

CORRESPONDENCE.

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To the Editor of the CHURCH GUARDIAN:

SIR,—Referring to the following words from an article on "Church Papers and Parish Work," in your last issue. "The Church Press makes more thoughtful men and women." I beg to enclose herewith P.O. order for \$16, and to request that, with a view to assisting in the circulation of the GUARDIAN in this Diocese, you will send a copy of the paper for one year from the 29th inst., to each of the clergymen named in the accompanying list, who will be requested to hand it to some Family or Member of his congregation, not now a subscriber to it.

If under the circumstances you should see fit to extend your liberal offer of "Twenty papers to one address for \$16," and make it "twenty papers not to one address for \$16." Please add the other four names on the list, and oblige.

Yours, &c., LAYMAN.

We extend our hearty thanks to our unknown friend, whose example might we are convinced be followed by others to the Church's good. The rate referred to in his letter hardly covers the actual cost of the paper; but we made the offer in the hope that thereby a wider circulation of sound Church principles and information might be secured. We are sorry to say our offer has not met with the acceptance we expected.—ED.

SIR,—I was much pleased to see in your issue of February 45th, a list of books, suitable for parents who undertake their children's religious education at home.

The responsibility of being almost sole teacher, on the most important of all subjects, is deeply felt by many mothers, who find but little assistance offered them in the undertaking.

Will you allow me to recommend to them, through your columns, a book by the late Rev. G. W. Hodgson, which I have found most useful: "The sevenfold gift or notes for Confirmation Classes."

It is in fact the substance of his instructions to candidates for Confirmation, and in a very small space contains "all that a Christian ought to know and believe to his soul's health."

Mr. Hodgson's name is well known to your readers as a great "preacher." Those who read this book will perceive that he was also pre-eminently a "Teacher," and mothers will find it invaluable in setting the mysteries of our Faith, before even the younger children. The cost of the little volume is but a few (I believe) cents: it is published by E. & J. B. Young & Co., Cooper Union, 4th Avenue, New York.

A MOTHER WHO TEACHES HER CHILDREN.

LETTERS FROM CALIFORNIA.

No. 5.—(Continued.)

Passadena is another instance of rapid growth, the first settlement of the district was as late as 1873, in a land without irrigation, or even decent roads, and the new settlers purchasing a tract of three hundred acres at \$55 per acre in 10 acre lots. The dozen cheap houses of 1874 are now a fair city of 10,000 inhabitants, with fine business blocks, elegant hotels and residences; and all that art and nature combined can do to embellish this beautiful city of the plains and mountains, is done. Most of this progress has taken place in the last four or five years and it is confidently expected

that 25,000 people will reside there in three years time as factories are springing up and building going on in every direction; the culture of fruits is abundant and canneries, crystallizing works, fruit packing and drying establishments are numerous, numerous handsome churches are building; an opera house to cost \$100,000, and a Y. M. C. Association at \$30,000. At South Pasadena is the Raymond Hotel, the largest but one in South California, situated on a hill overlooking the entire city and valley for many miles in every direction; the Raymond is the winter home of many of the citizens of the East who come to bask in the sunshine of this sunny land, and many excursions are expressly made up, all expenses paid with a sojourn at the Raymond for the winter, and all for a certain stipulated sum for the round trip. On three sides of this splendid hotel with its many verandas, walks and balconies, are beautifully laid out gardens, green and blooming even now but lacking the freshness they will have further on when the winter rains will have brightened them. A drive up the hill to the hotel and then through the pleasant streets of the city surrounded on every side by groves of fruit trees and well cultivated grounds, is a pleasant experience; there are many evidences of wealth and taste in the wonderfully clear atmosphere; the mountain tops stand out sharply and distinctly with their snow covered cones. Pasadena being only eight miles from Los Angeles it is not surprising to hear the prediction that in a few years they will be all one city, eight miles however is a long stretch for two cities to grow together in, even in Southern California. Of church buildings in the city the Methodist and Presbyterian are the finest and situated on the principal residence street, a very broad and beautiful avenue. These however are to be eclipsed by the new Episcopal Church now under way and to be built of stone which material enters into the composition of no other church in the place, as the main building material; the rapidity and enthusiasm with which the funds were subscribed to build this church is something remarkable. A meeting was held on the eve of All Saint's Day to decide about building a new church, the old one having proved for some time inadequate to the wants of the people. One gentleman, Mr. J. W. Hughes, offered as his subscription, double of what any one else would give; this naturally excited some emulation but the next on the list was Mr. C. C. Brown, who with his wife, subscribed \$3100, this made Mr. H's offer \$6000 others quickly subscribed to their ability, bringing the total amount to \$36,000. It is fully expected this amount will soon reach \$50,000 which is required to perfect the plans as proposed. Rev. J. D. H. Browne, is the rector, and well known to many of our readers as the former editor of the *Church Guardian* in Halifax, we heartily congratulate him on the work he is doing in Pasadena and the bright outlook for the church there.

