Smith; "The Doctrine of Metempsychosis," by Professor Knight; Home and Foreign Affairs.

The Preacher and Homiletic Monthly.

New York: The Religious Newspaper Agency.

We have received from the publishers what we may call the first number of a new magazine with title as above. And yet, though new in title and form, its features are those of an old acquaintance, or rather of two old acquaintances. It is formed by combining two somewhat similar publications formerly issued by the publishers, viz.: "The Metropolitan Pulpit" and "The Complete Preacher." The former contained condensed sermons by New York preachers; in the latter the sermons were given in full, and were by the most prominent preachers of all countries. In the first number of the new publication we find all these features united. Several sermons are given in full, and these are placed first, while the remainder are given in condensed form. We think the combination presents many advantages, not the least of which is that by this means the publishers have been enabled to furnish nearly as much matter as was contained in both periodicals for very little more than the price of one. The following are the contents of the first number: "The Possible and the Impossible in our Salvation," by Enoch Pond, D.D.; "The Misery of Man and the Mercy of God," by Adolphe Monod, translated by J. E. Rankin, D.D.; "Larger Definitions," by Joseph Parker, D.D.; "The Prodigal's Resolve," by T. De Witt Talmage, D.D.; "The Family in Heaven and Earth," by William Ormiston, D.D.; "Self Hurt of Sin," by C. N. Sims, D.D.; "The Prayer for Increase of Faith," by Samuel H. Weller, D.D.; "Timothy—the Religion of Character and the Religion of Sentiment," by C. H. Payne, D.D.; "God Mindful of Man," by H. M. Gallaher, D.D.; "Passing over to the Other Side," by T. L. Cuyler, D.D.; "Exchanging Cloaks," by S. H. Tyng, Jr., D.D.; "Piety and Riches," by Rev. T. Colclough; "Marvellous Faith"—first sermon; "Marvellous Unbelief"—second sermon, by Rev. William Jones; "The Fall of Dagon," by D. Thomas, D.D.; "The Fool's Death," by Rev. Archibald Brown; "The Lord Jesus Christ—No. 1, His Wonderful Life; No. 2, His Dreadful Death—a Service for children, by John Richardson, D.D.; "The Bible a Lamp," by Rev. T. Champness; The International Sabbath School Lessons—Homiletically treated, by Rev. D. C. Hughes; Sermonic Criticisms; "What Ought Preaching to be," by E. De Pressence; A Suggestive Commentary on a Harmony of the Gospels; Hints at the Meaning of Texts; The Prayer-Meeting Service; Themes and Texts of Leading Sermons Preached during the Month; Suggestive Themes. Under the head of Sermonic Criticisms, we have: "Why the Pulpit has lost its hold on some people—an Interview with a Lawyer;" "Choosing Wrong Texts," by Bishop Moorhouse; "The City Pulpits Criticized;" "Lack of Unity;" "Knowledge of the Evils to be Attacked;" "Dr. Taylor's Paris Sermon Criticized by a Layman." Of the "Hints at the meaning of Texts, some are classified as suitable for a Revival Service, viz.: "The Fruitlessness of the Worldling's Labour," "The Freedom of Salvation," and "The Scarlet Line;" some for a Funeral Service, as: "Death a sleep," "Life's Uncertainty," "Martha's Mistake," "The Safety of the Dead," "Life a Breath," "The Death of the Young;" and the two remaining ones are regarded as belonging to the department of Christian Culture, viz.: "The Supreme Wisdom of Perfect Trust in God," and "Keeping One's self Unspotted from the World." We have also received Vol. III. of the "Complete Preacher," bound. It contains six of the monthly numbers, making up a large quantity of valuable reading matter at a low price, and furnishing a specimen of the preaching of the most noted pulpit orators of our day.

CURRENT OPINIONS.

THE basis of political reform is no' unscrupulous will; it is moral principle, wise judgment, & and views.—*Harper's Weekly.*

IN the present state of public opinion, the law of the Sabbath is relaxed beyond any known precedent in New England.—*Watchman.*

NOTHING that the country could do for the laboring men would bring such immediate and extended good as the putting a stop to liquor-selling.—*Zion's Herald.*

IF the poor man love his rich neighbor as he loves himself, will he not delight in the thought of that neighbor's abundance as much as if he possessed that wealth himself?—*Examiner and Chronicle.*

As with the Irish on this side of the Continent, so with the Chinese on the other. We are sure that there is a better way of dealing with them than that of violent and forcible expulsion.—*Evangelist.*

