

bi-monthly and Dr. Curry, who is admirably adapted to the work, assumes the sole editorial control. Thus one after another of our old quarterlies are becoming monthlies or bi-monthlies; and the day probably is not distant when they will all assume the monthly form. It is a concession to the demands of the times which is as significant as it is imperative. We can only name the writers and subjects of the January number, as we have received only the table of contents: "Bishop Simpson," by Dr. H. B. Ridgeway; "Constitutional Law in the M. E. Church," by Joseph Pullman, D.D.; "Christian Education," by Rev. E. McChesney, Ph. D.; "Christ Preaching to the Spirits in Prison," by the Editor; "Ethnography of Northern and Central Africa," by Rich. Wheatley, D.D.

*Lutheran Quarterly* (Oct.) The most notable paper in the number is Dr. Valentine's "Inaugural Discourse," as President of the Theological Seminary, Gettysburg, Pa. His subject is highly important and timely, "Some Present Demands in Theological Training," which he discussed under two aspects, *doctrinal* and *practical*. His points under the first are: A correct exhibition of the fundamental doctrines of the divine word ["the Catholic Lutheranism of the Augsburg Confession," being "the best and truest type."] Theological training must recognize the principle of *development*, also the demand in connection with the progress of science and knowledge. Under the practical he insists on *positive* preaching over against a hesitating, diluted, compromising style; the instruction and nurture of the young, and the distinctly missionary work of the Church.

*Lutheran Church Review* (Qy., Oct.) Articles: "East India and its Religious Prospects," by Dr. W. J. Mann, based on Ram Chandra Bose's "Brahmoism," "The Lutheran Church of New York City during the Second Century," by Dr. Smucker "Ecce Homo," by Prof. B. Pick, "Church Polity," by Dr. C. P. Krauth.

*Cumberland Presbyterian Review* (Oct.) The mechanical appearance of this review is unworthy of the Church whose name it bears. The best papers in it are The Dignity and Power of the Gospel, by Dr. G. W. Wright, Oberlin, O., and Sanctification, or, Growth in Grace, by Rev. P. M. Riley, Du Pre, Texas.

*Unitarian Review* (Monthly, Dec.) The theological position of this magazine is indicated by its name. Time was when such eminent names as Channing, Bellows, Osgood, Dewey, and others of their contemporaries, gave character and influence to this organ of American Unitarianism beyond its denominational sphere. But that day is past and their brilliant and often powerful productions no longer adorn its pages. "The Unities of Unitarianism," by Rev. James T. Bixby, is a somewhat remarkable paper. Such assertions and claims as we find on every page of the article will surprise not a few. For example: "Consciously or unconsciously, the tendency to union, to oneness, has guided our

thought, till at almost every point distinctions have been erased, gulfs have been bridged, the separated have been brought together. Unitarianism has become the enunciation, not merely of the Divine Unity, but of a whole series of Unities."!

*North American Review* (Monthly, Nov.) For 70 years this review has held on in the even tenor of its way and has exerted great influence on American thought. Its power is not as potent now, perhaps, as it once was, but it is felt over a much wider circle of readers. Its scope is wide and it still commands some of the best talent in the country. Among the timely and practical papers in the current number, we name two of decided value, "Woman as a Political Factor," by Judge Pitman, and "The African Problem," by Prof. E. W. Gilliam. The former is a sensible and strong plea for the opening of the ballot box to woman, the writer "profoundly believing in the wisdom" of the measure, and he aims to state and urge considerations that will command the confidence of reflecting persons. The drift of Prof. Gilliam's article may be seen in this sentence: "If the negro, while slowly advancing in education and wealth, is rapidly gaining in population upon the whites; and if he is, and must continue to be, an alien and distinct race, and, struggling to rise, must be pressed back by the ruling whites toward the labor-line; then disastrous social disorders are threatened, and colonization—enforced, if necessary—is the remedy." His statistics and facts lend no little weight to his arguments and conclusion.

*Christian Thought* (Bi-monthly, Nov.-Dec.) This repository of the chief papers which are submitted to the *American Institute of Christian Philosophy*, of which Dr. Charles F. Deems is president, is invaluable to intelligent men and scholars. Many of the ablest contributions to current thought and scholarship are preserved in its pages. Three of the papers in this issue are worthy of special note: "Am I Free?" by Noah K. Davis, LL.D., Professor in the University of Virginia; "Historical Evidence vs. Critical Evidence," by Prof. Willis G. Beecher, of Auburn Theological Seminary, and Professor Faraday's celebrated lecture on "The Education of the Judgment."

*Popular Science Monthly* (Dec.) This scientific journal contains at times papers of interest and worth to preachers and the students of Christian Thought, notwithstanding it is the vehicle of Herbert Spencer's speculations and the theories and fallacies of infidel and semi-infidel scientists. The topics of some of the brief papers in the December issue will show its wide range and indicate the general character of the work. "The Reformation of Time-keeping," "American Aspects of Anthropology," "The Problem of Universal Suffrage," "Perils of Rapid Civilization," "Religion and the Doctrine of Evolution," "The Oil Supply of the World," "The Chemistry of Cookery."