

of "The Military and Naval Glory of England." Perhaps the most striking contribution, however, is Mr. Henry Norman's paper of impressions of America as he finds it on revisiting it in war times. As one of the editors of the *London Chronicle*, making tours of special observation into all parts of the world, Mr. Norman's views have an exceptional value.

"Some Famous Naval Battles" appropriately opens the July number of *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly*. The article contains a graphic description of the Battles of Trafalgar, Mobile Bay, Albemarle Sound, Lake Erie, and Yalu River. There are many excellent illustrations, including a number of full-page naval battle scenes. Another timely article of great interest is "Life in Manila," in which Charles B. Howard gives a full description of that Philippine Island city. The Society of Friends is treated exhaustively in an article by Daniel Gibbons. San Antonio, the "Alamo" City of Texas, is well described and pictured by Charles Thomas Logan. There are a number of good short stories, and a particularly interesting department for the young people.

"GLADSTONE, more than any other public man of our time," says the July *Atlantic*, "needs to be studied with a sympathy, passionate but warm, and with an interest impartially keen"; and in that spirit its opening article is devoted to a careful and sympathetic study of his rare and splendid life and character, and his place in history. The Right Hon. James Bryce, M.P., the foremost foreign observer and critic of American affairs, enters an earnest plea from the British standpoint for international friendship. James K. Hosmer analyzes the elements involved in our national history, our past dependence upon England, our present independence of her, and recognizes a state of interdependence as now existing which should reunite the two peoples as one in effect and sympathy. A delightful picture of a beautiful and earnest spirit is given in "A Soul's Pilgrimage," a too brief sketch of the inner life as well as the external history of the Rev. Charles F. B. Miel, D.D., who, beginning in the French Catholic ministry, finally found rest in the bosom of the American Episcopal Church. Bradford Torrey continues his captivating investigations of "Spring in Virginia" with an exploration of the Natural-Bridge Region—one of the wonders of the world,—which he discovers and describes to be picturesque, grand, and a very "paradise for botanists." In "The Russian Jew in America," Abram Cahan presents forcibly and interestingly the claims of these people to higher consideration than they have had. He shows them to stand high in literacy and to be anxious to learn; to be industrious, honest, home-loving, ever striving to better their condition for the benefit of their children, with a low death-rate, and producing almost no paupers or criminals.

AMATEUR photographers can find no better help than that afforded by the *Amateur Photographer*, published by the Outing Company, 239 Fifth Ave., New York City. In addition to being beautifully illustrated every month with reproductions of the best products of the photographic art, it contains much that is helpful in the way of suggestions and formulae. The leading amateurs of America and England are frequent contributors to its pages; and neither pains nor expense are spared by the editors and publishers in producing a journal at once attractive and useful.

ALREADY many are planning for "London 1900." It will be a great convention—in all probability the largest religious gathering ever held in Europe in all the nineteen centuries.

THE following is the quarterly statistical report of the secretary of the United Society of Christian Endeavor, given July 7th, 1898:

UNITED STATES.	
Young People's Societies .....	41,222
Junior .....	13,000
Intermediate .....	759
Mothers' .....	90
Senior .....	45
CANADA.	
Young People's Societies .....	3,456
Junior .....	500
Intermediate .....	9
Parents' .....	2
Mothers' .....	1
FOREIGN LANDS.	
Young People's Societies .....	11,775
Junior .....	1,000
Senior .....	6
Intermediate .....	5
Mothers' .....	5
Floating Societies .....	111
Total Societies .....	54,199
Total Membership .....	3,250,000

## Appreciative Words.

By Rev. James Caswell.

**B**RAVE little HERALD, we hail thee!  
Thy mission is truly sublime:  
To rescue, wherever they may be,  
The youthful addicted to crime;

To chase the dark night of intemperance,  
With Christian Endeavor on fire,  
Till the drunkard shall bear the resemblance  
Of his holy and heavenly Sire;

To spread far and wide the effulgence  
Of knowledge, and virtue, and truth,  
And save from each sinful indulgence  
The beauty and pride of our youth;

To give talent a scope for its power,  
Through strength of the gospel of grace,  
And hasten the longed-for millennial hour,  
A bright gala day for our race.

The day when beneath his own vine  
And fig-tree, each son of mankind  
Shall bask in the rays of a beauty divine,  
And pure joy and security find.

Like the hand-cloud rising out of the sea,  
Go forth to bear showers abroad,  
Till the earth, full of beauty and plenty, shall be  
A paradise fitted for God.

Grimsby, Ont.

BEAR ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—*Christ*.

I DO not cast my eyes away from my troubles. I pack them in as little compass as I can for myself, and never let them annoy others.—*Southey*.

GOD's angels drop, like grains of gold,  
Our duties 'midst life's shining sands;  
And from them, one by one, we mould  
Our own bright crowns with patient hands;  
From dust and dross we gather them;  
We toil and stoop for love's sweet sake,  
To find each worthy act a gem  
In glory's kingly diadem,  
Which we may daily richer make.

No member has incorporated the principles of the Christian Endeavor pledge, and lived up to its exalted requirements, without marked progress in spiritual life and activity. The impress of a consecrated spirit is unmistakable. A true Endeavorer may be counted on in later life. He is sure to become a pillar in the church.—*D. M. Pratt*.

WHY cannot we, slipping our hands into His each day, walk trustingly over that day's appointed path, thorny or flowery, crooked or straight, knowing that evening will bring us sleep, peace, and home?—*Phillips Brooks*.

IT is a hard climb, my child, sunshine and shadow; but at the darkest always He has fulfilled His promise, "At evening time it shall be light."—*Porter*.

GOD gives His days for us to use  
For some good purpose. If we choose  
To squander them, how great our sin!  
I shudder when I think He keeps  
A record of them all, and weeps  
To see the misspent ones therein.