

Books and Periodicals Dept.

THE Church Missionary Society is to be congratulated upon the attractive publications which every now and then issue from their press. Before us is the *Gleaner Pictorial Album*, a superb book of pictures, well suited for a drawing-room table and giving a vivid idea, at a mere glance, of all the principal heathen races of the world, with mission stations that have been established among them. It is divided into the main divisions of, (1) Africa, subdivided into West Africa, Sierra Leone, Yoruba, the Niger District, East Africa, Mombasa and Uganda, (2) Egypt, (3) Arabia, (4) Palestine, (5) Persia, (6) India (North India, Punjab and Sindh, Western India, South India, with full and numerous scenes of Tinnevely, Ceylon), (7) The Mauritius, (8) China, (9) Japan, (10) New Zealand, (11) North-West America, (12) Pacific Coast, (British Columbia). This is a book for the delight of children, the study of missionaries and the instruction of all.

We have also before us "Japan and the Javan Mission," revised and enlarged edition, by Eugene Stock, price 2s. 6d. In this book the map and numerous illustrations are a distinguishing feature—all being of a high order of workmanship. As a history of the country, an account of its different religions, its progress from the dark days of the past to its present brightness, its glowing prospects for the future, the rise and progress of Christian missions in its midst—it is as interesting as it is valuable.

Besides the above there are two little books in pamphlet form (illustrated) the one on Persia and Baghdad Mission and the other on the Tinnevely Mission, South India, an interesting pamphlet on "Notes on China and its Missions," by Constance F Gordon Cumming; and two little books with paper covers, price one penny each, on "My Visit to West Africa" and "Gleanings From Chinese Homes."

Newbery House Magazine. Griffith, Farran, Okeden & Welsh, London, England.

This magazine for October contains a number of useful and interesting articles. Churchmen of England are called upon to remember their Church at election times and to see that only those who will be true to her when attacked in Parliament shall be the recipients of their franchise. "At the present we have a House of Commons indifferent or adverse to the Church and unless churchmen arouse and bestir themselves we shall have the next House of Commons utterly opposed to her and committed to her disestablishment and disendowment."

Some very useful hints in the method of preparing and delivering sermons are given in "Lay and Clerical Conferences on Church Questions." Simple language from the pulpit is pleaded for.

"Why should a preacher use the word 'volition' for 'will,' or the phrase 'moral obligation' for 'duty,' or 'natural propensity' for 'inclination,' or 'intellectual process' for 'thinking,' or 'moral or physical necessity' as descriptive of a thing that 'must be.'"

A useful history of the "Public Worship Act of 1874" is also given with a description of some of its results. There is also a rather startling idea picture of St. Augustine visiting a modern church. The opinions of the ancient father on our present day Christianity are very quaintly given. He is surprised at the large number of "excommunicate and insane" people there must be amongst us, so many went out of church before receiving the Holy Communion. He thinks that the discipline of the present day is too rigorously administered and that greater care should be taken in the matter of excommunication! The unanimous adoption by the Lower House of Convocation of a resolution in favor of the "Re-establishment of an Anglican Religious Order" is dealt with in an article of great value, as is also "The Inhabitants of East London and the Recent Strikes," the latter by Canon Gregory. Other articles, together with stories, notes and reviews, make up a useful number.

Santa Claus. The "Santa Claus Co., Limited," 1113 Market street, Philadelphia. A new periodical, weekly, for young people, full of interest, with stories and facts pleasing to all. A tale of Nova Scotia, "The Wreckers of Sable Island," by J. Macdonald Oxley, is commenced in it. *Santa Claus* promises to be a welcome visitor. \$2.00 a year.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofd, of Manchester, New Hampshire, has commenced an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance in that direction and conveys a great deal of help even without a teacher.

Biblia. Somewhat similar to the above is *Biblia and the Building News*. It aims at giving an insight into the Hebrew language, and also into the Greek. It has commenced the Hebrew text of the Bible with the pronunciation of the Hebrew words and their exact translation. A similar line is promised for the Greek of the New Testament.

The Missionary Review of the World for October comes full of missionary intelligence and advocacy. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 per year, 25 cents for single numbers. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

The Churchman: New York, M. H. Malory & Co., 37 Lafayette Place, New York. A weekly Church paper, now in its 45th year of publication, and well known as one of the best Church periodicals in existence. Subscription, \$3.50 a year; for clergymen, \$5.