

Buds and Blossoms

AND

Friendly Greetings.

"Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the world with fruit."

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Our Out-Door Praise Meetings.



PRAISE YE THE LORD. This is an often repeated request in the ending of the Book of Psalms. We have been trying to fulfil the injunction not only in the regular Tabernacle services, but supported by our deacons and congregation, after the Sabbath evening services we have held out-door praise meetings. Evidently, Our Father in Heaven approves. Having had some experience in conducting out-door meetings in Oxford and London, England, we feel free to confess, nowhere, or at any time elsewhere, have we observed more reverential attention, and such manifest interested appreciation as in our Halifax out-door congregation. It is a remarkable congregation, a gathering of the people from various points, strollers, and others soon rally around the singers and join in the Songs of Zion, until the street is filled, besides the collecting of the people within the fence on the private property of a gentleman who kindly said, "come in and welcome." It is remarkable how kindly attentive the people are, scarcely a movement until the last song has died in the even-tide echo. This orderliness is all the more notable from the fact that the meeting does not close till the half-past nine gun fires and the darkness

under the tree shade, prevents seeing or being seen, save where a solitary lantern is held, to enable the leader, Mr. Covey, to catch the words. No part of the service is more impressive or inspiring than when the pastor in closing asks all to sing the doxology, every hat is raised, and the grand old hundredth swells out from the sweet unison of hundreds of cheerful singers, filling the otherwise even-tide stillness with the strain of true thanksgiving. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow." Who can doubt the result. Let us pray, that these gospel song services may be to the glory of God in the highest, and bring to men peace and good will.

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Study Table and Review Notes.

We have received from E. B. Treat, 757 Broadway, N. Y., several new books. Having been away on vacation we have not had time or opportunity to do much more than break the parcel, but the title of one, "The Devil in History; or, the foot prints of Satan," was too much even for hurried curiosity, and we had to pause to examine at least the table of contents. It reveals a rich store of facts and figures, showing the serpent's trail across the page of this world's history. The blight and sorrow of the sin curse in the affairs and business of daily life. We would call our readers attention to the full page advertisement we publish in this month's BUDS AND BLOSSOMS of works issued by this enterprising house. On application, they will send a fuller catalogue.

From the office of the *Practical Christian*, Cohen & Co. Pub., London, Eng. We have received "The Peoples Hand-book of Human Nature, or Self-Instructor in Phrenology." Also a book on "Noses and Sweethearts, and how to read their character." As far as time has allowed to examine we can say, they are wholesome reading, and of each vol. it may be said, "there is something in it." It takes a long time to find out one's own faults and weakness. Much time and pain can often be saved by reading the guide books written by others, and learning from their observations and experiences.

The editor of "The Missionary Review" in his magazine, writes, BUDS AND BLOSSOMS is a pure and wholesome monthly deserving the widest circulation. Friend, will you aid? If so we will send to any likely name you may send to us a specimen copy and send you copies to lend to friends if you will pass them on, and not let them stay too long in one place.