

and the selection of the aspects of the several cases examined is excellent. All is settled by honest exhibition and cogent reasoning. We would not be hypercritical; but we cannot help saying that our approval would have been more entire, if there had been less of that sort of romanticism (so to call it) in the writing, to which we have thought some of the transatlantic religious writers are somewhat prone. We had rather have the bold English roughness of Andrew Fuller. The worst of it is, that when a good writer furnishes an example of this kind, it is sure to be followed by those who are immeasurably below him, and fancy they are great when they are pretty.

*The Pulpit Orators of France and Switzerland: Sketches of their Character, and Specimens of their Eloquence.* By the Rev. Robert Turnbull. 12mo., pp. iv, 320. Stiff Covers. W. Collins. —This is another of "Collins's cheap series of valuable and popular works," and well deserves the terms by which the series is described. It ought to be popular; and it is, for the class to which it belongs, valuable. The "Pulpit Orators" to whom the volume refers, are Bossuet, Flechier, Bourdaloue, Fenelon, Massillon, Saurin, Vinet, Monod, Grandpierre, Lacordaire, Merle D'Aubigné, and Gausson. Sketches of their history, the peculiar character of their talent, &c., are given, and a specimen of the "eloquence" of each is appended, of sufficient length to enable the reader to form a judgment of his own on the subject. On the whole, the selection of the specimens is judicious, and the "Sketches" afford the desired information in a pleasing style, though with something of that tendency which we have noticed in the preceding article. The reason of this will in both instances be the same. This is a reprint from an American publication. The author himself, perhaps, accounts for it, in this sentence, which occurs in his "Preface," when speaking of the character of French "Pulpit Eloquence:" "Their style of preaching differs, of course, from ours: still, it makes a nearer approach to ours than to that of England." We hope English sermons will always be English. The style of the Preacher, when he is, as he ought ever to be, natural, not artificial, will be the product of mental development; and national styles will differ as national minds differ. Let the mind be properly cultivated, and the heart inflamed with holy love for God and souls, and then let the speaker be natural, and he will be sure to be eloquent; and his eloquence

will be, in its generic character, that of his age and country; in its specific character, that of the individual person.

*Essays on Human Happiness.* By Dr. Henry Duhring. 18mo., pp. vi, 87. Longmans.—The remarks contained in these Essays are generally correct and good, and will most likely be read with pleasure by the author's personal friends; but we confess we see no particular reason for their publication in reference to a wider circulation.

*The Gathering of Israel; or, the Patriarchal Blessing, as contained in the 49th chapter of Genesis: being the Revelation of God concerning the Twelve Tribes of Israel, and their Ultimate Restoration.* Illustrated by the Authority of Biblical References. By Aaron Pick, Author of the "Biblical Student's Concordance," &c. 18mo., pp. iv, 116. Nisbets.—We can only refer the reader to what we have said in our last "notice." The same remarks might be used here.

*A View of the Evidences of Christianity. In three Parts.* By William Paley, D.D., Archdeacon of Carlisle. A new Edition, with Introduction, Notes, and Supplement, by the Rev. T. R. Birks, M.A. 12mo., pp. viii, 443. Religious Tract Society.—Paley's Evidences are well known, and extensively read by various classes of society. We have simply to look at the extra work of the Reverend editor in the shape of notes, which form the appendix. We have examined them carefully, and the conclusion at which we have arrived compels us to speak highly of the head and heart of the author. The notes are blended with sound discrimination, and much critical acumen, worthy of the work to which they are happily appended.

*The History of Auricular Confession, Religiously, Morally, and Politically considered, among Ancient and Modern Nations.* By Count C. P. De Lasteyrie. Translated under the Author's especial Sanction, by Charles Cocks, B.L., Translator of Michelet's "Priests, Women, and Families," &c. Two Volumes. 12mo., pp. xiv, 260; vi, 282. Richard Bentley.—One object we have in view in these notices is to give some information to those who may see advertisements of books, and wish to know something of their character before they order them. To many persons, who are interested in the Romanist controversy, the title of the work before us would, perhaps, excite a wish to possess it, if to that title the contents be properly answerable. We have, therefore, taken care to read it, that we