

and systematic. For sixty years he dispensed charities in this way. Though apparently a Presbyterian he seems to have been ready to help all who might apply to him, provided they had a worthy object in view. Such was a grand life. What the world, in a missionary sense, might have been if all merchant princes and those possessed of millions had gone and done likewise!

THE Stundists or nonconformists of Russia are a persecuted and proscribed people, who suffer continuously at the hands of officers and magistrates, and yet at the coronation of the Czar a strong bodyguard of peasants, carefully selected from these people, was formed to protect the great ruler at that time of imminent danger. They were selected for their integrity and reliability, qualities which surely ought to exempt them from persecution.

Books and Periodicals Department.

(1) *The Expositor*. (2) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London: Hodder & Stoughton.

(1) *The Expositor* for November gives a translation of "Ananias of Shirak upon Christmas," translated by F. C. Conybeare, and a vivid article on Herron, by the Rev. William Wright, D.D. Dr. Wright knows all about the sacred mountain, having investigated it personally for many years. The Rev. E. Medley contributes a study in "First Thessalonians" in such a manner as to show the peculiar force and power of St. Paul's epistles as evidenced by this his acknowledged first letter. Mr. Medley looks at it in the light of an educated heathen of Thessalonica, living in the days when it was written, and points out many things which, to us, are as familiar as nursery tales, but which would strike his ears for the first time, and bring before him many thoughts and aspects of religion entirely new to him. This way of dealing with ancient records, especially with the early Christian documents, is of high value. "The Place of Abraham in Religious History," by the late Prof. Dale, is a frank investigation of the aims and character of the ancient patriarch, who is acknowledged alike by Christians, Jews, and Mohammedans.

(2) *The Clergyman's Magazine* has a continuation of Principal Moule's "Lessons in Faith and Love," the subject at this time being "Purity and Peace in the present Lord." "Sermons in Season and out of Season" are hints for dealing with various subjects, thirteen of them in all, which might be useful in parish preaching. "Some Advent Thoughts," by the late Prebendary Calthrop, will be found useful at the present time, his first treatise being "The Manifestation of Character."

(1) *The Sunday at Home*. (2) *The Leisure Hour*. (3) *The Boy's Own* and (4) *The Girl's Own Paper*. (5) *The Cottage and Artisan*, etc. London: The Religious Tract Society, 56 Paternoster Row, E.C.

The Sunday at Home for November begins a new volume, and begins it well. A fresh serial by Leslie Keith, entitled "Under One Roof," is commenced. "The Story of Constantinople" is well told by Isabella Mayo. "The Egyptian Book of the Dead," by Sir Edward M. Thompson, is an interesting contribution to Egyptology. "Only the Boy" and "An Earl's Daughter" are short stories very prettily told. Many fine illustrations adorn its pages. *The Leisure Hour* has its usual quota of good family reading. Those who read Mr. Michael A. Morrison's "Nadya" will be glad to read "The Story of Han's Pei," which is commenced in the November number. Those

who have ever been in the city of "Lady Godiva" will be pleased to read the sketch given of Coventry, and those interested in Arctic explorations will find much to please them in "Nansen and the North Pole." The pictures of this number are remarkably good. *The Boy's Own* begins several new stories, with titles wild enough to interest those for whom they are written. The society has commenced a religious periodical for the young, called *Sunday Hours for Boys and Girls*. It promises to be a success. It has a beautiful colored picture called "Cyril, the Boy Martyr."

The Homiletic Review. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York and Toronto.

The November number has a good sermon on St. Paul as a Preacher, in connection with which some useful thoughts are given regarding the great apostle. What a wonderful life was his! How great the effect of his conversion upon the world! "Homiletics Viewed as Rhetoric" is continued, and much wholesome advice is given to preachers. Truly, if preaching is not a success in the present age, it is not for the want of able treatises regarding it, or sound advice given to those who attempt it. "Present Day Apologies" is also continued with advantage to the reader. A natural feeling of curiosity would lead men at the present time to ask, "What is Ian Maclaren like as a preacher?" A sermon of his is published in the *Review*, and we notice in it much of the sweet persuasive pathos that characterizes his writings. His theme is "The Urgency of the Gospel." The number has several other helpful discourses and sermons, and hints of all kinds to help the preacher.

The Missionary Review of the World. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York and Toronto. \$2.50 a year.

In the November number, Dr. Arthur T. Pierson, the editor-in-chief, opens with an article on the "The Habits of Giving" of Wm. E. Dodge, the philanthropist and promoter of missions. "Six Years in Utah," by Dr. D. L. Leonard, graphically describes the writer's experience and observations during his residence among the Mormons. Rev. R. L. McNabb, in his article on "Foreign Community Life in China," presents a clear view of the hindrances to Christian missions, arising from the immoral and unprincipled lives of many of the foreign residents at the Treaty ports. The second paper on "Russian Stundists" describes the cruel persecutions which these subjects of the Czar are compelled to undergo, and which, in some instances, resemble the inhuman atrocities practised upon the Armenians in Turkey. Many other subjects of interest are treated of in this issue.

The Review of Reviews. 13 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The Review of Reviews for November publishes several important and interesting articles on the latest phases of the Eastern Question, especially from the British point of view. Mr. W. T. Stead's survey of the subject, entitled "The Eastern Ogre; or, St. George to the Rescue," is extremely characteristic and suggestive. The *Review* also offers a remarkable symposium of current thought on "What should be done with Turkey?" as the pressing problem of the hour.

(1) *Germania*. (2) *L'Etudiant*. A. W. Spanhoofd, Manchester, N.H.

These are well-arranged periodicals for instruction in German and French respectively. A study of these each month will repay anyone who wishes to acquire or keep up a knowledge of these languages.

The American Church Sunday-school Magazine, Philadelphia.

Besides the useful Sunday-school lessons this periodical, as usual, has some very excellent reading matter.