

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THEORY OF THE PASSIONS.

1. THEORY OF THE FUNCTIONS OF THE HUMAN PASSIONS. By ALBERT HARRIS. Pp. 165. Miller, Oron & Millard.

The psychological doctrines set forth in the first treatise named above are mainly an expanded form of the teachings which have given such prominence to Charles Fourier as an analyst of the ultimate springs of human action.

In examining the curious microcosm, presented by the constitution of man, we are at once impressed with the existence of two principles, the one active, the other passive, or, according to the distinction which is noted in every cultivated language, the soul and the body.

The primary division of the soul is into three passions, which place man in relation with the three great departments of the universe, namely, the attraction to Matter and its phenomena, or the Material passion—the attraction to Spirit and its phenomena, or the Spiritual passion—and the attraction to Order and its phenomena, or the Intellectual passion.

Every manifestation of human passion—or, in other words, all the tastes, inclinations, desires, attractions of human beings—proceeds from a division of the twelve primary passions already named. Thus all the perceptions of form and color, of proportion and distance, arise from the sense of sight.

The passions, in their respective divisions, are appropriated to definite and specific functions. Thus, the function of the five senses is to establish relations between the active and passive principles, between man and nature, attracting man to an important work in the economy of the universe.

It is true that at present the senses do not fulfill their natural and legitimate functions as original moving springs of human action.

actions, they perform only their lower or animal functions, ministering only to the physical wants of the body, and often leading to sensuality, vice, and licentiousness.

Passing now to the consideration of the four social or spiritual passions, we find that they perform functions in the social world analogous to the functions which the senses perform in the material world.

The first of these passions, friendship, regards human beings merely as individuals of the same species, without reference to distinctions of age, sex, rank, color, or fortune, and regulates their intercourse on the basis of equality.

The second social passion, love, prevails over the relations between the sexes. It attracts persons of opposite sex to each other, and associates them by spiritual and material ties, thus establishing the unity of the male and female principles in the race.

All the forms of social relations which can exist among human beings, all modes of intercourse between them are but branches of some one of these four cardinal relations and are presided over and regulated by the four social passions.

In their lower degrees of manifestation, the four social affections take the form of sympathy between individuals; in their highest degrees, they possess the character of collective or general sentiment, such as love of country, or patriotism; love of mankind, or philanthropy.

The last general division of the springs of human action is into the intellectual passions, the primary function of which is to discover the laws of order and harmony by which the universe is governed.

distribution of the creations of nature, over which he presides. These three faculties of the soul, in their simplest and most general action, may be called the separating or analyzing, the comparing or alternating, and the combining or synthesizing faculties.

The faculty of analysis, for example, disintegrating any whole on which it operates, gives rise to variety in unity, to individuality, to dissonance, to rivalry, and to causality.

The combining faculty operates in the inverse order to that of analysis. It groups and synthesizes different elements which are in affinity, uniting them in wholes, and thus gives rise to the principle of unity in variety.

The action of the three intellectual passions may be illustrated by a few examples. Acting in a Beethoven, a Mozart, they distribute, classify, and so to say, serialize sounds, and create musical harmony.

The passions, as thus explained, are the impelling forces in man, the source of all his acts, constituting, in truth, his essential individuality.

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The Lockers are, and the concluding volume containing the "General Index." The series, which extends to thirty-eight volumes, is now complete, and forms an edition of standard British classics, which is justly recommended to purchasers of libraries, by its convenient form and the correctness and beauty of its typography.

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which was assumed for the occasion, will be found a mass of original thought and conception, much of which we instinctively reject as crude, exaggerated and Utopian, while we cannot fail to be struck with the bold individuality which stamps the general character of the volume.

Among the distinguished natives of Rhode Island the subject of this memoir held a conspicuous place, not less by the sterling integrity of his character, and his admirable social qualities, than by his devotion to antiquarian research and his interest in various measures of public concern.

