

The December number of the PULPIT OF TO-DAY is before us. It contains sermons by Rev. Drs. White and Mellor, Henry Ward Beecher and Canon Lidden, the last sermons preached by the late Paxton Hood on "Trembling in Rest," besides the usual departments of Prayer Meeting Talks, Children's Sermons, Sermonic outlines, and reviews. It also has a new and much praised portrait of Mr. Beecher, by Kurtz. Yearly \$1.50, Clergymen \$1.00, single numbers 15 cents. Cheap, fresh and suggestive. Alfred E. Rose, Publisher, Westfield, N. Y.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for January (E. B. Treat, 771 Broadway, New York,) opens the year with freshness and promise. It has a sermon in this number, able and helpful. The Cumberland Presbyterians are given place in the portrait and sermon of Professor S. G. Burney, D.D., with a sketch of his life by Prof. Foster, and views of First Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Nashville, and Theological Seminary, Lebanon. Timely and sagacious Editorials, Illustrative Selections, Monthly Survey and Book Department, make a number fit for any study. Yearly, \$2.50. To Clergymen, \$2.00. Single Copies, 25 cents.

The Pulpit of To-day, Alfred E. Rose, Publisher, Westfield, N. Y., with the January number, discontinues its old name together with the publication of Mr. Beecher's sermons, and issues two magazines to fill the place of the one. *The English Pulpit of To-day* gives from five to ten current English sermons, and *Plymouth Pulpit* (now published semi-monthly) reports of Mr. Beecher's discourses. The price of each is \$1.50 yearly; Clergymen \$1.00. Subscribers who desire both can obtain them together for \$2.25; Clergymen \$1.50. "All things for the best," by Canon Lidden, and "Being let go," by Dr. Joseph Parker, are among the most suggestive sermons we have read for many a day.

HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA. Under the energetic patronage of Mr. C. E. Robinson, so long the printer of our own pages, Dr. Wm. Gregg has done for the Presbyterian church what we fondly hope some competent friend will yet do for Canadian Congregationalism; gathered all available information regarding the Presbyterian churches, epitomised the same, and presented in a permanent form the record of early struggles and subsequent growth. Few men could be found equally well fitted for such a task as the respected professor of apologetics in Knox College. Patient, painstaking, devout, clear headed and perspicuous, the work possesses all the virtues such qualities can possibly give. The late Hon. George Brown, who attended Dr. Gregg's ministry in Cook's church of this city, is reported to have said that he never heard Dr. Gregg utter an useless word. Certainly this volume is packed with the narration of facts; we confess at times to desiderate some ornamentation; yet in a day of much talk we can well commend a work that says what it has to say and no more.

Some interesting reminiscences of the close relation in early days between Congregationalists and Presbyterians appear, e. g. the Protestant Dissenting Congregation at Halifax. The two parties here united, and some strange characteristics appear, the result evidently of compromise. The ministers called were from the Presbyterian church of Scotland, the Principal

and Professors of the University of Edinburgh being requested to make a choice; the constitution of the congregation was in two respects at least eminently Congregational. Witness the following: "That as the congregation alone have the power of calling a minister, so it is their peculiar province to remove such minister whenever sufficient reasons demonstrate its expediency." This was surely independency. Then Dr. Watt's version of the Psalms were to be used, and not the version generally used by the Scottish church.

Of Guelfh we read in a Presbytery report of 1834 "There are a few persons who have felt it to be their duty to leave the Kirk on account of indiscriminate admission to the privileges of the church and other things, who would exert themselves to the utmost of their ability to support a minister of the Secession. They have engaged an *English Independent*, a member of the first Presbytery of New York, for six months."

The work is cheaply printed, pp 646, and has an interest much wider than the denominational, giving as it does an account of early struggles for liberty and faith, and of earnest self demand in the Master's work.

A SLIGHT MISUNDERSTANDING.

Ned goes to the circus with Grandpa,
And sits on a nice cushioned seat,
Where he beams upon the performers
With a smile, confiding and sweet.

But after a while he grows restless,
And then he softly of serves:
"If these are preserve seats, Grandpa,
Why don't they pass the preserves?"

THE DIFFERENCE.

'Tis easy to be brave,
When the world is on our side;
When nothing is to fear,
Fearless to abide.

'Tis easy to hope,
When all goes well;
When the sky is clear,
Fine weather to foretell.

But to hope when all's despaired,
And be brave when we are scared,—
That's another thing, my dear,
And will do to tell.

The Century.

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