

LITERARY NOTES.

THE December number brings to a successful close Volume XXVI. of the HOMILETIC REVIEW. "What the Ministry May Learn from the Character and Works of John G. Whittier," is the title of a scholarly and suggestive paper by Prof. J. O. Murray, D.D., of Princeton. Dr. A. T. Pierson writes, as always, instructively, on "The Responsibility of the Pastor for the Development of a Missionary Interest Among his People." Rev. Henry E. Dosker tells the story of "Dutch Calvinism." Moral responsibility for the cultivation of the memory is treated by Rev. Augustine S. Carman under the subject, "The Ethics of Memory." Dr. William Hayes Ward continues his series of studies with a paper on "The Shades of the Dead; Rephaim and Teraphim." The Sermonic Section contains among others timely and interesting Advent and Christmas Sermons. D. S. Schaff, D.D., sums up in a comprehensive article the advantages of the World's Parliament of Religions from the view-point of Comparative Religion "The Multiplicity of Church Organization" is discussed by Rev. William A. Cook, of Dorchester, Ontario. The remaining sections are characterized by their usual helpfulness and ability. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, at \$3.00 a year.

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amply handled. Beautiful Thoughts and Illustrative Thoughts are generously supplied. New Books and Periodicals receive attention, and the editorials supply friendly criticisms on some preachers. Don't Jingle. Don't Emphasize Prepositions. Don't Read the Scriptures Negligently. Don't Look Severe. Don't Mislocate the Scene. The number is an excellent one throughout. Yearly, \$2.50 Clergymen, \$2. Single copies, 25 cents. F. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

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