

but have now barely enough for our own needs. Odd cups and saucers would be most useful to us, also medicines, of which I use a great deal among the Indians, and which are very expensive. Any of the simple liniments, cough-mixtures, chlorodyne, etc., would be most acceptable. May I add that goods sent cost considerably, after they reach the end of the railway, before they reach us—about \$9 per 100 lbs.? Senders do not always remember this. I have built a schoolhouse almost entirely by my own labor; for here, if you hire a man, you must feed him, and his family, too. The upper part is not yet complete, but for this we must wait, as the lumber prepared for it got burnt, and I will need about \$150 to complete it and pay for some help I have had. Please tell the Junior Auxiliaries that there is a bell-tower on the schoolhouse, but no bell. Also that the children at Vermillion are very fond of candies at Christmas."

Books and Periodicals Department.

Standard Dictionary of the English Language. Vol. I. A. L. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York and Toronto.

To compile a dictionary is unquestionably a gigantic undertaking. The Funk & Wagnalls Company have succeeded in bringing out the first volume of what may be safely called a dictionary for the times. When one takes it in his hands, he is struck with the handsome appearance of the book, and also with the mechanical contrivances for the speedy finding of a word. In an instant, by means of the notch system, he can find the initial letter of the word wanted, which saves a large amount of turning over of leaves. After using the book for about five minutes, one is able to turn to any desired letter in an instant. It is a book which invites one to hunt up a word! And then, when the desired word is found, the information given regarding it is entirely satisfactory. In an age of invention, and controversy, and readjustment of social questions and relations, such as the present—to say nothing of the discoveries always coming to light by incessant travelling and investigating in all parts of the world—the coining of new words and phrases becomes a necessity. Special attention to such words has been given in this dictionary, and words like *boycott*, *kodak*, *electrocuting*, *criminology* are given, with full description, when necessary, of their origin. A picture, even, of the ghastly electrocuting machine is given. While the dictionary is as new as it possibly can be in the way of spelling, yielding to the tendency of the day to cut out all unnecessary letters, it is at the same time conservative; more so, in some cases, than Webster. The word *endeavour*, for instance, is not found in Webster. You must look up *endeavor*, and then you find it stated that it is written *endeavour*. But in the present dictionary you find *endeavour*, but it says of it "endeavor—the usual spelling in England." The plates and illustrations are numerous, and apparently most accurate. Some of the former, such as birds, decorations, flags, and gems, are beautiful and gorgeous in coloring, and all of them, notably those on architecture, cattle, horses, dogs, and fowls, useful in the way of instruction. Evidently a large amount of money and care has been spent upon this work. The first volume makes one long for the second, which is promised for May, 1894. The price of the book in Morocco is \$18; in Russia, \$14; in two volumes, Morocco, \$23; Russia, \$17. There is little doubt but this work will meet with universal acceptance.

Diocesan Histories. "Sodor and Man." By A. W. Moore, M.A. S.P.C.K., London, England. The Society for the Promotion of Christian Knowledge has added another volume

to its valuable histories of the English dioceses, the subject this time being "Sodor and Man." The author has given a clever and interesting sketch of ecclesiastical matters in the Island of Man from the earliest times to the present. The diocese consists of the Isle of Man, and is therefore a small one, containing only thirty-four parishes. An attempt was made in 1836 to abolish the diocese and annex it to Carlisle, but the clergy of the island held out so stoutly against it that the act passed for the purpose was never enforced. It was represented that the revenues of the see would be divided among themselves so as to increase their incomes, but their reply was a spirited one. "Though the vicars of the diocese are in straitened, in very straitened, in lamentably straitened, circumstances . . . they still disclaim a wish to procure temporal advantage at the expense of spiritual loss."

Colonial Church Histories. Diocese of Mackenzie River. By Right Rev. Bishop Bompas, S.P.C.K., London, England. Bishop Bompas, in this little book, gives an interesting account of his old diocese of Mackenzie River. He tells of the early explorers of the vast district, and of its true geographical position; then of the Church of England missions established in it; of its inhabitants—the Indians and Eskimo; of its fauna and flora and meteorology; of its resources and prospects, together with an entertaining account of Arctic life. The modesty of the good bishop has kept himself and his noble work in that region too much in the background; yet the book is valuable for giving a correct picture of what the vast diocese really is, and what it demands in the way of work.

The Strike at Shane's. George T. Angell, 19 Milk street, Boston. This is a prize story of Indiana, written in the interests of the American Humane Education Society. It is a very good tale of a strike among the dumb creatures on the farm of a hard, money-making old farmer, whose eyes are gradually opened to the fact that it pays to be kind not only to wife and children, but to horses and cattle. As its price is only ten cents, people interested in the welfare of the brute creation can easily obtain copies for circulation. It is a sequel to "Black Beauty."

(i) *The Expositor*; (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London, England: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row. The difficult subject of the Holy Spirit, in St. Paul's conception of Christianity, is dealt with forcibly by Professor Bruce in the *Expositor*; the Agrapha, or Sayings of our Lord not Recorded in the Gospels is continued. Sir J. W. Dawson adds another article in his Bible and Science series, his subject being the Book of Genesis. Other articles are of standard merit and usefulness. *The Clergyman's Magazine* keeps rigidly to what its name indicates. It is intended to be a help to the clergyman in his study, and in the preparation of his weekly work. A study of its pages cannot help being of use in this way. The present number deals largely with the lessons which may be taught during the Lenten season. An excellent sermon by Rev. A. Irving on "Inductive Christianity" is given in *extenso*.

The Review of Reviews. New York, 13 Astor Place. February, 1894. No one need be behind the age if he can take regularly, and read, this periodical. It is full of portraits and illustrations, as well as of information regarding current events. The portraits of the veterans of the world are very interesting. A full account is given of the late Professor Tyndall; much is said of the Yosemite valley, and Relief measures in American cities; and a good idea is furnished of what is going on in the political and literary circles of the world.

The Missionary Review of the World. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Co., 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, at \$2.00 per year. In the March number the editor-in-chief discusses "Christian Co-operation and the Social Mission of the Church," and W. T. Elsing, of the New York City Mission, writes from his practical experience on the condition of the "Christian Toilers of the City."