

will be interesting to see the Bishop of Norwich handling these giants. But apart from this instructive episode, is it not high time that this dream that the Historic Episcopate is essential to the being of a Church, essential as the basis of Christian fellowship, should be conclusively exploded. Why, the bit thing is only of yesterday. Not till 1588 was it known or spoken of in England. It is not even now a doctrine of the Church of Rome. Bancroft first preached it in England on the 9th February, 1588, so that instead of being Catholic and Apostolic it is just 317 years old. Apart from this, do not these high-flying Anglican bishops of the Norwich type, yet see the absurdity of laying the whole strip of their Churchmanship upon the mere worm-eaten scaffolding of the Temple rather than upon Him who is the Lord of the Temple; rather than upon the atoning sacrifice and all perfect righteousness? Is there no leader of men among them who will blow the trumpet in Zion: who will sweep away delusions and absurdities from Israel? The time, as this correspondence abundantly shows, is ripe for it. Where is the man?

THE GREAT IMPERIAL PREACHER

A correspondent of the British Weekly says:

Dr. Watson never said a truer word than when he described Dr. Maclaren as the last of the great imperial preachers. The other day I took up a number of that excellent periodical the Christian Word Pulpit, and read it from beginning to end. It contained five sermons, all of them by prominent men, and all of them more or less good and suggestive. But without making any invidious comparison, it was impossible not to see the extraordinary superiority of Dr. Maclaren's discourse to its companions. It outshone them in every way; in thought, in style, in feeling, and in keenness of perception. The wonderful thing about Dr. Maclaren is that he maintains that lofty, musical, poetical tone which has been so much the secret of his power. Let me give an illustration: "Ye are come, not ye are going to come when ye die—ye are come into the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem—and sometimes, in calm weather, our souls climb into some mountain tops of quiet contemplation, and discern, lying dream-like on the cap wave, or gilded with the unsetting sun, the towers and temples of the mother of us all." "The men who belong to Christ by rudimentary faith, love, and often imperfect and broken obedience, thereby are knit by closer bonds to the perfect spirits beyond the sea than they are to the men that stand beside them in the counting-house or sit beside them on the benches of the University, or work beside them in the workshop." "Shelley talks about 'the many-colored dome of glass that stains the white radiance of eternity.' It is the white radiance of eternity streaming through the many-colored dome of glass that gives all the lustre to its color." If there is any other man living who can speak sentences like these, I should like very much to know him.

The December "Blackwood's" (Leonard Scott Publication Co., New York) is full of good things. A series of poems by Alfred Noyes, called "Slumber Songs of the Madonna," are most welcome; also a splendidly strong sport story by Jack London, "The Lone of Life." Andrew Lang's article on "Tweed" will appeal to all lovers of that famous river. Other subjects included are the following: "The Naval Officer—Past and Future;" "William Pitt: 4 Years of Peace;" and "The Scottish Churches; the Present and the future." "Blackwood's" is always readable.

Sin may be forgiven, but the consequences remain. It is not the wound but the scar that we carry to our graves.

SPARKS FROM OTHER ANVILS.

Christian Observer: A public sentiment which condones injustice in high places will soon trickle down to indifference to dishonesty in private affairs.

Canadian Baptist: If business meetings are not up to the mark spiritually the failure and responsibility are chargeable to all, to those who are present, and to those who should have been present and who might have added a gracious and controlling influence to the meetings.

Arkansas Methodist: It often happens that a man will begin to worry over his task, till he concludes that nothing can be done, when, in truth, the only difficulty lies in himself; if he would only cease to rub the little raw places and move out cheerfully and vigorously everything would change.

Methodist Recorder: The best way that we know to hear a good sermon is to commence on Monday to pray for your pastor while he is preparing the sermon, then on Sunday morning, before going to the church pray for such a preparation of heart as will enable you to receive and enjoy the message that has been prepared for you.

Presbyterian Banner: The problem of the best social order, whether individualistic or socialistic, is a grave question for the economist and sociologist. But deeper than any such question is that of the right moral order. Christianity looks into the heart of things and grapples with this question. Jesus Christ came not as a social reformer, but to save sinners, and in doing this he is working out the social question from above and from within.

Philadelphia Westminster: What is the thing men first see in you, your distinguishing characteristic? How grand a thing it is to be known as a peacemaker and not a busybody; how beautiful to be known as a comforter of others in their sorrow and not a multiplier of those sorrows; how divine a thing it is to be instinctively thought of as Christlike in our thoughts, words, deeds—in our life.

