

of visitors through the season. Maniton, another summer resort, is passed, nestling in a valley; soon we come to Castle Rock, a fine study, looking a complete castle with four towers. Now the scenery grows grand indeed, we are coming to Canon City and are among and in the very heart of the Rockies. Starting from Canon City the observation car is put on; a rush is made for it and it is soon filled, the air is sharp but not too keen; in a few minutes we are in the grand canon of the Arkansas, there is just room for the track and the rushing river, high over-head the great rocks wall us in, and we go deeper and deeper into the heart of the range, here the sun's rays never penetrate; the cliffs are a thousand feet in height and get higher and higher, until we strain our eyes up a height of 3 000 feet. Neither flowers nor birds are ever found here. After passing through this canon we emerge into the valley of the Arkansas, pass Saleda, ascend the Continental Divide and plunge into the Marshall pass; the track doubles and twists; the two engines have all they can do, and looking out we see the head engine apparently turning back on the road. As we go towards the summit Mount Ouray towers above all with its bald summit and billows of rock boulders are around in every direction. After leaving the summit we go down the valleys of the Tomichi and Bunicon into some fertile meadows, beyond Gunnison City we reach the Black Canon; here is another marvellous panorama of rocks and hills. We descend again into Grand and Castle valleys, and journeying on behold Castle Gato and Spanish Fork Canon, Castle Gato guards the entrance to Price River Canon, through which the railway runs into the heart of the range; the Gates are 400 and 450 feet in height and of a rich red color. At Soldier Divide we are on the summit of the Wasatch range, and we pass Sentinel Rock, another wonder standing 1,200 feet in height, its pinnacle-like top seeming to pierce the blue sky. In our descent into the Utah valley from Soldier's divide we pass towers, pinnacles, every form of rock, bare and bald, but awful and grand, rocks piled upon rocks, deep gorges and ravines, no animal life, no green thing to be seen; measureless gulfs with solid walls piled up on either side, until night closing in all fades away from our vision, and the never to be forgotten scenes give place on our awaking in the morning to the bare and desolate stretches of Utah, all day long we rush through the desert of sand; coarse sage brush and weeds, desolate wastes—the great American desert it is called, nothing cheering greets the vision; the fine dust of the plains sift through the closed windows and covers everybody and everything in the car. We were to reach Salt Lake City at 4:30; but high up in the mountains we ran into a two horse team in a narrow pass—one horse was pitched into the stream and drowned, the other escaped unhurt, the driver escaped with only a few bruises, but his load of wood was a sight to be seen, the engine had sawed and split the logs for him in a different style from what he was accustomed to; the next detention was a breaking of the coupling, a hot box and another breakage makes us in all three hours late at Salt Lake City, where we arrive at a 7:15 and drive to a hotel, glad to find a haven of rest after an exciting and wearing ride.

Yours truly, S.

## MAGAZINES.

*The Christian Year* for 1888,—*Kalendar for the people*—Wm. Egerton & Co., N. Y., 50 cts each, mounted on roller, will be found full of information and instruction regarding the Church, its Lessons and Holy Days, and its Ritual and Worship. In many particulars it will doubtless appear "advanced," but there is so much that is thoroughly good and practical in it, that even those who prefer plain services, and abhor

'Altar lights and Altar crosses' will find much that will be instructive.

*The Pulpit Treasury*—The portrait of Professor H. W. Green of Princeton Theological Seminary forms the frontispiece of the December number. This is followed by a sermon by the professor on "Mighty in the Scriptures," and a Biographical Sketch of him by the editor, with a Historic Sketch of Princeton Theological Seminary, a view of the Chapel and Seminary Building, and a view of the First Presbyterian Church, New York, of which, Professor W. M. Paxton of Princeton, was pastor for seventeen years. Professor Paxton's portrait is also given with his Inaugural Address as professor at Princeton. Leading Thoughts for Sermons are by Bishop Andrews, Drs. Griffith, Bonar, Duffield and C. H. Spurgeon. "Preachers and their Subject," by Dr. John Hall, is full of timely thought and wise counsels. "Labrador and Missions," by Dr. Draper, is an exceedingly interesting account of that mission. Dr. Cuyler writes in his usual felicitous style on "Honoring Parents." "The Remedy for the Liquor Traffic," is ably treated by Dr. R. D. Harper. These with other important papers make up a capital number.

Yearly, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2 00. Single copies 25 cents.—E. B. Treat, Publisher, 771 Broadway, N.Y.

