

## Literary Notices.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for February is to hand. Contents, "Mendelsshon's Letters to Moscheles," from manuscripts in possession of Felix Moscheles, with portraits and reproductions of drawings by Mendelsshon. "The Man at Arms" concluded from the January issue, a richly illustrated and most interesting and instructive article on how the world's battles were fought and won in earlier days. "Volcanoes" with illustrations shewing their causes and effects. "The Law and the Sabbath."—"What the Will Effects," with several short poems and two or three serial illustrated stories. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York. Price 25 cents monthly, \$3.00 per year.

We have received the first copy of a neat and interesting twelve page monthly called *Life and Work*, devoted more especially to the interests and work of the congregation of Erskine Church, Montreal. Editor, the Pastor, Rev. L. H. Jordan, assisted by Mr. Robert McConnell and a committee of the congregation. Price 50 cents per annum.

### THE HOPE OF PAGANISM.

BY BISHOP R. S. FOSTER, D. D.

Christianity is confessedly the greatest power in the world. This is so politically, commercially, intellectually, and morally. There are other faiths, as Buddhism, with a more numerous following, but none with comparable power.

The powerful and ruling nations are Christian nations. The aggressive force, the elements of conquest and moulding influence—wealth, learning, enterprise, progress—are all in Christian hands.

It is a significant fact that the political power of Christendom dominates almost entire paganism, whilst one-third of paganism is under the absolute sway of Christian rulers.

All the forces of modern thought are Christian

The eyes of heathenism are turned to the centres of Christendom.

The heathen world, dissatisfied with its religion and civilization, not less than with its poverty and misery, is looking ward Christendom for help.

They are waiting for deliverance without knowing what it is they are waiting for.

Heathenism cowers and shrinks away in conscious weakness before Christian thought and Christian institutions.

Christian truth saturates the atmosphere of the globe,

The very essence of Christianity is that it reconstructs man and makes him a new creature. It not only recasts his ideas and practices, it resets his affections and will. It is a life. It is this fact, more than its external victories, that gives us the confidence that it will possess and remake the world.

### THE MISSIONARY PROTESTANT CHURCH.

The Missionary Protestant Church, outside of Christendom, consists of the native converts who have given up their pagan rites and have embraced Christianity so far as to enroll themselves as pupils under its teaching. These converts are composed of adherents and communicants. There are about 1,000,000 of communicants, and 2,000,000 of adherents. These 3,000,000 are found in about the following proportions in different lands:

British Asia	800,000
Dutch Asia	200,000
China	100,000
Japan	50,000
Siam	3,000
Turkey	100,000
Persia	10,000
Australia	5,000
New Zealand	35,000
Polynesia	300,000
Micronesia	8,000
Melanesia	16,000
Greenland and Labrador	10,500
Indians in U. S. and Canada	150,000
West Indies	400,000
Mexico, Central and South America	150,000
Egypt and North Africa	8,000
West Africa	120,000
South Africa	250,000
East and Central Africa	5,500
Madagascar and other Islands	300,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,021,000</b>

I fear the newspapers more than a hundred thousand bayonets.—*Napoleon.*