

Books and Magazines.

BRIGHTENING THE WORLD by Hiram C. Haydn. Anson D. F. Randolph & Company, 182 Fifth Ave., New York.

This book is dedicated to Christian Endeavour Societies, the Epworth and Westminster Leagues, the Student Volunteers and all such organizations. It is one of a class of books of a short, popular kind called forth by the recognition of the close relation of the church to all ways for human betterment. Besides other things it discusses "Home, Tenement and Saloon," "The Ethics of City Building and Administration," "Church and National Life," "The Supreme Motive," "The Blessed Church of God," "Where to Begin and How to Go On," "The Home," "Feed its Fires and Fight its Foes."

BEST HYMNS. The Evangelical Publishing Co., 63 Lakeside Building, Chicago.

Best Hymns is a carefully prepared book containing over 150 of the most popular hymns with a goodly number of new ones that need only to be tried to be made the best, and with these a large number of the standard hymns, without which no book would be complete.

THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH. The Ideal Church of the Reformers. A Historical sketch by H. W. B. James M. Armstrong, Philadelphia.

In three chapters, under the heads The Great Reform, The Ideal and The Realization, contains much useful and interesting information.

An unusual diversity is shown in the contents of *The Century* for February. Prof. Sloane's "Napoleon," continues to be the leading feature of the magazine. The illustrations include reproductions of rare portraits and of notable paintings by contemporary and modern artists, and special drawings made by Castaigne and Pape. The first detailed account that has yet been given of the murder of Emin Pasha is contributed by Mr. R. Dorsey Mohun, United States Agent in the Congo Free State. Through the information of his sergeant, who was a member of the Emin relief expedition under Stanley, Mr. Mohun was enabled to arrest two of Emin's assassins, and he skillfully extracted a confession from them before they were executed. The story of the tragedy is told in their own graphic language. Mr. Victor Louis Mason, confidential attache of the Board of Ordinance and Fortification, writes an authoritative account of "The Weapons of the United States Army," with many illustrations. Mrs. Annie Fields gives a dignified and loving revelation of Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes' private life. The paper includes about a dozen original letters of Dr. Holmes, and sets forth his relations to many of the literary men of his time. Marion Crawford's novel, "Casa Braccio," reaches a strong climax in the elopement of a nun from an Italian convent with the hero of the story, a Scotch physician. Mrs. Burton Harrison's novelette, "An Errand Woing," is continued, as also Noah Brooks' anecdotal recollections of Lincoln. Sir Edwin Arnold is represented by a dramatic poem, "The Passing of Muhammad." A variety of other articles complete an interesting number. *The Century* Co., New York, U.S.

Harper's Magazine for February. This excellent periodical has for its special features, this month, the following illustrated articles: "New York Colonial Privateers" by Thomas a Jamier; "French Fighters in Africa," by Poultney Bigelow; "Down the West Coast," by Charles E. Lummis; "Music in America"; "Oudeypore, the City of the Sunrise," by Edwin Lord Weeks; "What is Gambling," by John Bigelow. Mrs. Elizabeth Robins Pennell contributes to the same number a paper on "Art in Glasgow," with seven reproductions of characteristic paintings. Besides chapters of "Heart's Insurgent," and of "The Princess Aline," the number contains four short stories; "John Sanders, Laborer," by F. Hopkinson Smith; "The Merry Maid of Arcady," by Mrs. Burton Harrison; "A Domestic Interior," by Grace King; and "Love in the Big Barracks," a tale in the series of "People We Pass," by Julian Ralph. Charles Dudley Warner, in the "Editor's Study"; and the Editor's Drawer is introduced with a short story by Brander Matthews, called "Sixteen Years without a Birthday." Harper Brothers, New York.

The Treasury of Religious Thought for February has for its frontispiece an admirable likeness of Rev. Dr. R. S. Storrs, of Brooklyn followed by a characteristic and eloquent sermon on "The Kingdom of Heaven like unto Leaven." Dr. David Gregg continues the illustrated series of sermons on "Temple Beauty." "Sermonic Outlines and Leading Sermonic Thoughts" are of unusual fullness and freshness. Rev. A. D. Vail, D.D., of New Haven, in "Two Decades of Methodism," gives the first of a series of representative papers on "Two Decades of Church Progress." Other contributors are Dr. Sutherland, on "Highland Ministers"; "Sketches of Scottish Religion," S. R. Crockett and Ian MacLaren, Bishop of Ripon, "The Structure of the Sermon," Dr. A. N. Hitchcock's "World-wide Survey of Missions," Rev. G. B. F. Hallock, "Prayer Meeting Topics," Secretary Geo. A. Warburton, of New York, on "Bible Study and Training." The editorial and minor departments of the magazine show the usual care. E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

