

*Annals of the American Academy of Political and Social Science* is issued bi-monthly, at \$1 a number, or \$6 a year, at Philadelphia, by the learned body whose annals it contains. The May number contains important papers on the following subjects: "Problems of Municipal Government," "Reforms of our State Government," "A Decade of Mortgages," "Failure of Biologic Sociology," "Minutes of the Proceedings," and briefer communications on "Money as a Measure of Value," "An Unfinished Study of Dr. Merriam," "School Savings Banks," "Personal Notes," etc. This simple statement is sufficient to indicate the character and importance of this work, especially to the statesman and the politician, and indeed to all who are interested in the study of the science of government, and the problems of reform, which are ever and anon calling for solution.

"Outdoor Sports" is the title of the opening article of the July number of *The Chautauquan*; in it John H. Mandigo writes of the various kinds of amusements from which the young men and women of to-day can choose. The article is charmingly illustrated. A notable story of adventure and finance by Kenzie Eton Kirkwood, "6,000 Tons of Gold," is begun and carried through three intensely interesting chapters; Ira H. Brainerd contributes a unique article on "The Cuisine of Large Hotels"; a French writer, Alphonse de Calonne, writes of "High Buildings in England and America"; the story of "Daphne's Cruise on a Man-of-War," which was begun in the June number, follows the charming heroine through four more chapters; the series of denominational articles is continued by the Rev. C. H. Eaton, D.D., who tells "What makes a Universalist"; "The Downfall of Coxeyism" is treated of by Shirley Plumer Austin; F. Martini, an Italian, writes of "The Universities of Italy." The department, Woman's Council Table, has short articles on "Lady Henry Somerset's Thrift Clubs," "The Child-Poet," "Women and Sanitary Science," "Berlin's Great Milkman," "The Restoration of Joan of Arc," and "The Honey-Bird of South Africa." The Editorial and Book Departments are full of current interest. The Chautauqua programme, with many illustrations of Chautauqua scenes, is an interesting feature.

*The Treasury of Religious Thought* for July is, like its predecessors, filled with excellent suitable matter for all preachers, Christian workers and families. Its frontispiece is a portrait of the Rev. Dr. Thos. W. Anderson, of the First United Presbyterian Church, New York city. His sermon on "The Advancing Kingdom" is a strong, sensible presentation of the truth. A view of the church building is also given, with a lengthy biographical sketch of the pastor. Other full sermons are by Drs. John Hall, J. H. Duryea, G. P. Mains and A. C. Dixon. There are also several excellent Leading Thoughts of Sermons. "The Creation of Air" is discussed by Prof. J. Murphy, D.D. A suggestive and helpful article is on "Choosing a Minister." "Light Holders," by Dr. T. L. Cuyler, is presented in an attractive style, well adapted to interest and benefit its readers. "How to Improve the Church's Spiritual Life" should be read by both pastor and people. Several short articles on "Family Life" will amply repay careful reading. Excellent, brief, pithy articles are given, helpful for young people's devotional meetings. There are also: "Thoughts for the Hour of Prayer," "Light from the Orient and from Mission Fields," "Thoughts on Secular and Religious Issues," "A Survey of Christian Progress. Also "Beautiful and Illustrative Thoughts," with Reviews of Books, Periodicals, Points of Wisdom and Bits of Humor.