

very name, Seti-Menephtah, and portrait of the "first-born of Pharaoh," who perished on that dreadful night of wailing. The Century Co., Union Square, New York, \$4.00 a year.

"St. NICHOLAS; for young folks," is out for September. Century Co., Union Square, New York, \$3.00 a year. The contents are more varied than the Century, as is befitting for children; there being about thirty articles—and all interesting—in this issue. "W. Jenks' Express" is a capital sketch. We give an extract from "Helen Keller," a little blind deaf-mute:—

The following anecdote illustrates both her quickness of touch and her reasoning powers. The matron of the Perkins Institution for the Blind exhibited one day, to a number of friends, a glass lemon-squeezer of a new pattern. It had never been used, and no one present could guess for what purpose it was intended. Some one handed it to Helen, who spelled "lemonade" on her fingers, and asked for a drinking-glass. When the glass was brought, she placed the squeezer in proper position for use.

The little maid was closely questioned as to how she found out a secret that had baffled all the "seeing" people present. She tapped her forehead twice, and spelled, "I think!"

I cannot forbear telling you one more anecdote about her, which seems to me a very pathetic one. She is a very good mimic, and loves to imitate the motions and gestures of those about her, and she can do so very cleverly. On a certain Sunday, she went to church with a lady named Mrs. Hopkins, having been cautioned beforehand by her teacher, that she must sit very quiet during the church service. It is very hard to sit perfectly still, however, when you can't hear one word of what the minister is saying, and little Helen presently began to talk to Mrs. Hopkins, and ask what was going on. Mrs. H. told her, and reminded her of Miss Sullivan's injunction about keeping quiet. She immediately obeyed, and turning her head in a listening attitude, she said, "I listen!"

"A VIEW OF BAPTISM, FROM THE GREEK TESTAMENT, IN THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPELS," by Rev. Bunthorn Musgrave, p.p. 20 This tractate, from the pen of an old and valued contributor, is a reverent and scholarly contribution to the literature on this question. It has, moreover, the merit of brevity with clearness. The impossibility, from a scholar's stand-point, of attaching the idea of *mode*, e. g., immersion, to *baptizo*, is well and tersely put. So also the symbolism of blood, oil, and water, indicating respectively, death, grace, cleansing. And the utterly baseless dogma of "believers' baptism" is put rightly aside, by establishing this truth, that the qualification for the ordinance is "our sinship, not our sonship." As sinners, not as believers, baptism is received. We most cordially commend the book to all, and pray that God's blessing may accompany its diffusion. It is sold for five cents a copy. Address the author, at Holmworth, Nova Scotia. A veritable *multum in parvo*. Indeed its one fault is

that it is packed too full for light or cursory reading. It should be read with the Bible at one's elbow, with clear head and loving heart.

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In the September HOMILETIC REVIEW Prof. Hunt, of Princeton, leads off with a grand paper on Cadmon's Scriptural Paraphrase Dr. Kinnard discusses ably Sympathy as an Element in Psychic Force. Dr. Pierson gives some admirably Practical Hints on Pulpit Oratory. Dr. Wayland Hoyt, using Charles Kingsley as an example, describes the true sort of a minister needed in these times. The nine sermons are mostly by eminent divines. The Exegetical Section, the European Department, and the Miscellaneous, are each full of timely and practical papers on a great variety of subjects of special interest to ministers. Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$3.00 per year.

THE HOME MISSIONARY:—The monthly organ of the American Home Missionary Society. New York, Bible House, Astor Place, 60c. a year. The September issue—as they all are—is full of interesting news and suggestions about the pioneer work in the West. Here is a most excellent suggestion.

Rev. John M. Kelly, pastor of "a little sister church" at Kahoka, Mo., would like to tell the story of this church "to any inquiring reader of *The Home Missionary*." This impresses us as having a touch of genius. Now let some of our struggling pastors, at Alton, Brandon, Eaton, Edgar, French Bay, Keswick Ridge, Middleville, Pine Grove, Turnberry, and elsewhere, give the same intimation. A sympathetic enquirer is sure to be a friendly helper.

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