(To be continued.)

MAGAZINES.

Littell's Living Age.—The numbers of *The Living Age* for February 25th and March 3rd, contain Darwin's Life and Letters, and Cabot's Life of Emerson, *Quarterly*; Personal Experiences of Bulgaria, and The Evolution of Humor, *National*; Home Rule in Norway, *Nineteenth Century*; A Jacobean Courtier, *Fortnightly*; Mary Stuart in Scotland, *Blackwood*; A Night in the Jungle, *Macmillan*; Some Wiccamical Reminiscences, and The Romance of History—Bayard, *Temple Bar*; Unser Fritz, *Time*; Thackeray's Brighton, *All the Year Round*; with "A Tumbler of Milk," "The Five Horseshoes," and poetry. *Littell & Co.*, Boston, are the publishers.

The English Illustrated Magazine (Macmil-

lan & Co., 112 4th Ave., N.Y., \$1.75 per an.) Miss Elise Balch, niece of the Hon. John Jay, and authoress of "Mustard Leaves," "Zorah," &c., has written a series of sketches of "Old Homes," the first of which appears in the March number. Although the places described have often been written about, they have never before been treated in just the same way, or done with the personal revision of their owners; as Miss Balch writes of no place where she does not stay, or where she does not know both place and people well. Christmas she passed with Lord and Lady Bute at their magnificent place in Scotland, Mount Stuart, a perfect dream of beauty; later she will write of it in conjunction with Cardiff Castle, Wales; but in the March number appears "Penshurst," belonging to Lord De L'Isle; who has allowed some of the family portraits to be engraved for it; Algernon Sidney, Sir Philip Sidney, and his brother, and a portrait of Queen Elizabeth given by herself to Sir Henry Sidney. These were never before copied. The second sketch will be "Arundel Castle," the residence of the Duke of Norfolk, who has also allowed pictures to be taken, and aided Miss Balch by showing her old manuscripts, &c. The third will be "Hinchinbroke," formerly an old convent, and belonging later to the Cromwell family. The fourth, "Bridge Castle," the residence of Lord Abergavenny. The fifth, "Oswick," belonging to the Duke of Devonshire, but now leased to Lord Bute. This will deal with Pope and Garrick, who were much there. Many amusing anecdotes of the people, and charming bits of their lives, will be introduced in these sketches, and the many friends of Miss Balch who are familiar with her happy and graphic style of writing will both enjoy and appreciate them.

The Pansy for March contains stories by Pansy on the Golden Texts for the months and Up Garret; Margaret Sidney's story The Old Brimmer Place; Mrs. Archibald's story of a disagreeable girl; A Cat story; Mrs. Livingston's Pansy Society; A Sea story; Several Missionary sketches; The Indian School at Carlisle; Baby's Corner; Pictures, a dozen or two; A lot of letters to Pansy from boys and girls, and a Queer Story. \$1 a year, 10 cents a number.

D. Lothrop Company, Boston, will send a sample copy of *The Pansy* (back number) if you send five cents and ask for it.

Treasure Trove.—Treasure Trove Co., No. 25 Clinton Place, New York; \$1 per annum. The February and March numbers of this attractive monthly for young people are on our table, and their contents show that it has not gone back in interest since we last received it. The March number, amongst other articles, contains an interesting account of the New York ambulance service (illustrated), Turning Points of Freedom, with portrait of Victor Emmanuel, and a new story, "A Ranchman's Lesson," by Mrs. H. A. Cheever.

Our Little Ones and The Nursery.—The Russell Publishing Co., 26 Bromfield street, Boston. It seems to us that the March number of this favourite for the little ones is prettier than ever. The picture illustrative of the month is exquisite, and the stories and illustrations throughout are good. One year \$1.80; 8 months \$1.

Our Little Men and Women.—D. Lothrop & Co., Boston; \$1 per annum—is designed for still older little ones than the foregoing, and is admirably suited to its purpose. The stories convey really useful instruction in such form as to be pleasant to the "little men and women" of the family, and by no means without value even to the older members. The illustrations (of which there are eight in this number) are also good.