

OUR LITTLE ONES (Boston) brings its June stores for the little ones at home, filling admirably its own sphere in the Nursery.

ST. NICHOLAS too merits its usual meed of praise with its illustrations of Paris, and the Kelp gatherers, its chapter on fishes and "A boy's camp."

THE PULPIT TREASURY for June (New York) is also on our desk, with a tender sermon on Sources of Comfort in the Death Shade, by Dr. Wayland Hoyt; and with its usual complement of suggestive themes.

THE CENTURY (New York) for June is a most readable number. We enjoyed its literary ramble along the Thames of days past departing, and its exquisite article on the bird-nests of spring. But perhaps its most striking article for us is the one on the Faith cure; reverential, candid and conclusive. It is worth to Christian enquirers the price of the entire number.

THE PILGRIM TEACHER, Congregational S. S. Publishing Society, Boston. This excellent monthly for July is before us with its usual complement of instruction on, and illustration of the Sunday school service for the month. Rev. W. H. Warriner, B. . . , Bowmanville, will be glad to receive orders for this and kindred publications.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for July is at hand, E. B. Treat, publisher, 771 Broadway, New York. Every evangelical denomination is also well represented in its pages. The old truths are taught, defended and illustrated with all the modern light which the best scholarship has thrown upon them. Dr. G. F. Pentecost, of Brooklyn, is given in this number the first place; by portrait, sermon, sketch of life and view of church.

NEW TABERNACLE SERMONS, by T. DeWitt Talmage, D. D. \$1.50; E. B. Treat, Pulpit Treasury, Broadway, New York. Dr. Talmage is one of those men that defy criticism. Apparently extravagant, his extravagance is true and strikes home. Using the language of every day, he avoids coarseness, and his highest flights, that in other men would be theatrical, bombastic, in him are perfectly natural. This volume contains thirty-two of his more recent sermons, is well printed, and is a slightly volume. We have just read the sermon from Isaiah vii. 20, entitled "The Lord's Razor," where God's judgments are the razor in the Lord's hand; but as a razor is a dangerous instrument in unskilled hands, so are God's judgments when men would attempt to use them. The sermon on "Capital and Labour," from Matt. vii. 12, though not philosophical, is eminently practical, and contains some startling truths the world would be the better for practicing. The book is worth the money.

THE WILLARD TRACT DEPOSITORY.—In reading our literary notes of last month, the paragraph on p. 12 beginning "Much more profitable and pleasing," should follow the notice of the Epistle from the President of the Norman church. Standing where it does, a false impression is conveyed regarding the Willard depository, which we very much regret, and hasten to remove. From this house we have also received a copy of "Sacrifice of Praise;" a collection of sheets for the wall, containing appropriate selections, pure, verse, scripture, for each day in the month. Printed in extra large type, and at a cost of forty cents, it commends itself to the patronage of the Christian home. In bed or dining-room it presents, conspicuous to the eye, words suggestive of happy, holy thoughts, needed in the worry of this restless age.

AS OTHERS SEE US.—The Congregational church, always in the forefront of the battle for civil and religious liberty, has, we are glad to see, come out in favor of the abolition of ministerial exemptions. At the meeting of the union at Ottawa, a paragraph in the annual report was adopted with great enthusiasm which defined the historical position of the denomination as in favor of the entire separation of church and state, and protested against the present system of ecclesiastical exemptions. The report went on to say that, while it might be a matter for discussion whether the buildings actually used for public worship should be taxable, they "would hail with delight any measure which would, in the case of the ministers of the gospel personally of all denominations, settle the question on the basis of the equality of all men before the law." The ministers of the Congregational church are worthy of all praise for this manly and unselfish stand against the exemption system. It is greatly to be wished that the clergy of other denominations would show themselves equally enlightened and free from the bias of self-interest. The abolition of exemptions is a simple measure of justice, and the readiness with which the Congregational ministry have announced their willingness to relinquish any personal advantage accruing to them from it, shows that the movement is steadily gaining ground.—*Toronto News.*

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