

\$231.72. The Sunbeam Society reported about 1,000 papers and magazines sent to 145 families in Algoma, and to many mission stations in the Northwest. The receipts—members' fees (the members number 20) and donations—reached the sum of \$11.90, all of which was expended on stamps and wrappers. The secretary will be glad to receive more literature to distribute, as the many letters of thanks received prove how the work of love of this society brightens many a lonely home. The report of the Bible Flower Mission shows good work done among the sick and aged in London. Flowers in large quantities, fruit, plants, booklets, and texts were distributed in the different hospitals and homes, and many Christmas gifts and letters. The receipts were \$20.76, and the disbursements \$15.36.

Addresses were given by the Lord Bishop of Huron, the Lord Bishop of Athabasca, and Mrs. Young. A considerable amount of business was transacted, and of this, as of every successive annual meeting, it was unanimously said: "It was the best and brightest annual we have had yet."

Books and Periodicals Department.

The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers. Second series. Vol. VII. St. Cyril of Jerusalem, St. Gregory Nazianzen (select works and letters). New York: The Christian Literature Company.

The Christian Literature Company still continue to bring out their admirable translations of *The Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*. The present series is under the editorial supervision of Dr. Philip Schaff and Dr. Henry Wace, and the greatest care seems to have been taken in the rendering into English the writings of the early champions of the Christian faith. "The Catechetical Lectures of St. Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem," is translated by Edward Hamilton Gifford, D.D., formerly Archdeacon of London, and Canon of St. Paul's, and is based on a careful revision of the English translation published in the "Library of the Fathers of the Holy Catholic Church," with a most interesting preface by John Henry Newman, dated from Oxford, "The Feast of St. Matthew, 1838." A very good life of St. Cyril is given, and a full description of his works and their nature appears in the introduction. He lived in days of considerable trouble and anxiety to the Church. They were the days when Arianism was rampant, and when the Emperor Julian sought to destroy the Christian faith forever. St. Cyril presided over the Christians in Jerusalem when Julian made his celebrated attempt to rebuild the Jewish temple there. The archbishop predicted most solemnly that the rebuilding of the temple by Jews would not and could not be accomplished, and the fact remains that the attempt was a failure. St. Cyril's firm faith on the subject was due to the implicit trust that he had in prophecy. One is always struck, on reading the early fathers, with the wonderful knowledge that they all had of the Holy Scriptures, and this is most prominent in the writings of St. Cyril. The subjects of his lectures are mainly those of the Christian creed and other fundamental questions of the faith. St. Gregory Nazianzen appears before us in some of his best orations, and many of his select letters. The translators are Charles Gordon Browne, M.A., and James Edward Swallow, M.A., for a time Archbishop of Constantinople. The name of St. Gregory Nazianzen is one of importance in the early annals of the Church. Though his oration against Julian is not given in this collection of his works, enough is placed before us to show us the character of the man and

the leading features of the age in which he lived. In both divisions of this volume a copious index is given, as well as a full list of the texts of Scripture referred to, a mere glance at which will show how impregnated the early fathers were with the phraseology of the Bible. The publishers deserve every praise for the clear type and excellent paper, and indeed the general "get up" of this highly interesting series of early Christian writings.

The Cyclopedic Review of Current History. (Garretson; Cox & Co., Buffalo, N.Y. \$1.50 a year, single copies 40 cents; sample 25 cents; specimen pages sent on application.) *Current History* is designed to gather up missing links, that none may be lost. It moulds the disconnected facts appearing in the daily dispatches into a connected and readable story. The matter is so classified that the reader can turn at once to any topic on which he desires information. The immense labor involved in the preparation of the work, and the care bestowed upon it by the editor, are evident from a perusal of any copy. The information is authoritative; and minor incidents are not exaggerated into undue importance. The number for the fourth quarter of 1893 is now issued, completing the fourth year of the record made by this unique publication. Its field is world-wide, embracing almost every conceivable live issue of the day. The twenty-eight-page itemized index for the volume given with the present number adds greatly to the value of the magazine as a work of reference. Every owner of a cyclopedia should have the annual volumes of *Current History*, a supplement containing the latest information, available nowhere else.

(i) *The Expositor*, (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London, England: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row.

(i) In *The Expositor* Professor Harper deals with the question as to whether the prophets believed in sacrifice, and shows how some of their expressions, such as in Micah vi., are to be regarded in relation to them. Sir J. W. Dawson continues his articles on "The Bible and Science," giving some valuable thoughts on the geographical situation of Eden, and some of the difficulties of the second chapter of Genesis. The "Culture of the Cross," by Rev. John Watson, contains many bold thoughts, and still bolder expressions. His statement, "Jesus never succeeded in public save once, when He was crucified; He never failed in private save once, with Pontius Pilate," is scarcely, it seems to us, tenable. Yet the article itself, from first to last, is highly suggestive.

(ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*, as usual, has many helps for preachers and Bible-class workers. The sermon on "Belshazzar's Doom," by Rev. A. C. Thistleton, might be utilized for a discourse on total abstinence. The excellent addresses on "Union with God" are continued.

Illustrated London News. World Building, New York. \$6 a year. Recent numbers give fine illustrations of political events in England, in which Lord Rosebery is prominent, scenes in West Africa, a glimpse of the city of St. Alban's, and of Philæ on the Nile, illustrations of the Devon and Somerset staghounds, and scenes in the life of Louis Kossuth. Pictures of England's battles show Seringapatam at the capture of Tipoo Sahib. "Big Game of America" presents to us the Thousand Isles, and the familiar Indian in his canoe, and shooting the rapids. The three emperors (Russia, Austria, and Germany) are presented as arbiters of peace and war. A large double-page engraving is given in the issue of April 21st of the English bishops in the House of Lords, a goodly assemblage of Lords Spiritual. The story, "Under the Red Rose," comes to a close, and a new tale begins—a tale apparently of an English rectory. It is called "A Victim of Good Luck," and is written by W. E. Norris.

The Missionary Review of the World. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Company. \$2.00. The May number is marked by able articles and a few illustrations. There is an interesting variety in subjects treated, and in the mode of presentation. The editor-in-chief unfolds "The True Charm and Power of Missions"—unselfishness. Dr. John Robson, of Scotland, discusses "Jainism," the only form of