

NOTICES OF NEW PUBLICATIONS.

Messrs. DERBY & MILLER, of Auburn, have published, in a very large and handsome volume of 800 pages or so, "LIVES OF THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATE OF NEW-YORK," by JOHN S. JENKINS. As the subjects of the biography are, with one or two exceptions, men of the highest order of talents, and connected with the growth, prosperity and greatness of the State in manifold ways, the work must necessarily be one of profound interest. The history of the Governors is in truth a history of New-York. Mr. JENKINS has begun with GEORGE CLINTON, the first post-revolutionary magistrate, and traveled along with much industry through the annals of each succeeding administration. The facts, we presume, are correctly and impartially stated, and if the political opinions of the writer affect the estimates of his *dramatis personæ*, it is an inevitable and pardonable fault. The portrait which accompanies each biography is neatly engraved and tolerably accurate. Mr. HENRY PERRY, No. 13 Park Row, is sole agent for the work in this city and county.

The writings of that great and singular metaphysician, JONATHAN EDWARDS, if not classic, make their way to the public very much as though they were. We should not be more surprised at the appearance of an additional moral code of Epictetus; or another Symposium of Xenophon; printed from new-found MSS., than we are at the publication of another production of the profoundest of American theologians. A posthumous work indeed! The author has been dead almost a hundred years!

In the preface to the present volume—CHARITY AND ITS FRUITS—MR. TRYON EDWARDS, the editor, informs us that President Edwards left a large number of manuscripts. Referring to the enormous fecundity of Hall, Lightfoot, Taylor, Owen, and Baxter, he says, "the works of Edwards," if all published, would be more voluminous than those of any of these writers, if, possibly, the last be excepted. And these MSS. have been carefully preserved, and about three years since were committed to the editor of this work, as sole permanent trustee, by all the then surviving grandchildren of their author. The grandchildren have done well. The volume published is indeed a most valuable contribution to sacred literature; more popular and practical than the many abstruser disquisitions of the great writer; and enforcing a duty, nay, a life of duty, upon the Christian, in the most animated terms and with the closest reasoning. We are indebted to the enterprise of Messrs. CARTER & BROTHER for the publication.

THE AMERICAN ALMANAC, for a copy of which we were indebted a month ago, to Messrs. STRINGER & TOWNSEND, is as usual charged with a heavy freight of valuable matter. The astronomical tables are of the highest authority for accuracy; and indeed the whole scientific department deserves that, and the further praise of industrious care and labor. The paper of Prof. Lovering, upon "Recent Discoveries in Astronomy," is of especial interest. The political matter, we regret to observe, is not equally authentic. There are several notable confusions and errors that might have easily been avoided, and would have left the work as correct in its details, as it is complete in its universality. Nevertheless, the number belongs to a series indispensable to the scholar and business man; and will not be spared because of trifling peccadilloes.

IDA PFEIFFER is a name well-known through the world, over which she has wandered, as that of a female traveler of much intrepidity and endurance. Beyond that fact, and her own published records of travel, we know little or nothing a jot her. In 1846, having previously made the less hazardous experiment of a voyage to the Holy Land, she set out upon a tremendous task—for a female—of a tour about the globe, across continent, ocean, and mountain range. The story of this journey was spread through several volumes, from which an admiring English lady has translated and published a series of chapters under the collective title of "A LADY'S VOYAGE ROUND THE WORLD." Messrs. HARPER & BROTHERS have republished the fascinating volume.

"MAN AND HIS MIGRATIONS," by R. G. LATHAM, M. D., &c., is the inscription upon the title-page of a little volume, which Mr. CHARLES B. NORTON, Publisher, lays before us. Dr. LATHAM is, of course, the eminent ethnologist, whose various productions have thrown so much light upon that intricate department of natural history. In the present work we have six lectures upon the great migrations, which have marked different periods of the world's history, thrown into a highly popular form, and carrying the mind back to those periods antecedent to change, when each race occupied its primitive territory. The treatment of this very curious subject is ingenious in the extreme.

The same publisher issues a highly useful little manual of the theory and practice of Life Insurance.

That the study of Ethnology is becoming yearly more and more attractive to scholars and scientific men, is evinced by the profusion of books upon the topic constantly emanating from the press. Among the latest is the NATURAL HISTORY OF THE HUMAN SPECIES, by Col. Hamilton Smith, an English savan of very devoted assiduity in this department of science. His book analyses the various systems of Ethnological division now current, and endeavors to state the case as between the conflicting parties fairly, without however adding very decided strength to either of them. The best portion of the American reprint, which Messrs. GOULD & LINCOLN, of Boston, have issued, is a preface by Dr. Kneeland, giving the later views of Prof. Agassiz, Dr. Prichard, Dr. Morton, and others. Dr. Kneeland leans to the "Unity" doctrine, and supports his side with unquestionable ability.

