

Educational Department.

Attention in Reading.

Paul told Timothy to give attendance to the public and private reading of the Holy Scriptures, and to whatever might develop the gift in him received by the grace of God. He was not only to give attention to reading; but in it, that is, not only to remember the duty of daily reading, but while reading to put his whole soul to the task. "Meditate upon these things—care for them—give thyself wholly to them, that thy profiting may appear to all." *Totus in illis*, as Horace says, *omnibus pedibusque* as Tarentius puts it; i. e., "with might and main." F. W. Robertson, according to Dean Stanley, was "the greatest preacher of the nineteenth century, beyond question." Robertson says: "I know what reading is. I read hard or not at all, never skimming. Plato, Aristotle, Butler, Thucydides, Sterne, Jonathan Edwards, have passed, like the iron atoms of the blood, into my mental constitution." The worst kind of idleness, he says, is that careless reading that allows thought to run through a thoughtless mind as water runs over gravel on which nothing grows. He gave six months to a small octavo on chemistry. Miss Martineau often gave an hour to a single page. That realizes the meaning of "giving attendance" to reading. That makes vivid the lexical sense of attention or "tension" of the mind, as a rope is tense when strained to its utmost power. This power of concentrating the attention of another, or one's own, is a coveted gift. Psychologists who use it become wizards in the eyes of those whom they enchain. As they concentrate the nervous energy to one point they call away consciousness from all other points, so that a pistol fired by the ear can not be heard; the knife or forceps leaves no remembered pain. Such is the wonderful witchery of concentrated mental power in its supremacy over the intellectual faculties and physical functions of life. I speak not from hearsay, but only of what I have done myself again and again, with old and young, in this and other lands. The light burns when you get a focus. Some brains are better burning glasses than others, but all people can do more with themselves and others than they imagine.

There is no need of so much in-

tellectual vagrancy in hearing, seeing, or reading. Give attention! It is the first call to the soldier under drill. Children should learn this as their first lesson: Stretch the cord to its fullest tension. Beware of reverie. He that has ears to hear let him hear. He that reads let him read, and not dream over the page. Lessons would be sooner learned, and commands sooner obeyed, if reverie and absent-mindedness were early conquered and the apostle's motto made a law. "This one thing I do." Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might. Success is certain.—*Ex.*

Electric Light in London.

The present condition of the electric light in London is: Streets are now being lighted with it at one-fourth the price of gas; incandescent lamps can be introduced into every room in any house as soon as the mains are laid; there can be a separate meter to each house; the lamps can be separately lighted and put out by turning a cock; if one light goes out, no other one is affected; the subdivision is so complete that there is no glare, and yet a room with incandescent lamps is far more brightly lighted than with an equal number of gas lamps, and an equal amount of candle power produced by electricity is cheaper than if produced by gas. In addition, the electric light has no odor, it does not vitiate or heat the air, nor does it, like gas, tarnish paint and decoration.—*Ex.*

In discussing school discipline, the *Toronto Globe* says that a sunny face and a kindly tone are mightier forces with the average boy or girl, than the darkest frown or the sternest accents can possibly be. The child is framed by nature to delight as much in activity of mind as of the body, and one does not see why the mental gymnasium should be more irksome than that for the exercise of the muscles, or why the skillful director of the former should not find his work more enjoyable than that of the other.

Prof. Robb, of Forest Grove, who has been teaching at The Dalles has been engaged to take charge of the Central School at Albany.

By the will of the late President Millard Fillmore, Rochester University receives a bequest of \$20,000.

OUR BOOK TABLE.

[Notices and Reviews of books and periodicals given once each month.]

WIDE AWAKE for July is as bright and cheery as it is possible to imagine. It contains no less than eleven full page illustrations, besides being full of smaller pictures of great excellence. Its contributions are very choice. Its stories are full of pleasant interest and useful lessons. The Chautauqua Reading Course is a valuable feature. The July number contains a programme for an evening's entertainment, comprising pantomimes, representations of statuary, pictures, &c., which will aid many a young person in making a pleasant evening for their friends. D. Lothrop & Co., Publishers, Boston.

