

### Literary Notices.

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CHRISTIAN LITERATURE is the title of a new monthly magazine published in New York. It is fashioned on the principle of Littell's Living Age, being a selection of religious articles from leading papers and magazines. The most correct idea can be formed of it by giving part of the table of contents of the November issue;—"The Position of Women among the early Christians"—by Dr. Donaldson, principal of the University of St. Andrews, from the *Contemporary Review*;—"Giordano Bruno, his life and Philosophy," by Dr. Plumtree, from the *Westminster Review*;—"Romanism and Secularism";—Dr. Shedd on Revision;—"The Howling Dervishes";—"Father Hyacinth";—"Preaching to the Physical Man";—"The Popularity of Heresy";—"Every day Church Work";—"The Log Cabin College of the Old North State";—"The German Reformed and the Congregationalists";—"Gladstone on Bible Study";—"Cheap Missionaries";—"Agnosticism". In addition it has a department called a "Concise Dictionary of Religious knowledge", after the fashion of Eadie's or Kitto's Bible Dictionary. Beginning with the October issue, this Dictionary is continued from month to month, five hundred pages to be given within the year. When completed it can be bound by itself in a volume. Judging from the number before us the magazine bids fair to be a most interesting and useful one. The size is large 8 vo., double column, price \$2 per year, 20 cents per issue. The Christian Literature Co., 35 Bond St., New York.

### A WORD TO YOUNG BELIEVERS.

If young people are to be with Christ sometimes—I do not say always, but some-

times—they must be still. You can be serving God by preparing, by getting ready. I would encourage a young Christian to bear witness to what he knows; but I would not encourage him to bear witness to what he does not know. And sometimes to begin to speak at once is to begin to say nothing; that, you know, can be done at extreme length and with great volubility. The man who has nothing to say will be much longer about it than he who has a very complete message to deliver and is anxious to get it out and let it work its way. There are times in life, at the beginning especially, and often at the end, when friends, if they were wise, would counsel retirement. Sometimes, being unwise, they keep those working who are not working so efficiently as somebody else might do, or perhaps as they themselves used to do. There are such times when the quiet Saviour, if we be with him, will tell us to be quiet too. Not to be doing nothing; for there never was a time in his life when he did nothing. He was doing as much in the carpenter's shop at Nazareth, as when he was on the mountain side with the multitude. But had he chosen his own way of life, and had he been of the same mind as ourselves, he would have been in the thick of the battle before he was twenty-one years of age. He would have been up to his neck in service long before he was thirty. But here he paused; and sometimes to be with Christ, we have to pause too. Not always. There are special cases, but some-times, I say, and that sometimes may happen to happen to have fallen on you, my brother, my sister.—*Spurgeon.*

### EVERY DAY!

Every day a little knowledge. One fact in a day. How small is one fact! Only one. Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred and fifty facts are not a small thing.

Every day a little self-denial. The thing that is difficult to do to-day will be an easy thing to do three hundred and sixty days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self-mastery shall he enjoy who, looking to God for grace, seeks every day to practise the grace he prays for?

Every day a little helpfulness. We live for the good of others, if our living be in any sense a true living. It is not in great deeds of kindness only that the blessing is found. In "little deeds of kindness" repeated every day we find true happiness. At home, at school, in the street, in the neighbor's house, in the play-ground, we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.—*Sel.*