

BOOK REVIEW.

"STORIES IN THE NEW TESTAMENT." The Rosary Publishing Co., 871 Lexington Ave., New York. \$1.00.

The above is the title of an excellent book by Rev. James H. O'Donnell, Rector of St. John's Church, Watertown, Conn. The book is intended to supply a want long felt by the students of the New Testament Scriptures. No book written on a similar plan has ever been published in America by a Catholic firm. The book is written in a plain, simple style, in the form of questions and answers, both being so framed that the information imparted is firmly impressed upon the mind. In the preparation of this book the compiler has had recourse to the latest, as well as to old, reliable standard authorities. Studies in the "New Testament" will be found especially adapted for our higher schools and colleges; indeed, it will prove of great value in seminaries. Advanced classes in our Sunday schools, convents and parochial schools will find it an excellent adjunct to the course in Bible history. The history and purpose of the books of the New Testament are given. A valuable feature is a detailed synopsis of each book, thus enabling the student to grasp at once the salient points of the New Testament Scriptures.

"Stories in the New Testament" is published with the approbation of Right Rev. M. A. Tierney, Bishop of Hartford. The Introduction is from the pen of Very Rev. John A. Muleahy, Vicar-general of the Diocese of Hartford.

The Century for the Coming Year. The Century Magazine celebrates its quarter-centennial in its November issue with an "Anniversary Number." In honor of the anniversary the dress of type, with new headings, etc., and it appears in a new and artistic cover. Although The Century has reached an age that is unusual among American magazines, it continues to show the youthful vigor and enterprise that have always characterized it. The programme that has been arranged for the coming year contains a number of interesting features. Much has already been written concerning Mrs. Humphry Ward's new novel, "Sir George Temple," which has been secured for its pages. There was a very spirited bidding for this novel on the part of several prominent publishers, with the result that the author will probably realize from the serial and book rights of it one of the largest sums that have yet been given for a work of fiction in the English language. The story describes life in an English country-house, and also touches somewhat upon industrial questions. It begins in the November number with an account of an English parliamentary election. It will be the leading feature in fiction for the coming twelve months, other and shorter novels being contributed by W. D. Howells, F. Hopkinson Smith, Mary Halleck Foote, and Amelia E. Barr. The Century will be contributory from Mark Twain and Rudyard Kipling (the latter furnishing to the Christmas Century one of the most powerful stories he has ever written); a series of articles on the great magnum opus of Napoleon, by Captain Alfred T. Mahan, author of "Influence of Sea Power upon History"; three brilliant articles on Rome, contributed by Marion Crawford, and superbly illustrated by Cassaigne, who made the famous World's Fair pictures in "The Century"; a series of articles by George Kennan, author of "Siberia and the Exile System," on the Mountains and the Mountains of the Eastern Caucasus, describing a little-known people; papers by Henry M. Stanley and the late E. J. Grenville Africa; a series of articles on "The Administration of the Cities of the United States," by Dr. Albert Shaw. The Century will also contain during the year a great number of papers on art subjects, richly illustrated.

St. Nicholas in 1895. For almost a quarter of a century—for twenty-two years, to be exact—St. Nicholas Magazine has been bearing its welcome messages each month to the young people of the land. It began existence in 1873, consolidating with it the early years of all the leading children's periodicals of that day, "The Little Corporal," "Children's Hour," "The School-Day Magazine," and "Our Young Folks" among them. The last children's magazine to be merged in St. Nicholas was the "Wide Awake," which was purchased and consolidated with it only a few years ago. It has been fortunate in securing contributions for its pages from the leading writers and artists of the language, while it has given to its readers many gems that have become imperishable classics in juvenile literature. St. Nicholas has had for many years a large circulation in Europe, and it is said to be read by many royal children. When the children of the Prince of Wales family were young the Prince took six copies for his four sons, and the present Crown Prince of Italy grew up a constant reader of St. Nicholas.

The magazine is a help to those that have the care and up-bringing of children, in that it is full of brightness and interest and contains all sorts of high, aspirational, without being "precisely" and prey and lugging in too apparent moralizing. Its readers are always loyal to it, and they will be glad to learn what has been provided for their delectation during the coming year. The leading feature will be a delightful series of letters written to young people from Samoa by Robert Louis Stevenson. These describe the picturesque life of the famed romance in his island home, and give interesting portraits of his native relations, Rudyard Kipling, who first gave stories appeared in St. Nicholas, will write for it in 1896, and James Whitcomb Riley, the Hoosier poet, will contribute a delightful poem,

"The Dream March of the Children," to the Christmas number. The serial stories represent the most popular novels. "The Sword and the Son" is a story of boy-life in Palestine at the time of the founding of Christianity. It is written by W. O. Stoddard, whose careful study of the history of the times and whose travels over the scenes of the story have enabled him to present vividly the local coloring. "The Prize Cup" is one of J. T. Trowbridge's best stories. Albert Stearns, whose "Chris and the Wonderful Lamp" was one of the great successes of the past year, has written another story that is equally successful. In "Stubbled, Smith & Co.," he has again gone to "The Arabian Nights" for inspiration. An American boy enters into partnership with that greatest of sea-faring adventurers, Stubbled, and the fun and the complications that this brings about can be imagined. These are but a few of the features. During the coming year \$1,000 will be given in prizes. Full particulars concerning it will be found in the November number.

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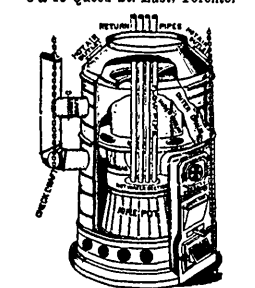
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