NORTH AMERICAN REVIEW for July contains the following articles: Emerson as a Poet, by Edwin P. Whipple; The Business of Office seeking, by Richard Grant White; Hydraulic Pressure in Wall Street; The Ruins of Central America, Part XI., by Desire Charney; The Things Which Remain, by Gail Hamilton; False Taste in Art, by Francis Marion Crawford. These articles are fairly well written, but we think the article by Richard Grant White the best. Gail Hamilton does not come up to our expectations, but writes up the Garfield assassination from a political standpoint like a little country politician. The other articles have nothing particular to commend or condemn.

CHRISTIAN QUARTERLY REVIEW, No. 3, for July is just at hand. We think it much better than either of its valuable predecessors. It is indeed a cabinet of deep, close, analytical religious thought, all under the guidance of revelation. The first article, "Our Relations to the Denominations," is the clearest exposition of the differences between the religious denominations and the Church of Christ, we have ever seen. We wish every reader of the HERALD and everybody else could read it. The other articles are, "God's Touch Direct To-day," "Certain Alleged Immortalities of the Bible," "Our Power and Our Danger of Suppressing It," "The Permanent Ministry of the Church," "The Simplicity of the Gospel," Part II., and "The Tendency of Protestantism." These are all strong articles from our best minds. We would be glad that every subscriber to the HERALD would also take the *Christian Quarterly Review* for its able doctrinal articles, and with these two papers and their Bibles, we think they would be fitted for any emergency. The *Review* contains 144 pages, quarterly, at \$2.00 per year. The only criticism we offer is that the composition and press-work shows poor taste in the printers and are unworthy such a publication. Address Dr. E. W. Herndon, Editor and Publisher, Columbia, Mo.

THE CHILDREN'S MUSEUM, No. 6 Bond St., New York, Charles K. Bell, Publisher, is before us. It is a neat monthly filled with interesting reading for the young. "The Spoon-drifter's Voyage to Japan," (illustrated), "Queen Victoria's Household," "The Talisman Ruby," and "The Aquarium," (illustrated), are among the many rich and racy articles for youthful minds. Indeed, many older ones will gain much needed information from these essays. Price \$1.00.

FRANK LESLIE'S SUNDAY MAGAZINE.—The number for July presents such attractions as to commend it to public favor and insure increasing patronage. The opening article gives an exceedingly interesting history of "Martha's Vineyard," and has seven illustrations. "St. Petersburg, the City of Contradic-

tions" (with ten illustrations), "Musical Instruments of the Bible," by Alfred Harvey (twenty illustrations), "The Society of the Red Cross" (six illustrations), "Some of Woman's Rights," by Rev. Dr. Talmage, "Kompet's Stories of Jewish Home Life," and "A Visit to Abbottsford and its Vicinity" are some of the prominent features. There are several short stories by Marion Harland and other popular writers; some admirable sketches and essays; poems by Longfellow, P. Bourke Marston and others, several of them tastefully illustrated; and an abundance of other good things that we have not space to particularize. "The Home pulpit" has a sermon by Dr. Talmage, "Lost Sheep," "Religious Facts," "The Collection Basket," "Information for the Curious," etc., etc., are exceedingly interesting features. The price of a single number is 25 cts., or \$3 per annum, sent postpaid. Address FRANK LESLIE, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

FRANK LESLIE'S POPULAR MONTHLY.—The July number fully maintains the high character of this periodical. "The First Century of the English Mission," is contributed by Hon. John Bigelow, and has portraits of all the Ministers who have represented this country at the Court of St. James. Alfred H. Guernsey has an article, "A Year with the Maori," M. E. Sherwood one, "Shoes and their History," N. Robinson one on the "City of the Catalans," Prof. J. D. Whitney a very interesting one, "The Earth's Treeless Region," all finely illustrated. "The History of Money" abounds with interesting information and has twenty-seven illustrations. Richard B. Kimball has an admirable article on "Ralph Waldo Emerson," there are besides sketches, etc., by other popular writers; several poems, many of them beautifully illustrated; serial and short stories by Inde, Walter E. McCann, W. G. Zeigler, Jane G. Austin, N. D. Uner, etc., etc. The price is only 25 cts. per number, or \$3 a year, postpaid. Address FRANK LESLIE, 53, 55 and 57 Park Place, New York.

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July 9, 1882, at the residence of Mr. Orin Smith, Portland, by Bruce Wolverton, pastor of the Christian church, Mrs. Lydia P. Barger and Mr. Thos. Gale.

Bro. and Sister Gale have our heartiest congratulations; we wish for them halcyon days and sunny skies.

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