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### THREE IS A GOD.

There is a God! The herbs of the valley, the cedars of the mountains, bless Him; the insect sports in His beam; the bird sings Him in the foliage; the thunder proclaims Him in the heavens; the ocean declares His immensity. Man alone has said: "There is no God." Unite in thought at the same instant beautiful objects in nature. Suppose you see at once all hours of the day, and all the year; a morning of spring and a morning of autumn; a night bespangled with stars and a night darkened by clouds; meadows decorated with flowers, forests hoary with snow; fields gilded by the tints of autumn, then alone you will have a just conception of the universe! While you are gazing on that sun which is plunged into the vault of the West, another observer admires it emerging from the gilded gates of the East. By what conceivable power does that aged star, which is sinking, fatigued and burning, in the shades of the evening, reappear at the same instant fresh and humid with the rosy dew of the morning? At every hour of the day the glorious orb is at once rising, resplendent as day and setting in the West; or our senses deceive us, and there is, properly speaking, no East or West no North or South in the world.

Go out beneath the arched heavens at night and say if you can, "There is no God." Pronounce that dreadful blasphemy, and each star above you will reproach the unbroken darkness of your intellect; every voice that floats upon the night winds will bewail your utter hopelessness and folly.—*Selected.*

### Magazines.

MUNSEY'S MAGAZINE for February is specially interesting to church people, as it contains an outline of the History and Status of the Protestant Episcopal Church in New York with views of some of its leading Churches and portraits of its leading clergy. Berlin, the city of the Kaiser, its streets, parks, palaces illustrated, is also an attractive article. All matter in this monthly is complete in each issue. (F. A. Munsey & Co., New York. \$3.00 per annum, 25 cents each.)

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE for week February 6th contains "The Russians on the Pamirs," from Blackwoods; "My Journey to France, Flanders and Germany in '739," Temple Bar; "The Religious Opinions of Robt. Browning," Contemporary Review; "Birds on their Travels," Sunday Magazine, etc. (Littell & Co., Boston, weekly, \$8.00 per annum.)

THE CHURCH ECLECTIC presents an extra good bill of fare this month to its readers. Dr. Spalding, of Alabama, under the title of "Some new Christian Evidences" furnishes some proofs that the so-called Protestant Episcopal Church in the United States is not a sect man-made, but

a true part of the Holy Catholic Church, of Divine origin. (W. T. Gibson, DD., Utica, N. Y. \$3.00 per annum, 25 cents each.)

THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW (January) contains amongst other articles the following: "The Colonial Government of Great Britain," "Inspiration a Truth," by Rev. W. Lloyd; "Surgeon Parke's African Experiences," by D. F. Hannigan; "Are Women Protected?" by Matilda M. Blake; "The Horrors of Sport," by Lady Florence Dixie, etc. (Leonard Scott Publishing Co., New York. \$4.50 per annum, 40 cents each.)

ARROWS FOR THE KING'S ARCHERS.—Analytic outline addresses upon Religious, Temperance and Social Topics with some courses of addresses for special seasons, by Rev. Henry W. Little, Sussex, N. B., intended for the use of busy and overworked clergy and for Lay Readers, Teachers and Parish workers—and admirably adapted to its purpose. (T. Whittaker, Bible House, New York: cloth pp. 150. \$1.00.)

A PERSONAL QUESTION: "Why should you not be confirmed when the Bishop visits this parish?"—an excellent tract for circulation in the parish prior to the Bishop's visitation—from the pen of the well known writer, Rev. G. W. Shinn, D. D. (Paper 5 cents. T. Whittaker, New York.)

OF GREAT JOY.—A little booklet by J. C. Skey, furnishing thoughts for Christmas tide in particular, but so beautiful as to be acceptable at all times. Its contents are True Joy: Joy (1) in Believing; (2) in Hoping; (3) in Loving; (4) in Working; (5) in Conquering; (6) in Receiving; (7) in Suffering; (8) in Dying. [Longmans Green & Co., New York.]

THE LADIES HOME JOURNAL for February is the "Famous Daughters" issue, containing contributions from the daughters of famous men, viz., Mrs. McKee, daughter of President Harrison; Mrs. Lathrop, daughter of Nathaniel Hawthorne; Mrs. Ritchie, daughter of W. M. Thackeray. It also contains the first of three papers on "The Queens of Westminster Abbey," by Miss E. T. Bradley, daughter of the Dean of Westminster. Some needed hints as to the wearing of diamonds are given by the daughter of Captain Marryatt. Every lady should have this number. [Curtis Publishing Co., Philadelphia, \$1.00 per annum.]

