

SAVAGE, HUGH JOHNSTON, M.A., B.D., DR. SUTHERLAND, DR. BURNS, and other able writers.

ILLUSTRATED ARTICLES.

Among these will be, "THROUGH THE DARK CONTINENT," the substance of Stanley's great book on Africa, (costing in England \$12.50) with about 150 engravings; "THE WHITE MOUNTAINS," with 22 engravings; "THE LAND OF THE MIDNIGHT SUN," an outline of Du Chaillu's great work which sells for \$9— with fine engravings; "A CANADIAN IN NORWAY," by Dr. Arthur Coleman; "A COLONIAL PILGRIMAGE," by the Editor; "LEADING LIVING AUTHORS," with fine portraits of Tennyson, Lowell, Lord Lytton, Mrs. Stowe, and others. "FIRE MOUNTAINS," an account of the most famous volcanoes of the world; "SKETCHES OF BRAZIL AND FLORIDA," "BIBLE LANDS," "ITALIAN PICTURES," "ROYAL PALACES OF ENGLAND," "MISSIONARY HEROES," and many features of special interest.

One of the most attractive features of the year will be an intensely interesting Serial Story, by RUTH ELLIOTT, entitled "AT LAST; OR JAMES DARYL'S CONVERSION." Of this book the Rev. Dr. Parker, in the *Fontain* says, "It is one of the most powerfully written stories that has come into our hands for a long time. Few will read it without intellectual stimulus and spiritual profit." The late Dr. Punshon said of it, "I like it much. There is a sacred purpose never lost sight of. The conversation in old Donald's garret is worth the price of the volume." This story will run through the year and will be sure to be read with great pleasure and profit.

MAGAZINE PREMIUM FOR 1883.

THE LIVES OF JOHN AND CHARLES WESLEY, by John Whitehead, M.D. This is a bulky volume of 672 closely printed pages, and contains as much reading matter as 800 pages of the *Magazine*, with a fine Steel Portrait of John Wesley. This large and handsome book will be sent for 40c. (the postage alone is 8 cents,) to all subscribers, old or new. This is much the most valuable book ever given with the *Magazine*, and is much cheaper at 40 cents than any previous premium at 30 cents. With such a programme and such a premium the circulation of the *Magazine* ought to be doubled. Write for special rates to schools. *Methodist Magazine* \$2 a year; *Magazine and Premium*, \$2.40. *Magazine and Guardian*, \$3.50; *Magazine, Guardian*, and both premiums, \$4.25.

Our clubbing arrangements with other periodicals will be continued as heretofore. *Harper's* and the *Century*, (late *Scribner's*) *Magazine*, \$3 in addition to regular price of *Methodist Magazine*—full price, \$4. *Atlantic Monthly*, \$3.20—full price, \$4. *Littell's Living Age*, \$7—full price, \$8. *Wide Awake*, \$1.50—full price, \$2.50.

CHRISTMAS READING FOR THE DESTITUTE.—The co-operation of superintendents and schools is respectfully invited in a plan, to furnish reading for lumber camps, hospitals, and prisons, as set forth in *Pleasant Hours* for November: 25th.

The Provincial Sunday-School Convention.

THIS Convention, which met at Brampton on October 24th, was a great success. How could it be otherwise, when the king of Sunday-School Leaders, the Rev. Dr. Vincent, and the king of Sunday-School Singers, Prof. Sherwin, and a whole host of Sunday-school Workers were present! To our great regret we were personally unable through serious indisposition to be there. We rejoice at the deep and growing interest felt in the cause of Sunday-schools, we rejoice to see our own Church so well represented on this important occasion in the persons of J. W. Beynon, the President, L. C. Peake, Wm. Johnson, Wm. Watson, D. C. McHenry, Daniel McLean, Rev. Hugh Johnston, Rev. A. Andrews, and others. The Convention was of an eminently practical character, much time being given to free conversation on important Sunday-school topics, Dr. Vincent emphasized the fact that the children should be found in the Church as well as in the School.

One of the most pleasing episodes of the convention was the reception of a delegation from the Women's Christian Temperance Union—Mrs. A. Andrews, and Mrs. J. B. Chisholm—urging the use of all possible means for the suppression of the use among young people of strong drink, tobacco, and profane language. The convention warmly agreed with the sentiments expressed, and at a later stage the Rev. A. Andrews, seconded by L. C. Peake, Esq., moved a resolution strongly urging the legal prohibition of strong drink.

The S. S. library, S. S. music, S. S. teaching, and other relied topics received full discussion.

In *Pleasant Hours* we give an outline of Dr. Vincent's admirable address.

AFTER a year's study of the Life of Christ in the Gospel of St. Mark, the Schools of Christendom, or the great majority of them, will continue another six months in the New Testament, studying the growth of God's kingdom of grace, as recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. This is a very admirable supplement to the lessons of the last year. Never since the Christian era has the Life of Our Lord been the subject of such intense and devout study by millions of scholars and teachers, and we trust the result will be seen in more Christ-like lives—more holy hearts.