From Mr. EDWARD H. FLETCHER, No. 141 Nassau-street, we have a volume of "WORDS IN EARNEST; OR, THE PATH OF WISDOM MADE PLAIN." The contents embrace a series of discourses from the pens of Rev. W. W. EVERTS, J. W. ALEXANDER, WILLIAM HAGUE, G. W. ANDERSON and GEORGE B. CHEEVER, upon the temptations and duties of young men in cities. The well known piety and ability of the writers give the best security for an excellent book. And most certainly words in earnest are much needed, and should be heeded by the class the exhortations are addressed to.

The Fourth Edition of the POEMS OF REV. RALPH HOYT has been issued by SHEPARD & CO., No. 152 Fulton-street. The volume is entitled SKETCHES OF LIFE AND LANDSCAPE, and is printed in a very unique and tasteful style. Mr. Hoyt has much reputation as a poet. Either genius, or a fine sense equivalent to it, controls his utterance, and leads him away from the beaten ways of common-place. Some of his productions have much primitive vigor and originality; and all of them are so richly tinted with the glow of a warm, enthusiastic, benevolent heart, as to make their way surely and directly to all kindred natures.

HUNT'S MAGAZINE.—The January number of this standard of excellence in mercantile literature and statistics, though delayed a week beyond its usual day of publication, is rendered doubly valuable by the important tables which caused the delay. We have seldom met a more valuable mass of information in the same condensed shape. As an evidence of the appreciation in which Mr. Hunt's labors are held in high quarters, we notice that he has been elected a member of the New York Chamber of Commerce, and we are not sure that part of his statistics on the Census were not voluntarily furnished by the President of the United States himself. We know that Mr. Fillmore takes a lively interest

in the success of the *Merchant's Magazine*. The four leading articles in this number are devoted to the Fisheries, to Protection, *vs.* Free-Trade, Money on Paper, and Key-West in Florida.

That sterling authority in matters of Art and Science, SILLIMAN'S JOURNAL, is upon our table. The January number is enriched with articles illustrating and explaining the newest discoveries in the scientific world; and includes several papers which were read before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, at the late meeting in Albany. The leading original papers relate to the new method of Astronomical Observations discovered by Prof. O. M. MITCHEL; the application of the Electric Telegraph to a system of Fire-Alarms, by Dr. Wm. F. CHANNING; Observations on Coral Reefs and Islands, by JAMES D. DANA, Esq., the indefatigable mineralogist, whose labors added so greatly to the valuable results of the United States Exploring Expedition; and a number of smaller articles. The usual record of scientific discoveries, in the departments of Chemistry, Mineralogy and Geology, Zoology, &c., concludes an excellent number.

If the prosperity of APPLETON'S "MECHANICS MAGAZINE" may be tested by growth in size, its recent passage from an octavo to a quarto form is a highly encouraging symptom. Indeed, there is the best of evidence from other sources, that among the classes to whose interests it is devoted, its popularity is of a steady and flattering growth. And this is well merited. The liberal management of the proprietors—the devotion and assiduity of Mr. JULIUS W. ADAMS, the editor—have entirely realized the wishes and wants of the readers, in the way of recording the progress and suggesting yet further developments of mechanical science. The drafts accompanying each number are accurate and graphic.

THE CHURCH REVIEW, AND ECCLESIASTICAL REGISTER, sustains ably in the January number, its character as a high-toned religious periodical. During the four years of its existence, it has obtained a large share of favor among the clergy and laity of the Episcopal communion. The distinguished names enlisted as contributors, the profound learning and fairness of its theological discussions, and the variety and ability of the literary department, combine to support its elevated character. One of the best features at present, is the republication of that rare and interesting work, "Humphrey's History of the Venerable Propagation Society." Mr. G. B. BASSETT, of New Haven, is the Publisher, and Messrs. STANFORD & SWORDS, Agents for this City.

THE AMERICAN WHIG REVIEW for the current month, has a portrait of William H. Terry, Esq., late editor of the *Whig*, at Richmond, Va. The leading article treats quite lucidly of the doctrine of intervention as the basis of a new policy opposed to the monarchic principle of a balance of power; and upon the whole leans to the idea that it may be proper, when we are nationally ready to assert the principle, to do so in its full length and breadth. It will be the republican theory of international law. There are several other articles of much interest, more especially those on the "Celebrated Lecturers of Paris;" "Some Shakspearian and Spenserian MSS.;" "Philosophy;" "Kossuth, the Orator and Statesman," &c. The number is, if anything an advance upon its predecessors.

Among others of the annual contributions to juvenile literature, which Messrs. MUNROE & Co., of Boston, furnish, we find this year two of unusual interest. "THE MEMORY OF WASHINGTON," is the title of the first, containing a great mass of anecdotes of that great man, his family, friends, and of LaFayette. There are likewise biographies of his mother and wife. The volume is just the one for patriotic gift-makers.