THE PANSY for this month has among much else attractive to children two pretty little stories, one "Gertrude's Test Day," illustrative of the evil of selfishness and how one little girl overcame it; the other, "Carl Hammond's Lesson," teaching the duty of confession of sin and the joy of forgiveness. [D. Lothrop & Co., Boston.]

OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY must make the heart of many a little one glad by its monthly supply of pretty pictures and stories. "Faithfulness to trust imposed" finds illustration in the "Hero of one Day." Valentine's Day, too, is not forgotten. [The Russell Publishing Co., Boston.]

### THE STORY OF THE HUDSON BAY COMPANY

The Hudson Bay Company's agents were not the first hunters and fur-traders in British America, ancient as was their foundation. The French, from the Canadas, preceded them. It is said that it was as early as 1627 that Louis XIII. chartered a company of the same sort and for the same aims as the English company. By the time the Englishmen established themselves on Hudson Bay, individual Frenchmen and half-breeds had penetrated the country still farther west.

Charles II. of England was made to believe that wonders in the way of discovery and trade would result from a grant of the Hudson Bay territory to certain friends and petitioners. An experimental voyage was made with good results in 1668, and in 1672 the King granted the charter to what he styled "the Governor and Company of Adventurers of England trading into Hudson's Bay, one body corporate and politique, in deed and in name, really and fully forever, for Us, Our heirs, and Successors." It was indeed a royal and a wholesale charter, for the King declared, "We have given, granted, and confirmed unto said Governor and Company sole trade and commerce of those Seas, Straights, Bays, Rivers, Lakes, Creeks, and Sounds, in whatsoever latitude they shall be, that lie within the Straights commonly called Hudson's, together with all the Lands, Countries, and Territories upon the coasts and confines of the Seas, etc." For this gift of an empire the corporation was to pay yearly to the King, his heirs and successors, two elk and two black beavers whenever and as often as he, his heirs, or his successors "shall happen to enter into the said countries." The company was empowered to man ships of war, to create an armed force for security and defence, to make peace or war with any people that were not Christians, and to seize any British or other subject who traded in their territory. The King named his cousin, Prince Rupert, Duke of Cumberland, to be first governor, and it was in his honor that the new territory got its name of Rupert's Land.

In the company were the Duke of Albemarle, Earl Craven, Lords Arlington and Ashley, and several knights and baronets, Sir Philip Carteret among them. There were also five esquires, or gentlemen, and John Portman, "citizen and goldsmith." They adopted the witty sentence, "*Pro pelle cutem*" (a skin for a skin), as their motto, and established as their coat of arms a fox sejant as the crest, and a shield showing four beavers in the quarters, and the cross of St. George, the whole upheld by two stags.

The "adventurers" quickly established forts on the shores of Hudson Bay, and began trading with the Indians, with such success that it was rumored they made from twenty-five to fifty per cent. profit every year. But they exhibited all of that timidity which capital is ever said to possess. They were nothing like as enterprising as the French *courriers du bois*. In a hundred years they were no deeper in the country than at first, excepting as they extended their little system of forts or "factories" up and down and on either side of Hudson and James bays.....

The attitude of the company toward discovery suggests a Dogberry at its head, bidding his servants to "comprehend" the Northwest passage, but should they fail, to thank God they were rid of a villain. In truth, they were traders pure and simple, and were making great profits with little trouble and expense.

They brought from England about £4000 worth of powder, shot, guns, fire-steels, flints, gun-worms, powder-horns, pistols, hatchets, sword blades, awl blades, ice-chisels, files, kettles, fish-hooks, net-lines, burning-glasses, looking-glasses, tobacco, brandy, goggles, gloves, hats, lace, needles, thread, thimbles, breeches, vermilion, worsted sashes, blankets, flannels, red feathers, buttons, beads, and "shirts, shoes and stockens." They spent, in keeping up their posts and ships about £15,000, and in return they brought to England castor, whale fins, whale oil, deer horns, goose quills, bed feathers, and skins—in all of a value of about £26,000 per annum. I have taken the average for several years in that period of the company's history, and it is in our money as if they spent \$90,000 and got back \$130,000, and this is their own showing under such circumstances as to make it the course of wisdom not to boast of their profits. They had three times trebled their stock and otherwise increased it, so that having been 10,500 shares at the outset, it was now 103,950 shares.—From "A Skin for Skin," by JULIAN RALPH, in *Harper's Magazine*.