

and ladies of high sounding titles, refugees from their own country, were trying to live out their exile in the midst of that gaiety, which it is difficult to divorce from them, under circumstances however dreary. Yet according to Mr. Cable's prettily told story (true) of "Francoise and Zuzanne" this was the case. The wretched state of society produced by slavery is painfully evident in this book. The heartless brutality of it, the anomalies connected with it in the difficulties of distinguishing white blood from that tainted however little with black, the degradation and licentiousness of it, need no romance like "Uncle Tom's Cabin," or "Dred" for their portrayal so long as there are "Strange, true stories" about them such as those given by Mr. Cable. A charming and at the same time distressing glimpse of the late war between the North and the South is given in the "War Diary of a Union Woman in the South," culminating in the horrors of the siege of Vicksburg. All the stories are told in happy style and never lack in interest. Some illustrations showing *fac similes* of original documents are also given, to the enhancing of the volume.

The International Encyclopedia. Dashi, Mead & Co., 753 Broadway, New York. L. W. McAnn, General Agent, Moncton, New Brunswick.

Who would not have a Cyclopaedia? No one who longs for information or who is engaged in any way in literary pursuits can afford to be without one. The question is, which is the best to get? For ready reference in all matters of interest, ancient and modern, sacred and secular, we would recommend the International Cyclopaedia, mentioned above. Its maps and illustrations are in themselves of great value, while the articles, being no longer than is necessary to give the salient points of the matter in hand, are always replete with such information as is generally required from such a work. For one generally goes to a work of that kind, not as he would go to a book written on any one of the subjects on which he desires information, but for leading facts and points connected with them. This would seem to be the chief end served in a Cyclopaedia and this is the case in the "International." Fifteen handsome volumes giving information upon thousands of topics with which one is likely to meet in his reading, studies or conversation, are placed at the disposal of the public at a rate sufficiently low to secure popularity. It gives both sides of all important questions and is "up with the times." By writing to Mr. L. W. McAnn, Moncton, N.B., full information can be obtained regarding it.

The Genesis and the Exodus of the Gospel. By Rev. W. P. Ten Broeck: La Crosse, Wis., W. J. Boycott.

This seems to be a very exhaustive treatise on the true dates of the Nativity and the day of our Lord's Passion. The conclusion arrived at is that Dec. 25th, B. C. 8 was the day of the Nativity and March 26th, A. D. 28, the day of the Passion,

also that the received Chronology has lost a year, and the Gregorian Calendar has lost two days. A large amount of research is evident in this book, which throws much light on the history of the Calendar.

Newly Hours Magazine. Griffith, Larran, Okeden & Welsh, London, England.

Varied and useful articles as usual are found in this magazine. While it deals largely in ecclesiastical matter, it is not confined to them. Papers on Flemish Painters, Popular Astronomy, Sketches in Ceylon etc., and some interesting stories, give varied form to the number. We understand that the American Church Review Co. have become the publishers or agents of this magazine for this continent.

The Churchman: New York, M. M. Mallory & 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.

Santa Claus: 1,113 Market st., Philadelphia, continues to improve each month. The editors evidently know how to please children, and not only that, but to instruct them. A bound volume of *Santa Claus* will form a grand book for young people.

The Missionary Review of the World: We find this periodical always most useful in giving missionary information, and suggesting thought-fornissionary subjects. It is now favourably recognized in England, and is becoming an acknowledged authority on missionary subjects. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, \$2.50 per year; 25 cents per single number.

The Magazine of Christian Literature: The Christian Literature Co., New York. A useful periodical, especially for clergymen, who from its pages may cull information upon the great questions of the day, both within and without the Church of England. It also contains each month an instalment of a "Concise Dictionary of Religious Knowledge." The articles are eclectic,—gathered from leading Magazines, Reviews and religious periodicals.

The Youth's Companion. Boston, Mass.; \$1.75 a year. Full of stories of adventure and interest for young people, and well worth the price of subscription.

Germania: A. W. Spanhoofd, of Manchester, New Hampshire, publishes an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance in that direction.

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