

2nd—What is the work ; 3rd—How is it to be done. After the singing of a hymn, Mrs. Rogers read the paper on Christian Giving a second time by request. A collection was taken up and the meeting was closed with the benediction.

Books and Periodicals Dept.

Which? One Church or Many? By W. K. Marshall, D. D. T. J. Morrow, Publisher, Minneapolis, Minn.

This is a small pamphlet on "Christian Union," by an Episcopal Methodist minister. He puts very forcibly the need of union, not only from the vast amount of work necessarily neglected by Christianity on account of its divided state, but from the words of our Lord Himself on the subject, as well as from Apostolic utterances and sayings of the early fathers of the Church, and then he asks, "Why should a half dozen sects seek each to establish itself in a village or small town, and put a pastor in charge, when the place is not able to give a respectable support to more than one or two men, and when that number could do all the work that is required?" he states the great part of the whole difficulty; but it is always easier to state difficulties than to supply remedies. This writer, like most Methodists and sects of modern origin, sees no value of course in the possession of a valid ministry connected historically with the days of the Apostles, though he does say of our Church in America that she is the "oldest sister in the Protestant family," clearly implying that the Anglican Church had her existence only from the days of the Reformation. This is undoubtedly a piece of ignorance that any respectable writer of the present age ought not to be guilty of. The Church of England has to-day a ministry which is connected historically with the great past, when the Church was all one and spoke with that power of union which was derived from the Apostles. Many bright lights among modern churches are seeing the untold advantage of this and are coming over to the Church which possesses it, and it is not too much to hope that that very idea will yet form the basis of what is called Christian Union.

The author's idea of a federated union will never accomplish anything, at least so it seems to us.

"The Cathedrals and Abbeys of England."—From W. H. Beynon & Co., Fine Art publishers, Cheltenham, England. These are two large plates of fine card board, on which are printed pictures of the cathedrals and abbeys of England, the cathedrals being on one plate and the abbeys on another. They would both be a pleasant reminder, hung up in ones room, of these superb buildings which in themselves show the antiquity and catholicity of the Church of England.

Newbery House Magazine. Griffith, Farran, Okeden & Welsh, London, England.

The conclusion of the Passion Play of Ober-

ammergau of 1880 is highly interesting. No doubt many will be induced by this vivid article to visit this extraordinary little German town and witness its world renowned sacred drama this year. The article on "Lux Mundi" is valuable. The writer evidently views many of the utterances of this book with the gravest apprehension, and seems forced to the conclusion that the highest churchman can be sometimes very broad. The articles in this magazine are always valuable.

The Churchman: New York, M. M. Mallory & Co, 37 Lafayette Place, New York. A weekly Church paper, now in its 45th year of publication and well known as one of the best Church periodicals in existence. Subscription, \$3.50 a year; for clergymen, \$5.

Santa Claus: 1,113 Market st., Philadelphia, continues to improve each month. The editors evidently know how to please children, and not only that, but to instruct them. A bound volume of *Santa Claus* will form a grand book for young people.

The Missionary Review of the World: We find this periodical always most useful in giving missionary information, and suggesting thought for missionary subjects. It is now favorably recognized in England, and is becoming an acknowledged authority on missionary subjects. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, \$2.50 per year; 25 cents per single number.

The Magazine of Christian Literature: The Christian Literature Co., New York. A useful periodical, especially for clergymen, who from its pages may cull information upon the great questions of the day, both within and without the Church of England. It also contains each month an instalment of a "Concise Dictionary of Religious Knowledge." The articles are eclectic,—gathered from leading Magazines, Reviews and religious periodicals.

The Youth's Companion: Boston, Mass; \$1.75 a year. Full of stories of adventure and interest for young people, and well worth the price of subscription.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofd, of Manchester, New Hampshire, publishes an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance in that direction. This magazine has so prospered that the subscription price has been reduced from three to two dollars.

Biblia: New York and Meriden, Conn., contains every month much useful Biblical information