

Let me, then, ask you, dear friend, to do all you can for the great work being carried on in this extensive but isolated region. Believe me, my dear Christian friend, yours in the Lord,

JOHN MOOSONEE.

Contributions will be received by either of my commissaries, the Rev. Canon Scott Robertson, Otterden, Faversham, and the Rev. J. Burnside, Hertingfordbury, Herts., or by H. G. Malaher, Esq., 20 Compton Terrace, Islington, N.; in Canada by the Rev. H. Pollard, Ottawa.

### Books and Periodicals Department.

*Classified Digest of the Records of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, 1701-1892.* Published at the Society's Office, 19 Delahay street, London, England.

The value of this book for all those interested in the historical records of the Church in colonial and foreign lands cannot be overestimated. The information as to the agents by whom the Church was planted in those lands is full and complete, and at the same time most interesting. Hosts of events hitherto quietly slumbering among the archives of the S.P.G. are now for the first time brought to the light, and the labors of the true pioneer workers of the Church made vivid and clear. It is not only in North America and the early colonies now known as the United States, together with our own British possessions from the Atlantic to the Pacific; but it is in the West Indies, in Africa, in Australia, in India, China, Corea, Japan, and many other parts of Asia; in Europe itself, and the many scattered islands of the Pacific—in fact, over the whole world itself—that we suddenly become interested. The editor of this book is Mr. C. F. Pascoe, who has special charge of all the society's manuscripts, archives, and books. Addressing himself to the task with a devotion which true enthusiasm alone could give, Mr. Pascoe labored with untiring diligence and perseverance, employing all his leisure time and even his holidays for five years in order to give to the world this useful compendium. A similar work is promised by the society every ten years. In a work of this kind, we have the true soul of history. The doings of the pioneer workers are reflected in their letters and reports. They being dead yet speak to us from the shores of the almost forgotten past; and the thanks of the Christian world are due to the society, and particularly to Mr. Pascoe, for laying such interesting and useful materials before us. The archbishop of Canterbury speaks of it in glowing terms.

"It is," he says, "a marvellous book—there is no doubt of it. It contains in a good-sized volume a most complete and fascinating account of the work of the society from the very beginning. It is full of interest in its narrative, and full of vividness in its touches."

To this we may add that the bishop of Exeter is giving the North American portion of the book as the subject-matter upon which his students will be examined next Trinity.

*Some American Churchmen.* By Frederic Cook Morehouse. Milwaukee: The Young Churchman Co., 1892.

Pioneer days are also revived in this handsome and readable book, recently published by The Young Churchman Co., of Milwaukee. It gives brief but racy accounts of Bishops Seabury, White, Hobart, Chase, Doane, Hopkins, and Kemper, prelates of early days when cities were small and forests trackless and large. The American Church has need to be proud of the names mentioned above, though they are by no means the only names worthy of their appreciation; but they are the men whose names are still as household words among the Church families of the great republic. Besides these worthy right reverend fathers of the Church, some account is given of three priests of honored name, viz., William Augustus Muhlenberg, the Christian

educator; James Lloyd Breck, one of the founders of Nashota; and James De Koven, warden of Racine College. The book is printed in large, clear type, and a photogravure portrait of each of the divines mentioned is given.

*Astronomy for Everyday Readers.* By B. J. Hopkins. F.R.A.S., member of the British Astronomical Association. New York: Thomas Whittaker.

This little book is intended to give plain people some idea of astronomy, and to start them on the way of dipping more deeply into the fascinating study. By means of diagrams and illustrations and the use of simple language, in which technical words and "sciency" expressions are avoided as much as possible, the author has succeeded in presenting his subject in such a way as to make it intelligible to almost any one. It is a small book of only a hundred pages, but it gives a vast amount of useful information.

*The Cosmopolitan and THE CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE AND MISSION NEWS* together for \$2 a year!

The July *Cosmopolitan* will mark the most radical step ever taken in periodical literature. With that issue the magazine, unchanged in form—in fact, one of the best numbers of *The Cosmopolitan* ever issued—will be put on sale at twelve and a half cents per copy—\$1.50 a year. The cutting in half of a price already deemed low for an illustrated magazine is the result of an intention long since formed to give to the public an illustrated monthly of the very highest class at such a price as must bring it within the reach of all persons of intellectual tastes, however limited their incomes. More than four years have been spent in reaching the organization necessary for the production of *The Cosmopolitan* at this price, a figure hitherto undreamed of by the reading world. Only the rapid growth of *The Cosmopolitan's* editions, almost unprecedented in magazine records, has produced the conditions which make this departure from established prices possible. *The Cosmopolitan* promises to make the year 1893 the most brilliant in its history. De Maupassant, Mark Twain, George Ebers, Valdez, Spielhagen, Francois Coppée, Flammarion, and Paul Heyse, are some of the authors whose work will appear for the first time during this year in its pages. We have made an arrangement with *The Cosmopolitan* by which our readers may have it and our own magazine together at \$2 a year.

*The Missionary Review of the World* for August covers a broad field of missionary thought and study. Among many other useful articles the Rev. A. I. Gordon, D.D., writes in forcible style on "Education and Missions," taking for his text the statement made before the Decennial Conference in India by Rev. Maurice Phillips, that "the only organized opposition which Christianity has yet had to meet has been from the efforts of the Hindu graduates of our universities," and showing that higher education, unless accompanied by Christian education, does not seem to prepare men for the acceptance of the Gospel. All departments are full of interest, as usual.

Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, at \$2 a year.

*The Illustrated News of the World* (New York edition of *The Illustrated London News*.) The illustrations of the late royal wedding are particularly good, and the sinking of the unfortunate Victoria a most striking and dreadful picture. It is from a sketch taken by an eye-witness. The cost of this edition is only \$5 a year, and ought to be found in all homes.

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

*Newbery House Magazine.* Griffith's, Farren, Okeden & Welsh, London, England. This magazine comes every month as a welcome visitor. Its articles are usually on themes of interest to Churchmen, but frequently of a general nature, instructive for all. Numerous illustrations from time to time are found in it.