

## Books and Periodicals Dept.

*Rebekah, A Tale of Three Cities.* By M. P. Jones: New York, John B. Alden.

The three cities are Rome, Cæsarea and Jerusalem, and the tale begins with the destruction of Rome by fire under Nero and ends with the siege and capture of Jerusalem by Titus. Christianity in its incipient state is touched upon, and the barbarous age into which it was born clearly shown, but as a story we should say that it is somewhat wanting in plot and the coherence of its different parts. St. Paul is alluded to and even introduced as a character, and the death, in Jerusalem, of St. James the Brother of our Lord, is described.

*The Church in Thy House.* Daily Family Prayers. By Rev. Rufus W. Clark, Rector of St. Paul's Church, Detroit. New York, Thomas Whittaker, 2 & 3 Bible House, 1890.

We commend this little Book of Family Prayer to those desirous of brief and suitable prayers for the household. It is arranged for four weeks, with a few verses of Scripture and a short prayer for each morning and evening. In these busy days, it is just the kind of book that ought to be in each household.

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*Lippincott's Monthly Magazine*, January, 1889. Price 25c. J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia.

This number contains excellent articles, and interesting stories and general matter, making in all an attractive, useful and well printed work of 153 pages.

*Newbery House Magazine.* Griffith, Farran, Okelen & Welsh, London, England.

The Christmas number of the *Newbery House Magazine* is excellent. A somewhat novel feature is a "Fairy Operetta for Christmas Festivities," entitled "Snowbelle," by C. F. Hernaman and Arthur Henry Brown. It is very bright and pretty. "In Trust" and "Christmas Bells," two short stories, are good, and, together with other fine articles on various subjects, make up an exceedingly interesting and attractive number.

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alike can enjoy its pages and glean useful information from them. It is well and carefully edited, and when the first volume is completed and bound it will form an excellent book for young people.

The *Missionary Review of the World* for December closes the second year of this magazine under the editorship of Drs. Sherwood and Pierson. Its career thus far has been brilliant and successful in an eminent degree. Besides the numerous articles which are original and good, the statistics of missions are noted for their variety and fullness, and will prove useful to the friends of missions.

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