

A work entitled *The Gnostic Heresies of the First and Second Centuries*, by the late H. L. Mansel, Dean of St. Paul's, and author of the well-known work *The Limits of Religious Thought*, is announced for early publication in London.

Mr. W. C. Bryant, who recently celebrated his eightieth birthday, is engaged, with the assistance of Mr. S. H. Gay, in preparing a history of the United States. It is to begin with the earliest history of the Western Continent, and end with the first century of American Independence.

The Rev. Wm. Cooke, D.D., an eminent New Connexion minister in Great Britain, and the author of a series of valuable and well-known theological works, who has kindly consented to contribute to this magazine, has just published a work of which the British press speak in the highest terms, on *The Unity, Harmony, and Growing Evidence of Sacred Truth*.

A new work by Miss Frances Power Cobbe, entitled *The Hopes of the Human Race, Hereafter and Here: Essays on the Life after Death, and the Evolution of the Social Sentiment* is announced for early publication. It will contain a preface in which Miss Cobbe will deal with Mr. J. S. Mill's lately published essays on religion.

Considerable doubt has existed as to what mountain is the loftiest in North America. The expedition of Dr. Dall and party to Alaska in the schooner Yukon, of the U. S. Coast Survey, seems to have definitely settled the question in favour of Mount St. Elias, on the boundary between Alaska and Canada.

The new English Arctic Expedition is expected to be ready to sail about May next. The strength of the expedition will be from 100 to 120 officers and men. A very large number have already volunteered, so that there will be an ample supply to select from. The cost will be about \$150,000.

The French are about to construct a monster telescope, which is to be only two feet shorter and six inches less in diameter than the celebrated instrument of Lord Rosse. It was begun some six years ago, but the death of its projector, and then the war, put a stop to the operations. They are now being resumed in earnest.