The other is from the same graceful pen as the "Trap to Catch a Sunbeam," and bears the significant title of "THE HOUSE UPON THE ROCK." The object of the book is mainly the illustration of the value of piety. Messrs. C. S. FRANCIS & Co., Broadway, have both volumes.

The last product of Mr. HENRY WILLIAM HERBERT's busy pen is "THE CAPTAINS OF THE OLD WORLD, as compared with the Great Modern Strategists." The book is not, as might be supposed at first sight, designed for the library of militia majors, side by side with the latest Infantry Tactics. It is full of anecdote, high-wrought picture drawing; and traces of nice scholarship; and take it for all in all, is as agreeable a story of ancient military life, as "O'Malley," or "Tom Burke," is of the modern. We regret the necessity of leaving it with so hasty a notice. Mr. CHARLES SCRIBNER, No. 145 Nassau-street, is the publisher.

As a reading book for the student of the Spanish language, a Translation into "Castellano" of Mrs. Willard's "History of the Republic of America," has been executed by Mr. MIGUEL T. TOLON. The COMPENDIO DE LA HISTORIA DE LOS ESTADOS UNIDOS, is a highly useful book, and of all others most decidedly commendable to the American student of that language. Abundant illustrations, geographical and historical accompany it. Messrs. A. S. BARNES & Co., are the publishers.

The same publishers, Messrs. BARNES & Co., issue another of those excellent mathematical textbooks, of CHARLES DAVIES, L. L. D., which have become standard throughout the country. In his "Elements of Geometry," Prof. Davies has endeavored to meet the requirements of the geometrical tyro; and by the addition of short treatises on Trigonometry and Mensuration, carry him forward to a period when he may be competent to graduate into the difficulties of Legendre, and the perplexities of Spherics.

"SALANDER AND THE DRAGON: a Romance of the Hartz Prison;" is the title of a wild, strangely mixed up story in the German legendary vein. The object of the book is the illustration of the evils of slander and defamation; and it will serve as a very becoming companion to Mrs. Opie's popular little work, "Detraction Displayed." The author is Mr. FREDERIC WILLIAM SHELTON; the publisher, Mr. JOHN S. TAYLOR, of No. 143 Nassau-street.

Under the *ad captandum* title of "GLEANINGS AND GROUPINGS FROM A PASTOR'S PORTFOLIO," Rev. JOSHUA N. DANFORTH, of Alexandria, Va., has collected a series of quite readable sketches and essays. The style needs a trifle of pruning; and the matter has rather more sentiment than thought; but, perhaps, in such desultory efforts, these traits are not necessarily objectionable. Messrs. A. S. BARNES & Co., of this city, are the publishers.

THE SERMONS preached at Macao, Ningpo, and other places in China, by that devoted Missionary, WALTER M. LOWRIE, have been given to the world by Messrs. CARTER & BROTHER. The circumstances of the melancholy death of Mr. Lowrie, in 1847, we all well remember. It is to be regretted that no memorials of his life are to be found, where they ought to be, at the commencement of this worthy tribute to his piety, eloquence, and talents.

The Sermons of PRESIDENT DAVIES, of Princeton College, have been collected substantially by some faithful hand, and are published "for gratuitous circulation," by M. W. DODD. They contain certain passages of fervent adjuration to the unconverted, worthy of Alleyne or Baxter.

THE CHRISTIAN REVIEW—MR. L. COLBY, of this City, publisher—has reached its XVIIth Volume. It is the literary exponent of the Baptist denomination, and is conducted with much spirit by Rev. S. S. CUTTING and Prof. GAMMELL, assisted occasionally by Rev. Drs. WILLIAMS and KENDRICK. The quarterly number for January has a

controversial article, from the principal editor, expository of the Calvinistic dogma of "Original Sin;" a disquisition on the "Life and Philosophy of Epictetus," by Rev. Dr. POND; a review of the works of Wm. R. WILLIAMS, D.D., by Prof. KENDRICK; and other religious and literary fare.

Mr. JOSEPH H. PALMER, a Tutor in the Free Academy of this city, has compiled a very useful "TREATISE ON PRACTICAL BOOK-KEEPING AND BUSINESS TRANSACTIONS," designed for Academics and Schools. The design is well followed out, and we should not be surprised if it were to supplant all other manuals in the school room. Messrs. PRATT, WOODFORD & Co. are the publishers.

THE BANKER'S MAGAZINE, of Mr. Smith Hoeman's of Boston, for January, is an unusually interesting journal. Besides the Bank statistics of the U. States, made up with much labor and care; this number contains two or three valuable papers, on the duties of young Cashiers, Lawson History of the Bank of England, and the law of bills in the State of Maine, besides a variety of extracts on the supply of Gold, notes on Coins, &c.

GRACE GREENWOOD has collected another volume of her delightful sketches, under the appropriate title of DELIGHTFUL LEAVES. The publishers are Messrs. TICKNOR, REED & FIELD, of Boston. Mrs. CLARKE has established a reputation as far beyond praise as it is beyond criticism.