

gists. All subscribers to the *British and Colonial Druggist* receive a copy of the diary free. Subscriptions should be forwarded to 42 Bishopsgate Without, London, E.C., England.

Moody's Great Bible Class.

Dwight L. Moody, the famous evangelist, has made a contract with *The Ladies' Home Journal*, by which he will conduct in that magazine a series of popular Bible studies in the form of a great national Bible class. It will be made into a regular and permanent department of the *Journal*, and is to be known as "Mr. Moody's Bible Class." The evangelist will personally lead his unique "Bible Class" each month in the exposition of some of the vital Bible truths, and will naturally appeal to a large circle of readers.

Frank Leslie's for December.

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly was the first of the Christmas magazines to appear, and it is in every respect a beautiful number. Under the title "A Magic Island," Beatriz B. de Luna writes entertainingly of the picturesque Catalinas of California; Cornell University is described by Herbert Crombie Howe in the second paper of the profusely illustrated series on "American Universities and Colleges"; there is an interesting paper on pottery by Lawrence Mendenhall; an excellent Christmas story is contributed by Margaret E. Sangster; in "Canoeing Down the Rhine," Rochefort Calhoun takes the readers pleasantly from Basel to Heidelberg; Francis Wilson's new play, "Half a King," is described and pictured with portraits and views of the principal scenes. There are numerous short stories and poems, and an attractive young folks' department. More than the usual one hundred illustrations are given in this number. Frank Leslie's Publishing House, New York.

Pictures of the Authentic Historic Places in Palestine.

McClure's Magazine will begin publication, in the December number, of a series of views of the authentic historic places and monuments in Palestine. It is only by very recent exploration and study that many of the more significant of these places and monuments have been certainly identified, and not a few of them have never been pictured until now. Last spring the editor of *McClure's* organized a considerable expedition, and, accompanied by a photographer specially skilled and experienced in such work, made a tour of nearly the whole of Palestine, and took photographs of whatever of importance the latest and most authoritative investigations have definitely connected with Biblical incident and history. Special attention was given to the great ancient highway leading from Damascus to Jerusalem, and on down through Bethlehem

to Hebron; and many views were obtained of localities and objects of the first interest that will be entirely new to the public. They have been reproduced with great care, and will make one of the most attractive features of *McClure's* through the coming months.

A Much Congratulated Paper.

The Montreal *Witness*, this being its jubilee year, has been printing ever since last December a weekly page of the reminiscences of its early readers who still survive, many of which have been of fascinating interest, and all of which have been full of eager and hearty good will for the paper which has been to the writers a life-long counsellor and family friend. Here is one of the briefest and most practical of these contributions:

A FRIEND'S HINT.

(To the Editor of the *Witness*.)

SIR,—I was first induced to take this noble paper by our minister from the pulpit, in denouncing bad literature and recommending good. He recommended the *Witness* among the best family reading, for old or young. Shortly after I sent for the paper, and, although over a score of years ago, I have been taking it since with pleasure and profit. The price is very moderate, indeed. The *Witness* is a true Daniel, taking a firm stand for righteousness, temperance, and everything that makes for the good of man and the glory of the Creator. Now, I have a request to make of two of the highest professions in the land—the press and the clergy: viz., that the press shall kindly give this item room in their journals—the one to copy from the other, etc.; and that ministers of the Gospel shall speak of and recommend the *Witness* to their people, as it is such a power for good wherever known. JOHN W. MCKENZIE.

Glen Oak, Ont.

Seventy-first Birthday.

The *Youth's Companion* will celebrate its seventy-first birthday in 1897. Among the many attractive announcements of the *Companion* for the coming year is an article of exceptional value by Mr. Andrew Carnegie, on the "Habit of Thrift." Successful men in other walks of life will second Mr. Carnegie's paper with readable, practical articles based on their own experience, and valuable to the old as well as to the young.

Stories will be given by Ian Maclaren, Rudyard Kipling, Stephen Crane, Harold Frederic, and Clark Russell. Speaker Reed, Secretary Herbert, Senator Lodge, Hon. Carl Schurz, Postmaster-General Wilson, Dr. Lyman Abbott, Hon. Theodore Roosevelt—these are a few of the two hundred names that figure in the latest list of *Companion* contributors.

The non-partisan editorials and the Current Events and Nature and Science Departments are of especial interest to students and to all who wish to keep in-

formed of the doings of the world. As a reference book a file of *Companions* is well-nigh invaluable, for its reputation is founded on seventy years of tested accuracy.

New subscribers sending \$1.75 to the *Companion* for 1897 will receive the *Companion* for the remainder of the year free, also the *Companion's* artistic twelve-color Calendar, and the paper a full year to January, 1898. Illustrated Prospectus of the next volume will be sent free on request. Address, *The Youth's Companion*, 205 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

Highly Indorsed.

With possibly one exception, there is no "domestic" magazine more widely or favorably known than *The Housekeeper*, of Minneapolis, Minn. From the standpoint of practical helpfulness to the housewife it is without a peer.

It is published twice a month, each issue comprising twenty or more large pages. The subscription price is only fifty cents a year.

Here is what the Syracuse (N.Y.) *Herald* has to say about it:

"No better woman's magazine reaches *The Herald's* table than *The Housekeeper*, published at Minneapolis. It is astonishing that the publishers of this excellent semi-monthly can give such good material for the price (fifty cents a year). A woman understands woman's needs better than a man. *The Housekeeper* is edited by women, and the material given within its columns twice a month is just the quality and quantity the housewife and home-maker desires. Women are interested in their sister housekeepers, and *The Housekeeper* is filled with ideas contributed by its readers—ideas that will smooth the rough and rugged path of housekeeping. Covering every branch of home life as it does, *The Housekeeper* is an ideal woman's paper. It is ably edited, and is easily the best housekeeper's magazine of the present day."

In point of circulation *The Housekeeper* is the strongest periodical published in the entire west or south, and if there be any virtue in high character, good quality, and low price, it will continue to grow.

The publishers will send a sample copy free to applicants.

Drug Reports.

Canada.

The holiday trade is opening up fairly well, and druggists are looking forward to a harvest during the next few weeks. Money, unfortunately, is hard to collect, but there is always more or less difficulty in collecting this time of the year.

Glycerine, insect powder, balsam copiba, vanilla beans, atropia, are higher in price.