

ciety **THE SEEKING SAVIOUR**, a series of short discourses and Bible readings by the author of "Grace and Truth," Dr. W. P. Mackay, and published since his death. They who found good in "Grace and Truth" will find in this a continuation of that homely yet forcible style which pervaded the former work. We are not ourselves admirers of Dr. Mackay's theology, yet we can freely say that his writings, as well as ministrations, have brought many to follow "The Seeking Saviour." A very full catalogue (146 p.p.) of the works procurable at the rooms of this depository will be mailed to any one at the cost of ten cents.

MUCH more profitable and pleasing is it to turn to the minutes of the last annual meeting of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union. The members' pledge is brief, but emphatic. "I hereby solemnly promise, **GOD HELPING ME**, to abstain from all distilled, fermented and malt Liquors, including Wine and Cider, and to employ all proper means to discourage the use of and traffic in the same;" and the following statement may be of general interest:—The National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, with its thirty-eight auxiliary State, and nine Territorial Unions, beside that of the District of Columbia, is the largest society ever composed exclusively of women, and conducted entirely by them. It is now organized in every State and Territory of the nation, and locally in about ten thousand towns and cities. Great Britain, Canada, and Australia have also organized, and Mrs. M. C. Leavitt, of Massachusetts, is making a preliminary reconnaissance for a World's W. C. T. U. As a general estimate (the returns being altogether incomplete,) we think the number of Local Unions in the United States is about 10,000 with a following of about 200,000, besides numerous juvenile organizations. This Society is the lineal descendant of the great Temperance Crusade of 1873-4, and is a union of Christian women for the purpose of educating the young; forming a better public sentiment; reforming the drinking classes; transforming by the power of Divine Grace those who are enslaved by alcohol; and removing the dramshops from our streets by law.

**THE CENTURY**—(The Century Co. New York) for May is before us. The opening number of vol. xxxii. The war papers are still continued, though we suspect their interest in general is declining; not from any falling off in the ability with which they are written, but because the public mind seems incapable of long tension. Among the many admirable articles of this number we note a gossipy first paper on American dwellings which takes us into some very romantic homes; and an illustrated account of the Lick Observatory, a Californian gift to science.

**THE HOMILETIC REVIEW** for May is a number of marked excellence. The leading article is on "The Present Status of the Darwinian Theory of Evolution," by our countryman, Sir William Dawson, LL.D., of Montreal. The name is a guarantee of excellence.—Dr. Howard Crosby gives a third paper on "The Advantages of Greek to the average Clergyman." Dr. Stuckenberg, of Berlin, Germany, discusses "Socialism and the Church," a suggestive and lively paper.—All the other departments are full. Funk & Wagnalls, New York.

We are in receipt, apparently from head quarters, of "An Epistle" addressed by the Presidents of the Mormon Church to their members; undoubtedly intended also, and more especially for Gentile ears. We confess it does sound strange to our unbelieving ears to hear that "no system of philosophy, no code of ethics, no articles of religion since the world was first peopled, ever taught more strictly and emphatically than does "the Mormon Church" the paramount necessity of personal purity in the relation of the sexes. We never have looked upon the late Brigham Young as an example of continence, nor upon his elders as models of chastity; and when we read in this Epistle of the arduous duty which the quorum of the Twelve Apostles performed in severing from the communion a man of great influence for violating the law of chastity, we wondered what code of morality prevails in Utah.—When we read moreover of twenty thousand Mormons producing ninety-six arrests, and 5,200 non-Mormons 1,180, we naturally ask, how do the Mormon criminals escape? for we have not yet been convinced of the superior morality of the community of the Latter Day Saints. The Epistle however is worth perusing as a manifest example of Satan clothed as an angel of light.

**GUIDE TO GRIMSBY PARK**.—We spent two very pleasant days in this summer retreat last summer, and expect to spend more this coming season. We were much pleased with the order on the ground, and found the accommodation at the Lake View house equal to that of any summer resort we have visited, clean, neat, ample. Provision is made for religious services. Our Methodist friends have certainly made this Park a place of rest and of profit as well, and thus far have improved each year—not degenerated. The *Guide* is neatly printed, and can be procured free from the Secretary, Mr. B. C. Fairfield, St. Catharines.

**THE PULPIT TREASURY** for May is to hand. With this number this valuable and prosperous magazine enters upon its fourth year, having gained an enviable position for its vigorous orthodoxy, breadth of helpfulness and admirable adaptation to the necessities of pastors and christian workers in all evangelical denominations. This number has a fine portrait of Bishop Cyrus D. Foss, D. D., of the Methodist Church, and contains an admirable sermon from his pen. The matter generally maintains the high character which has won for this monthly its well deserved confidence and honors. E. B. Treat, New York.

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