

"Modern Congregational Theology," a kindly and timely criticism of "Faith and Criticism;" essays by Congregationalists, and "The Apostolic Succession," based on the well-known work of the Rev. Thomas Powell. The writer of this article concludes by saying, "But indications are not wanting—notably in Mr. Gore's and Mr. Lock's writings—that the experimental religion of our High Anglican brethren will one day burst the bonds in which, to our grief and its own detriment, it is now confined." To which we add a reverent Amen.

*The Preacher's Assistant.* The various departments, Sermonic, Bible Study and Christian Work, Current Thought in Theology and Religion, and Editorial, are well filled with timely and interesting matter.

*The Century Magazine* is one of the greatest of the magazines: two thousand pages of the best literature and one thousand illustrations by the greatest artists in the world in one year. In 1894 there will appear Mark Twain's most dramatic story, "Pudd'nhead Wilson," and a series of superb engravings of the old Dutch masters. In the January number our readers will be specially interested in an illustrated paper by Professor Morris Jastrow, Jr., of the University of Pennsylvania, setting forth the relations of "The Bible and the Assyrian Monuments," in which is included an account of the creation and the flood as described on these monuments. The comparison with the Biblical narrative is of curious interest. The general subject is further treated in an editorial article.

Special interest attaches to an article on Sir James Simpson's "Introduction of Chloroform," the circumstances of which are recorded by his daughter. The article makes appropriate mention of the previous discovery of sulphuric ether as an anæsthetic by Dr. Morton, and of his experiments at the Massachusetts General Hospital. The article touches on the relation of Professor Simpson's discovery to hypnotism, and there are portraits of Sir James and Lady Simpson.

*St. Nicholas* for young folks is seven magazines in one, *Wide Awake* being the last to be merged into it, which adds two hundred pages to the volume. It is unquestionably the best magazine of its kind for boys and girls. In 1894 there will be a Natural History series, a serial story by Mark Twain, a series on American authors, stories of India, "Wild Life" described by an educated Sioux Indian, and papers on the Government. In the January number, "How Paper Money is Made," "Stamp Collecting," and "The Little People from Java" (as seen at the World's Fair) will be read with interest.

*The Expository Times* has a fine programme for 1894, in which are articles on the parables of Zechariah, the kingdom of God in the teaching of Jesus, the Biblical doctrine of the Fatherhood of God, an exposition of Romans VIII., the Holy Spirit in His work upon Christ and the believer, the Biblical Theology of the books of the Old and New Testaments, and an authoritative and systematic account of the Higher Life Teaching by the leaders of the Keswick movement, some of which are treated in the January number. It is a most fresh, scholarly, readable and suggestive magazine for the Bible student.

*The Review of Reviews* is certainly "The Busy Man's magazine," whether he be lay or clerical. Articles that will be of special interest in the January number are an illustrated character sketch of Lord and Lady Aberdeen by the Editor, and also another by Mr. Stead on "The Mission and Destiny of Canada." "Relief for the Unemployed in the American Cities," by Albert Shaw, and "Relief Work, its Principles and Methods," by Washington Gladden, are important sociological contributions. The regular departments are well sustained.