Herald and Presbyter: While we love peace and hope for its universal prevalence in the future, we must not be lulled, by an emotional enthusiasm, into a neglect of the principles by which we may secure it. We must preserve and cultivate the many qualities which command respect from even the tyrant and criminal, and we must at the same time use all the moral and spiritual force possible to bring about the ideal condition when war shall be no more, at home or abroad, on land or on sea.

GROWTH OF CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

The twenty-fifth anniversary of the Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will occur on February, 1906. It will be commemorated by nearly 70,000 societies and by three and a half million members, and by numerous endeavor unions, local, county, state and national.

Forty-six states and territories of the United States and three provinces of Canada have within the past two years gained more than ten per cent. in the number of their societies. Hawaii has gained 116 per cent. Christian Endeavor has gained a strong foothold in the Philippines. Nearly 20,000 societies have reported an increase of 25 per cent. in local membership. Ten thousand societies have reported a total of half a million dollars in gifts to the mission boards of their local churches, and to miscellaneous objects. The next all-European convention will be held from July 28th to August 1st, at Geneva, Switzerland, in connection with the World's Christian Endeavor Convention. The Review of Christian Endeavor during the last 25 years shows that many millions of young people have enlisted under the banner. Its literature has been translated into scores of languages.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Bibelet has come to hand and contains two brief beautiful pieces, "The Fisher of Men by Fiona Macleod," and "The Sweet Miracle by Eca de Queiroz."

"The World To-Day" still keeps up its reputation as a high class magazine; it is always well printed and contains abundance of appropriate illustrations. Without taking extreme positions the editors stand for reform in politics and municipal affairs. The names of the following articles will indicate the general character of the contents: Typical Americans (Portraits), The Carnegie International Art Exhibition (Illustrated), The Remaking of Columbia (with the portrait of General Reyes), The Premiers of Europe (with portraits), The Great North-west (illustrated), Reforming a Labor Union, Renaming the Indians (illustrated). In the Events of the month, important situations and conditions of life are discussed under the following heads: World Politics, The Nation, Education and the Drama, Amateur Sport and the Religious World. There is also a department in which books are reviewed under the following heads: History, Sociology and Economics, Biography, Religion, Fiction. Address: the World To-Day, Chicago.

We have received the following pamphlets, "Scotland's Latest Battle for Freedom," by Hector MacPherson, an able journalist, who gives a clear and concise account of the crisis. Published by Oilphiant, Anderson & Ferrier at Edinburgh at three-half pence each. The same publishers send us a sermon by Alexander Whyte, D.D., dealing with the same subject entitled, "A Church Case in Israel and Some of its Lessons to Ourselves." From the Open Court Company there come three lectures, by Felix Adler, entitled "The Punishment of Children." They show a thoughtful treatment of this important subject.

"The Nineteenth Century and After" for December, contains the usual lengthy list of readable articles. At present, of course, the fiscal question plays an important part in periodicals of this nature. Mr. Mallock contributes an article in his usual smart style, which seems to be intended to take the conceit out of advocates of both sides, while on the whole he appears with Mr. Chamberlain. "A Clever Review of the Political Situation," is given by Mr. Herbert Paul. It was written before Mr. Balfour's resignation and outlined correctly events that have since taken place. According to Mr. Paul the English are weary of the clever tricks played by Mr. Balfour this last two years, and are likely to give the Conservatives a severe defeat the coming election. The Leonard Scott Publication Co., New York.

The International Journal of Ethics (1415 Locust street, Philadelphia, Pa., \$2.50 yearly) for January is now for sale. "The Dangers of Democracy" are dealt with by J. S. Mackenzie, University College, Cardiff, Wales; while C. H. Toy, of Harvard University, discusses "Ethical Influences in University Life." There are interesting and able articles by ladies entitled "The Retail Method of Reform;" "Suicide; Some of its Causes and Preventives." Dr. R. C. Cabot, of Boston, contributes an article on the "Ethical Forces in the Practice of Medicine," and he mentions the following five forces: the sense of an obvious utility to others; the inspiration of taking part in the progress of the science; the call for manual and mental dexterity; the interest of the community in the profession and its aims; the friendly contact with men and women. He then proceeds to show that in the profession of medicine these are the five forces that tend to bring out what is best in men. The long drawn out discussion upon vivisection between Dr. Myers and Dr. Leffingwell is closed by a personal explanation by Dr. Myers. There are also a number of very able book reviews by different scholars.