

cribed by Dr. G. L. Mackay, by whom the work was started and under whom it has been carried on, until now the light of the Gospel is shining above the island and hundreds of churches are ministered to by native pastors, who but a few ago were fierce and naked savages. This article is accompanied by five views, from photographs supplied by Dr. Mackay, illustrating the progress of the work in the transformation from heathenism to Christianity. Other subjects are "Unoccupied Mission Fields of the World," "Christward Movements Among the Jews," and "Pekin and the Great Wall." The *Field of Monthly Survey* contains valuable statistics on Circumpolar Missions, North American Indians, and the Islands of the Sea, beside an able article by Rev. Joseph Nettleton, of New Guinea, on the last subject. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York City, at \$2.50 per year.

THE TREASURY OF RELIGIOUS THOUGHT for June maintains its high character as a homiletic magazine for clergymen, besides giving suitable aid in every department for a pastor's work, and much excellent and varied information for all Christian workers. Rev. Henry E. Cobb's sermon on "Divine Discipline," has the initial sermonic place. Dr. Steele's sermon on "The Divine Preacher," and Dr. Brown's on "The Hard Times," and the Rev. A. Wild's on the "Conditions of Successful Prayer," should be carefully read; as Dr. Stalker's Expository Lecture on "The Parable of the Carpenters." Prof. Witherspoon discusses the question, "What of the Night?" Dr. Cuyler tells of a famous hymn-writer he has known. Dr. B. Hart writes on "Antinomianism." The "Benefits of Christian Song" are described by Dr. Hollock and those of "Pulpit Elocution" by Dr. Steck. Annual subscription, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2. E. B. TREAT, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

OBJECT SERMONS TO CHILDREN, by Dr. Sylvanus Stall. Funk & Wagnall's Co., New York, and 11 Richmond St. W. Toronto. We give a chapter from this book in this number. It is the best recommendation we can give it. It professes to solve, and to a large extent does solve, the problem "How to Interest the Children?" The author says he has given the 48 five-minute sermons in the book, on various Sundays, before he began his regular sermon; and the children who came to hear, were pleased, and remained to the service. Some times he took small objects with him, to illustrate his sermons. Buy the book, 240 pp., \$1.00, and then you will see all about it. It is just out.

Children's Department.

FIVE MINUTE OBJECT SERMON TO CHILDREN.

THE OYSTER AND THE CRAB.

CONSCIENCE.

My Young Friends: I want to speak to you this morning about "Having a good conscience." (I Peter iii: 16.) This is rather a hard subject, but I desire to make it plain by the use of a familiar object. "What's this I have in my hand?" I rather expected that you would say an oyster; but, really, it is nothing but an oyster shell. I suppose you have all eaten stewed oysters, or oyster broth. I remember, when a little boy, that one day when we had stewed oysters for supper, I found a little yellow something in my broth. I did not know whether my mother had put it in purposely, or whether it had fallen in by accident; whether I should push it aside of my plate, that it might be thrown with the crumbs to the chickens, or whether I should eat it to discover what it was.

I suppose you have all seen these little animals in your soup, and know that they are called crabs. Now, do you know how the crab comes to be in with the oyster? I will tell you how it is. The oyster lives in the water at the bottom of the bay, and some bright day, when the sun is shining down genial and warm, just the same as in the summer, we open the doors, and sit out on the porch to enjoy the cool of the day; so the oyster opens his shells and lets the cool currents of water move gently through his house. But while lying there with his shells wide open, along comes a great hungry fish. He sees the oyster, but the oyster cannot see him. The oyster cannot see, for he has no eyes. He cannot hear, for he has no ears. Of the five senses which each of us have, hearing, seeing, smelling, tasting and feeling, the oyster can only tell of the presence of his enemy when he feels himself being dragged out of his house, and being quickly swallowed by the fish. But his knowledge of what is happening only comes when it is already too late.

Now, with the little crab, who also lives in the same neighborhood with the oyster, it is quite different. The crab has eyes, and can see the hungry fish that comes to eat him up. He has legs, with which to try and run away; but the fish can swim so much faster than the little crab can run, that he is sure to be devoured before the race is half over. So what do you think the little crab does? He crawls along quietly, and creeps into the shell of the oyster, and the oyster and the