As a commentator on the New Testament, Olshausen is distinguished from many of his German contemporaries by the practical tendencies of his mind, his freedom from all parade of learning, his general distaste for subtle and uncertain speculations, and his profound sympathy with the spirit of the sacred writings.

YAHWEH CHRIST, OR, THE MEMORIAL NAME. By ALEXANDER M. WOODS. Pp. 178. Gould & Lincoln, Sold by Sheldon, Bakeman & Co.

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IOWA—PRAIRIE NOTES.

Editorial Correspondence of The N. Y. Tribune. IOWA CITY, Feb. 3, 1857.

I have heretofore stated that I believe the State of Illinois equal in its capacities for growing grain to any other equal area of land on the face of the globe.

Yet Iowa, as observed in winter rambles between the Mississippi and her capital, justifies in her natural resources and advantages the superlatives of her eulogists. Though her prairies far excel her timbered lands in area, and her timber, even where it exists, is often scanty and scrubby, yet her surface is often rich and rolling; she has in consequence more springs with more and larger streams than Illinois, and I judge that her settlers are less commonly scourged and paralyzed by agues.

Still, the picture has its shades. Land speculation, as a consequence of these rapid enhancements of price, has become an epidemic which attacks all and will yet ruin thousands.

The more I see of land speculation, where its ravages are most general, the less I like it. Here men are eagerly grasping all the land they can possibly purchase, paying exorbitant usury, putting off needy creditors, living crowded in wretched huts, and letting their children grow up in ignorance in order that they may clutch more land.

Everybody complains that too many speculators, lawyers, doctors, merchants, &c., are coming in; with too few farmers and mechanics; and everybody is aggravating the distemper thus complained of.

As to this city, I could conscientiously praise it if I did not think the prices of corn-olts already quite high enough. Its location is a good one—interior only to that of Madison, Wisconsin—with the Iowa River on one side, and handsome bluffs affording eligible sites for dwellings.

The Virginia Volcano.—It is said that the statement in reference to a volcano having recently made its appearance in Pendleton County, Va., on the Great Beckbone Mountain is true.

ROBBED BY A FEMALE.—Andrew Dangler, a boarder at the Shakspeare Hotel, William street, was robbed on Wednesday night, while in company with a girl of his character named Phyllis Wilson, who invited him to her room in Mott street, where she had a large quantity of money.

MARINE AFFAIRS.

LOSS OF THE LYONNAIS. THE TWO MEN SAVED BY THE BARK ESSEL.

Some time since we published the fact that two of the crew of the Lyonnais had been picked up from a raft adrift, by the Boston bark Essex, and carried into Rio Janeiro. Later advices from that port state that the rescued men were a sailor and a blacksmith, and that they were fallen in with on the 8th of November, floating on some boards lashed to two barrels, in lat. 40° 30' north, lon. 60° 55' west.

The ship Columbian, Capt. B. Osbolder (previously reported) of Bath, Me., sailed from New Port, England, for this port on the 24th of December, and on the 25th of the month she was blown down by a heavy gale during the early part of the voyage, and lost sail and bulwarks.

There is a prospect now of an early opening of the North River navigation. Should the present mild weather continue, it may be possible to get the boats out in Albany in a week or ten days, or some time during the present month.

The Albany and Troy line will run the Francis Skiddy and the Commodore. The former has been thoroughly overhauled, and the latter will have new boilers put into her.

The Merchants line to Albany will consist of the Hendrik Hudson and the Knickerbocker. The latter boat, it will be remembered, was sunk last Fall near Caldwell's landing, by running into the mast of a submerged vessel.

The Columbia and South America will probably run to Hudson, the Manhattan and North America to Rondout and Kingston, and the South America and Glen to Catskill. (Albany Journal of Wednesday.)

IMPROVEMENT IN THE MANUFACTURE OF STEEL.—The Times's Paris Correspondent writes: An improvement in the manufacture of steel, the invention of M. Chenevix, has attracted attention among scientific men here. It has already been honored with the grand medal of the Paris Exhibition, and is, it appears, patented in all countries.