THIS love of money may and does prevail among those who have but little of it, as well as among those who have much; and its blighting power is seen and felt over all the church.—*Central Presbyterian.*

THERE will be hard times in homes without love; in families that have money for luxury, and none for clarity; in households unused to prayer and unblest by faith in the realities of a world to come.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

NATURALISTS have observed that when the price of hops and of tobacco is good, the men who raise them seem to have no conscience. But as the price goes down, that faculty becomes largely developed.—*Congregationalist.*

IF we want our standard of financial prosperity to be based upon sure and safe foundations, let us remember, let us all remember, that its best security is an untarnished national credit and a sound constitutional currency.—*President Hayes.*

BISHOP CONROY, Papal Delegate, was not the first Roman magnate who perished unaccountably in Newfoundland, nor was he the last liberal statesman of Rome who so departed this life under the scarcely concealed curses of the Ultramontanes.—*Montreal Witness.*

CHRISTIANS, who would maintain a good report with them who are without, will please recollect that the Muller principle is cash. The man who lives within his means, and pays cash, will have a better reputation with God and man than he who, for a pretence, makes long prayers and shaves his own nose.—*Observer.*

THE first word to the Church in the great commission is "Go." The true test, therefore, of the efficiency of any Church as an evangelizing agency is the "go" in it—or the going out from it; the going after the lost; the going to bring in the outsiders. How much of the "go" is there in your Church? That is the question. *Sunday School Times.*

WHEN I converse with perfect ease and accuracy through the telephone with friends eight miles away, their words sounding in my ear precisely as they do when they sit beside me, I do not permit myself to doubt that I shall live to see this instrument so perfected that I shall converse with equal ease and accuracy with friends in London or Paris.—*Mayor Pierce of Boston.*

The "sterior," which does not worship the Bible, but the English version thereof (biblianglicoverionolatry is the name of its sin), says that it will be an emasculated Bible which the revisers will offer us if they leave out as spurious any verses from the present received text. We guess not. The Bible will retain its force after any few interpolations have been thrown out.—*N. Y. Independent.*

WHEN Paul said to the Corinthian Church, "All things are yours," he in a few words expressed, as usual with him, a truth of deep meaning and wide application. Matters are so arranged in the material world, by Him who is head over all things to His Church, that all things in nature, from "the stars in their courses" to the "hornet which drove out the Canaanites," work together for the good of the Church.—*Canada Christian Monthly.*

COULD Paul have seen himself as we see him, the foremost man of the age, and the mightiest force of modern civilization, he never could have had the faith that made him Paul. He simply did the duty of the hour as he wrote letters to little bands of persecuted Christians, never thinking that his words would be more precious than diamonds to coming ages. Faith gives them that quenchless lustre that shines in the darkness.—*Zion's Herald.*

WE often speak of the poor man's squalid home as half-excusing his intemperance and waste, but it is not only his home, it is his associates, and the coarseness and vulgarity which cling to himself and his wife and children, of which he is dimly and undefinedly conscious, and cannot even set about ameliorating. These sometimes kindle his rage against his betters, and sometimes plunge him into loveless apathy and despairing recklessness.—*Dr. Chadwick, Rector of Armagh.*

THE human soul is slow to discover the real excellence of things given to us by a bountiful Creator, and not until the shadows of death begin to gather around the object that we love, do we see its worth and beauty. Autumn is the dim shadow that clusters about the sweet, precious things that God has created in the realm of nature. While it robs them of life, it tears away the veil and reveals the golden gem of beauty and sweetness. Beauty lurks in all the dim old aisles of nature and we discover it at last. At last! Oh, words so closely akin to never! Oh, blinded eyes that do not see the beauty of this world until it is going from us! Oh, icy hearts that do not receive the tender love of Christ until the last moment! How blind—how cold are souls that were created to glow and throb with infinite love forever. In the great, glorious life to come we shall see the golden chain of love as it binds together all created things. We shall understand the hidden secrets that have been to us like "sealed books." We wait patiently until the "scales fall from our eyes."—*Northern Advocate.*

SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

ADULTERATION.—A society in Paris is making arrangements to establish in the cities and towns of France chemical laboratories for the purpose of examining articles of food, and detecting adulterations or unhealthful constituents. In England the value of public analysts has long since been satisfactorily demonstrated.

DUST IN THE EYE.—A correspondent writes to the *Scientific American* this remedy for cinders in the eye:—"A small camel's hair brush dipped in water and passed over the ball of the eye on raising the lid. The operation requires no skill, takes but a moment, and instantly removes any cinder or particle of dust or dirt without inflaming the eye."

