

church of the redeemed and the regenerate, which is Catholic among the centuries as well as among the nations.'

Alluding to the gifted author of the book, she says:—

'And now that his words come to us with the touching solemnity of a voice which death has so recently silenced, may we listen to them, and learn from them, in the spirit which he would desire, from the place of rest to which God has taken him, where all the broken glimpses of the truth, which cause error and division here, are filled up; and he has learned, ere this, to know even as he is known.'

The work contains many interesting anecdotes of the Christian character, conduct, and sentiments of persons of various nations and centuries. The very names and existence of most of them are probably known to few English readers. This essential newness, with the intrinsic interest of the contents, and the popularly 'readable' character of the work, will, we feel assured, render the publication very acceptable to all who delight in contemplating the manifestations of Divine grace in the hearts of men.

A View of the Evidences of Christianity; and the Horæ Paulinæ.

By WILLIAM PALEY. A new Edition, with Notes, an Analysis, and a selection of Questions from the Senate House and College Examination Papers. Designed for the Use of Students. By ROBERT POTTS, M.A. Cambridge: University Press.

THE Senate of the University of Cambridge having in 1849 decreed that, commencing in 1851, the Holy Scriptures and the Evidences of Christianity should assume a more important place than formerly in what is called the Previous Examination—the present edition has been prepared to meet this requirement as to the Evidences, Paley's work having been used in the University as the authorized text-book on the Evidences for the last quarter of a century. But of course what has been effectively done to serve this end cannot but be of use to the private and general student. The prefixed Analysis is a copious abstract of the whole work. The Notes consist of the original passages which are referred to in the text, and of such remarks as appeared necessary for the illustration or amplification of the Argument—and form a valuable help to the student. The Questions are such as have been actually asked at different Examinations in the course of years. They are for the most part well calculated to exercise the knowledge and test the reading or recollection of the student. Many of them are answered directly from the text, but some are to be answered by inferences drawn from it, or from the facts recorded in the Scriptures. Taken altogether, this is one of the most useful books of the kind we have seen—nothing redundant—nothing wanting.

Christianity in Harmony with Men's Nature, Present and Progressive. Seven Lectures. By the Rev. GEORGE LEGGE, D.D. London. John Snow. 1850.

THIS work owes its existence to the translation of the eloquent Pastor Coquerel's Discourse on the same subject, which formerly appeared in
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our own pages.^a The author liked the outline of Coquerel's sermon, and he thought he could turn it to account in his own way, so as to diversify and enhance the interest of his ministrations during the winter months. He accordingly prepared these Lectures, which were delivered in the Gallowgate Chapel, Leicester, with such success that he was requested to give them to the public. Each of the heads of Coquerel's discourse is here expanded into a distinct one—with some independent of this connection; and the task is executed with much power of illustration and considerable reach of thought. There is more of what the author himself calls the 'rhetorical swell' than we much relish in printed books. But the author himself feels this, and excuses himself for not having tamed his discourses down to 'didactic sobriety' for the press, on the ground that their character would have been too greatly altered by the process, and that 'he has something else in his mind of the same sort, but on a more extensive scale and of a more ambitious aim.' In this he hopes to show it 'possible to set forth Christianity in entire accordance with the scientific mind, the moral sentiment, and the æsthetic spirit of the age.' This is a great and worthy task; and, from the work before us, we should judge that Dr. Legge might execute it with fully as much success as he anticipates.

Horæ Paulinæ. By WILLIAM PALEY, D.D., with Notes, and a Supplementary Treatise entitled *Horæ Apostolicæ.* By the Rev. T. R. BIRKS, M.A. London: Religious Tract Society. 1850.

MR. BIRKS has appended to the '*Horæ Paulinæ*' some (not many) useful and interesting notes, corrective or explanatory of the author's statements. But the distinguishing feature of this volume is the original work annexed to it under the title of '*Horæ Apostolicæ*'—which is considerably larger than Paley's own performance. This addition is of high merit and great value; and the author is to be commended for the modesty which has enabled him to set forth a production of this original importance as an appendix to the work of an established author. By this, however, the public is much advantaged, being put in possession of the whole of this great and beautiful argument. In this portion Paley's argument is carried still further, many coincidences are gleaned which he had overlooked, and the inquiry is extended to the four Gospels. Nearly all that was most striking, and most obvious when the idea had once occurred, having, with his usual felicity of style, been brought together by Paley, it cannot of course be said that the gleanings of Mr. Birks are of value comparable to the vintage of Paley. There were, however, many rich clusters left for him to gather, and here we have them—presented with a skill and discernment which shows the author to be well qualified for the task he has undertaken. The volume as it stands may be taken as embodying all that is truly valuable in the line of inquiry which Paley started in the most original and interesting of his works—of all that has accrued

^a *Journal of Sacred Literature*, vol. iv. p. 34.

thereon since he wrote. Any future students of the 'Horæ Paulinæ' will do ill to dispense with the aid of Mr. Birks' important and most essential supplement to that work.

A Universal Geography, in Four Parts: Historical, Mathematical, Physical, and Political. By the Rev. THOMAS MILNER, F.R.G.S. Illustrated by ten Maps, with Diagrams and Sections. 12mo. Religious Tract Society.

THIS is an admirable book—the best of the kind we ever met with, or that it seems possible to produce. It is full of information, which must have been got together with great and protracted labour—and much of it of a sort not at all to be found in the common works of this class. The book is the only one we know of that presents in a generally accessible form a combined view of historical, mathematical, physical, and political geography; and it will, as intended, be of excellent use to the general home reader; and still more to the emigrant 'who may wish to take to the far bounds of civilized life a cheap and portable compendium of information relative to countries with reference to which his means of information will necessarily be limited.' It is also well suited to the use of Colleges and Schools—to which it is, or is to be, further adapted by a set of Exercises. The work is interspersed with a great number of useful tables on almost every matter bearing on the condition of man and of his habitation. The section on Physical Geography is especially interesting and valuable. In the Political Geography a vast body of information, corrected to the present time, is packed very closely. We have noted only one defect—that the amount of revenue of the several European states (except Great Britain) is not given, nor the extent of the military or naval force—information easily obtained, and that ought to be supplied in a work like this. There are several good maps by Petermann—four of them in Physical geography. In the political maps, a general idea of the relative population of the towns is afforded by the form of the mark which denotes its site.

The Chronological Testament, in which the text of the Authorized Version is newly divided into Paragraphs and Sections, with the Dates and Places of Transactions marked, the Marginal Renderings of the Translators, many Parallel Illustrative Passages printed at length, brief Introductions to each Book, and a running Analysis of the Epistles. London: R. B. Blackader, 1851.

THIS is the work of which we gave an anticipatory announcement in the last number of the Journal, p. 516. We have little to add to the description of it there given, except to state that the complete work fully answers to the description, and sustains the character we gave. *Usefulness* is the essential characteristic of this edition of the New Testament, and the Editor is entitled to much praise for the thought and labour he has bestowed in devising and working out so many happy contrivances and arrangements for the full, profitable, suggestive, and edifying