*The English Illustrated Magazine* for December, looks Christmas like outwardly in its red covers, and being a double number contains an extra amount of good things. There are twelve full page illustrations of different subjects; and amongst the reading matter is found the 1st and 2nd parts of Lawrence Oliphant's description of the Sea of Galilee and neighborhood; and the continuation of W. Outram Tristram's interesting articles on Coaching Days and Coaching Ways "The Exeter Road," receiving notice in this number. A new serial by Mrs. Molesworth entitled "That Girl in Black," is commenced, and besides there is much more which space does not allow us to notice.—Macmillan & Co., 112 4th Ave., N.Y. \$1.75 per an.

*Our Little Men and Women* closes its 8th vol., with the December number, an excellent one in every respect. Parents will find this an acceptable Christmas or New Years gift for the "Little Men or Women" of the family; and the pleasure awakened by its reception will be renewed as it arrives month by month.—D. Lothrop & Co., Boston. \$1 per an.

*Intermediate Fridays*.—Choice selections for recitation by boys and girls from eight to twelve years of age. Compiled by S. R. Winchell. Price 35 cents. Published by The Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago and Boston.

It is not an easy task to sift from the mass of stuff published for children to learn, such short pieces in prose and verse, as are really suited to their age and understanding. The collection comprised in this volume consists chiefly of poems, and a number of sprightly dialogues suitable for school exhibitions. There is a refined and elevating tone pervading them all, which is noticeable. Children, parents, and teachers, can confidently turn to this volume to find what is both wholesome and entertaining for boys and girls in intermediate and grammar school grades of school.

*The Interstate Monthly Readers* are indeed good and well merit the success which they seem to have achieved. The series consist of the *Primary*; the *Intermediate*, and the *Grammar School*, all published monthly, and containing fresh interesting and instructive reading for scholars of the various grades. There is also a *Monthly Primer* designed for Supplementary Reading in the first year of School. When will Canadian Schools be provided with like monthlies.—The Interstate Publishing Co., Chicago and Boston.

"Recitations for Christmas" under this title a new collection of the best Christmas thoughts

of the best Authors, and edited by Margaret Holmes, author of "The Chamber Over the Gate," "Little Speeches for Little People," &c., is presented to the public. The selections appears to be good.—16 Mo 122 pages, price 25 cts. Charles A. Bates, Publisher, Indianapolis, Indiana.

*Some Considerations* showing why the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church should be changed, is the title of a Tract issued by the *Young Churchman Co.*, Milwaukee, Wis., containing Bishop Seymour's paper read at the last Church Congress held in Louisville. It merits the attentive and careful reading of all.—Price 10 cts.

The same enterprising Company issue a Tract *Elementary Notes on the Church, Doctrinal and Spiritual*; which is intended to be a manual of the very least that every member of the Church should know. It will be found a useful Tract for parish use.—Price \$2 per 100.

## NEW BOOKS.

*MEDITATIONS ON CHARITY*, by Rev. Francois Washburn; T. Whittaker, 2 and 3 Bible House, N.Y.

In this little book are published 13 admirable Meditations on 1 Cor. 13th chapter, by the author of "Thoughts on the Lord's Prayer." These meditations are full of spiritual instruction, conveyed in plain and simple language, easily understood of the people, and would answer for Lay Reading. They will also be found useful by the clergy.

*THE AMERICAN PRAYER BOOK*—its Principles and the Law of its Use; by the Rev. J. J. Garrison, D.D.; Porter & Coates, Phil.

Under this title the Bohnen Lectures of 1887, delivered by the author, Professor of Liturgies, Canon Law, and Ecclesiastical Polity, in the P. E. Divinity School at Philadelphia, are given to the world. The purpose of the Lectures was to present as clearly and fully as possible the leading features of the primitive services of the Church, and the doctrines connected with them in the early ages; to trace some of the more important and injurious of the mediaeval departures from these Catholic truths and forms; and to indicate the manner in which in the offices of the P. E. Church were restored the essentials of the Apostolic and Scriptural teachings of the Primitive Church. The author also gives an outline of the Ritual law of the P. E. Church of the U.S. Much valuable information will be found in this book; and it is one which might well find place in Clerical, parochial, or Diocesan libraries.

*A MANUAL OF CHURCH HISTORY*—By the Rev. A. C. Jennings, M.A., author of *Ecclesia Anglicana*; S. R. Briggs, Willard Tract Depository, Toronto; cloth, 75c.

The work, in two volumes, is intended to present to theological students and others the prominent incidents of Church History, and this from an ethical rather than a religious standpoint, and excluding all influences of theological proclivity. In the first volume, now before us, the author refers to the events transpiring between the first and the eleventh centuries; and concludes his work with a list of Sovereigns, Bishops and Popes and General Councils, giving the succession of the Bishops of Rome from St. Peter to Leo IX, in 1048. The book will undoubtedly be found very useful to students for whom it seems to be primarily intended.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer  
Our spirits by Thine Advent here;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadows put to flight.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.