POISONOUS WALL PAPER.—A late number of the "Scientific American" has another article under the above head. The only fact developed is the large percentage of such papers that are poisonous. Mr. Siebold, a member of Manchester Chemists' and Druggists' Association, examined sixty or seventy samples of wall paper of different colors and found only ten that were harmless.

TO CURE A COLIC.—By abstaining from drink and liquid food of any kind, for as long a period as possible, the internal congestion, which is in fact, the condition generally known as a cold, becomes reduced. The cause of congestion is the excess of blood contained in the overcharged membranes, and this is removed when the general bulk has been diminished by withholding the usual supply of fluid.

ELECTRIC ALARM.—At a meeting of the Franklin Institute a few evenings ago an electric alarm door-mat was exhibited. This mat, when stepped upon, communicates a signal, or rings a bell. The mat can be concealed under a carpet, or by covering with some light material. Perhaps it may also serve to record the entrance or exit of passengers from railroad cars, and thus be added to the number of bell-punch inventions.

REMOVING BAD SMELLS.—Smoke will remove a bad smell more effectually and with less labor than anything else. If the hands smell of anything disagreeable, remove the stove lid and hold them over the smoke a minute, and it will all be gone. Fill an empty barrel half full of straw and set it on fire; it will clean the barrel, and a little care will keep it from scorching. If any of the young folks should go rabbit-hunting and make a mistake in the game they tree, they can lose the unpleasant remembrance of it by setting a bunch of straw on fire and standing a while in the smoke. I have removed the taste and smell of turpentine and coal oil from bottles by washing them with a little vinegar.

THE following is a very nice way of preparing potatoes for breakfast. Peel them, and cut them in very thin slices into a very little boiling water, so little that it will be evaporated when they are cooked. At this point, add salt to your taste, some cream, or if you have not cream put in a very little milk and a bit of butter. A little practice will make this a very favorite dish in any family. The art is, to cook the potatoes with a very little water, so that it will be evaporated at the time the potatoes are done. They must be stirred while cooking occasionally. Another mode is, to mash the potatoes and add salt, butter, and a little cream, and set them away. Then cut them in slices, and fry for breakfast.

AN IMPORTANT FACT.—Exercise for the body, occupation for the mind—these are grand constituents of health and happiness; the cardinal points upon which everything turns. Motion seems to be a great preserving principle of nature, to which even inanimate things are subject; for the winds, waves, the earth itself, are restless, and the waving of trees, shrubs, and flowers is known to be an essential part of their economy. A fixed rule of taking several hours' exercise every day, if possible in the open air, if not, under cover, will be almost certain to secure an exemption from disease, as well as from the attacks from low spirits, or ennui, that monster who is ever waylaying the rich and indolent. "Throw but a stone, the giant dies."

ABOUT CANARY BIRDS.—Place the cage so that no draught can strike the bird. Give nothing to healthy birds but rape and canary seed, water, cuttle-fish bone, and gravel-paper or sand on the floor of the cage. No hemp seed. A bath three times a week. The room should not be overheated—never above seventy degrees. When moulting (shedding feathers) keep warm, avoid all draughts of air. Give plenty of German rape seed; a little hard boiled egg, mixed with crackers grated fine, is excellent. Feed at a certain hour in the morning. By observing these simple rules birds may be kept in fine condition for years. For birds that are sick or have lost their song procure bird tonic at a bird store. Very many keep birds who mean to give their pets all things to make them bright and happy, and at the same time are guilty of great cruelty in regard to perches. The perches in a cage should be each one of different size, and the smallest as large as a pipe stem. If perches are of the right sort no trouble is ever had about the bird's toe-nails growing too long; and of all things keep the perches clean.

TO RELIEVE CHOKED CATTLE.—"I used to be a Cheshire (England) dairyman, and had a stock of nearly one hundred cattle. Growing many acres of turnips, choking of the cows was very frequent, and the simple remedy was a stick of hard wood about a foot long and an inch and a half square, put in the mouth as a bridle-bit—a string from each end tied to each horn to keep it in place. Placing the stick instantly releases the imprisoned foul air from the distended stomach, and prevents more swelling. Whatever root sticks in the throat will in time soften and go down, and no bad effect can follow unless force is used. Until this summer I had never seen a case of bloating from eating grass or clover. In June my next neighbor had a case and had my assistance. I placed the stick and she was relieved in a few minutes. The same day my cows (through a board being down in my neighbor's fence) got into the clover, &c., and before I knew it one died. Numbers were looking on while she was struggling and dying, but knew no remedy. To-day another neighbor had a similar case, and effected a cure by the means described."