

that one of the most remarkable views in Palestine is to be obtained from this spot. The spot is remarkable for the extent of its prospect. To the south the eyeskins the tops of the mountains of Ephraim, looking over Ebal and Gerizin, till it embraces within its field of vision the mountains that are round about Jerusalem. To the west the Mediteranean lies sparkling in the sun, with here and there a white sail, and yonder one of the French steamers on its way to Beyrout from Joppa. To the east one sees the top of Tabor, the hollow in which lies the sea of Galilee (but not its waters), and beyond the chasm of the Jordan valley, the hills of Gilead, which slope away into the pathless plains of the Hauran. To the north there rises a wild sea of hills and mountains, with Spfed on the top of one of the billows, which culminate in the majestic Hermon wearing summer and winter his icy crown. The view is remarkable also from "the ruins famed in story," that lie near. There at our feet is Jezreel, the field of many battles, with Nain and Endor, yonder is Carmel. Here is Tabor. Quite close, rise on the top of a hill the ruins of Sepphoris, the ancient capital of Galilee, while Nazareth hides from view at our very feet.

These are the words, the finest he ever wrote, in which Dr. Robinson meditates on the top of Neby Ismail: "Seating myself in the shade of the

Neby, I remained for some hours upon this spot, lost in the contemplation of the wide prospect, and of the events connected with the scenes around. In the village below, the Saviour of the world had passed his childhood; and although we have few particulars of his life during these early years, yet there are certain features of nature which meet our eyes now, just as they met his. He must often have visited the fountain near which we had pitched our tent: his feet must frequently have wandered over the adjacent hills, and his eyes doubtless have gazed upon the splendid prospect from this very spot. Here the Prince of Peace looked down on the great plain, where the din of battles so oft had rolled, and the garments of the warrior been dyed in blood, and he looked out too upon that sea, over which the swift ships were to bear the tidings of his salvation to nations and continents then unknown. How has the moral aspects of things been changed! Battles and bloodshed have not indeed ceased to desolate this unhappy country, and gross darkness now covers the people, but from this region a light went forth which has enlightened the world, and unveiled new climes; and now the rays of that light begin to be reflected back from distant isles and continents to illuminate anew the darkened land where it first sprung up."

Editorial Notes.

"ILLUSTRATED CHRISTIAN WEEKLY."

We are glad to find this excellent paper begin the new year with new attractions, in type, in woodcuts, and in matter. We refer with special pleasure to the following features for 1875:—

1. "Tract Societies and Tract Work at Home and Abroad," which will illustrate the history and methods of this work, with occasional illustrations.