

BOOK TABLE.

[Under this head we will be pleased to give editorial reviews of all books and tracts of interest that may be sent to this office.]

The *North American Review* for January presents a table of contents possessing in the highest degree the character of contemporary human interest. First, the opposites sides of the question of "Ecclesiastical Control in Utah" are set forth by two representative men, whose competence for the performance of the task undertaken by them respectively admits of no doubt, viz: President John Taylor, the official head of the Mormon Church, and the Hon. Eli H. Murray, Governor of the Territory of Utah. No one who read in the December *Review* the first half of "The Day of Judgment" Gail Hamilton's incisive review of the domestic life of Thomas Carlyle, will forego the pleasure of perusing the latter half in the current number. "Evils Incident to Immigration" by Edward Self, is a forcible statement of the mischiefs wrought by the importation into our social and political life of an enormous annual contingent from lowest stratum of the population of Europe. Finally, the subject of "Bribery by Railway Passes" is discussed by Charles Aldrich and Judge N. M. Hubbard. Published at 30 Lafayette Place. New York, and for sale by booksellers generally.

OUR CHRISTMAS IN A PALACE, by Edward Everett Hale.—It is unanimously needed that Mr. Hale has no superior in this country as a writer of short stories. Those who have read his later works, and especially this one, will go farther and claim that he has no equal. His humor is irresistible in its freshness and refinement, and a kindly heart and a teeming mind guide his pen into a realm of thought where both the child of leisure and the busy man of the world may find wholesome delight. The stories in this book are distinct, each being complete in itself; but they are knit together in an ingenious manner which we shall not forestall the reader's delight by divulging. Something better than this volume for reading aloud by the fireside may be written in the future; but it is certain that the present cannot boast of it. A story so delightfully told and so appropriate for these stirring Christmas times, certainly would be a welcome gift to any one. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dey Street, New York. Paper 12mo, 25 cts.; in neat cloth binding, \$1.00.

The Christmas Number of *The West Shore* is by far the most elegant and artistic ever published by the enterprising Publisher. The engravings are beautiful and extremely appropriate to the holiday season, especially that of the "Christman Rose," "Under the Mistletoe," and "Christmas on the Overland Route." Published by L. Samuel, Portland, Or.

DIO LEWIS'S MONTHLY.—"Maia; an Every-day Story," translated from the German by a granddaughter of the famous historian, Mr. Wirt, is a charming story filled with bright surprises. "The

Disciples," by Elder Joshua C. Goodrich, a preacher of that denomination, give a clear idea of the church of which President Garfield was a member. "Reflections upon Reminiscences," by M. Eugenia Berry, calls up again the treatment of the insane, and offers good practical suggestions. "Divorce" is a thoughtful paper on this much discussed topic, by Emily Faithfull, the English philanthropist. The Editor of *Dio Lewis Monthly* has, in this number, several long and important papers, all in his peculiar style, attracting and interesting all classes.

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