"Fallacies of Higher Critics," is the subject of an interesting paper with which Prof. Henry Green, of Princeton, opens the Review Section of *The Homiletic Review* for February. Benjamin Kidd's popular work on "Social Evolution," is criticised in a masterly way by Dr. William W. McLane, of New Haven. Rev. Horace E. Warner, Prof. Gross Alexander, D.D., of Vanderbilt University and Dr. William Hayes also contribute to this department. The Sermonic Section contains some striking sermons by Pasteur Picard, of Paris; John Currie, D.D., of Halifax, N.S.; Albert J. Lyman, D.D., of Brooklyn, and others. R. Balmgarnie, D.D., Bishop of Auckland, of Eng.,

has a valuable Expository paper on "The Shadow Reversed on the Sun-dial of Ahaz." Dr. Stuckenberg discusses "The Social Problem" and is making of his department a most important feature of the *Review*. Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York City.

Knox College Monthly, for January, is an exceptionally good number. It begins with a thoughtful and suggestive article by Rev. Dr. Thompson, of Sarnia, on "The Evolution of Scripture," followed by the concluding part of "An Elizabethan Parson's Account of Shakespeare's England." "Our Society—Retrospect and Prospect," is the inaugural address of the President of the Literary and Theological Society for 1894. "Fact in Preaching," is an address by Rev. G. M. Milligan, D.D.; "Our Mission in Honan From the Inside," is by Rev. D. Macgillivray; and R. A. Mitchell, a student, contributes "Six Months on a Railway Mission Field," the railway being the C.P.R. An account is also given of the public Intercollegiate debate on December 7th, between two students of our college in Montreal, and two from Knox College. *Knox College Monthly*, Campbell & Pantou, Milton, Ont.

The Presbyterian College Journal, Montreal, is an excellent periodical of its kind, full of readable and useful matter. The professors of the college lend a strong hand in giving it character and ability. The Principal, and Professors Scrimger and Campbell furnish good and useful articles in the January number. In "The Graduate's Pulpit" is a sermon on "God's Care for His Own," by Rev. G. C. Pidgeon, B.A. Other leading articles are: "The Joy Element in the Man of Sorrows"; "The Development of Social Morality." Several papers appear on Missions. There are also interesting articles in the French section, the most so, being one on "The Necessity of a French Protestant College in Montreal." *Presbyterian College Journal*, 67 McTavish Street, Montreal, Quebec.

The February *Arena* comes richly freighted as usual with valuable and timely articles on a great variety of subjects by able contributors. Among its illustrations are to be found as frontispiece the Countess of Aberdeen. She also contributes an article on "The Coming Triennial Meeting of the Council of Women of the United States at Washington." We can only mention the following leading articles, all of which will be found worth reading and study:—"Penology in Europe and America," "The President's Currency Plan," "An Open Letter to Senator John Sherman," "Woman Suffrage in the South," "The Union Symposium on Gambling, and the Discussion of Social Questions," continued, by J. Bellanger and the Editor. The *Arena* Publishing Co., Boston, Mass., U. S.

Our Day: The Altruistic Review is an illustrated monthly record of reform. In Joseph Cook as editor it has a strong man, and its corresponding editors, ten in number, all bear names that carry weight with them in their special fields of labor. It contains in the *Outlook* brief notes of passing present day events, "A Character Study," this month being Walter Besant; "Winnowings from Leading Periodicals," "Vital Points of Expert Opinion," and other departments such a collection of matter as makes up an interesting and valuable periodical for busy people. Its prospectus, given in the February number, if well adhered to, as it claims it has been since 1888, should make it a strong helper in every good cause. *Our Day* Publishing Co., Chicago.

The *Cosmopolitan* for February is as superbly beautiful in its illustrations as usual and contains even for it an unusual number of most readable articles. "Great Passions of History," "A Three Stranded Yarn," "A Parting and a Meeting," "The Story of a Thousand" are continued. Besides these some of the more important articles are "What China should Do," by Viscount Wolsely K. P., "The Fall of Louis Philippe," by Emille Olivier, "From Baku to Samarkand," by Frank Vincent; "Finny Proteges of Uncle Sam," "The Reflections of a Consul," "Salvation via the Rack" and the interesting notes in the world of Arts and Letters and the Progress of Science. The *Cosmopolitan* Irvington, New York.

The Methodist Magazine for February is especially interesting. Its chief contents are "Our Own Country," "Adventures in Greece," by Zella Cameron; "Every-day Life in Bible Lands," by the Editor, both profusely illustrated. "Electrical Transmission of Energy," by C. A. Chunt, B. A., "The Indian Missions of the Methodist Church," "The Rough Home and Its Inmates," by Miss M. T. Daniels, M. A., with several poems, original and selected. Wm. Briggs Toronto.

Queen's University Journal, for January, 1895, is, with our other University and College magazines, a welcome visitor to our desk, keeping us somewhat *en rapport* with college and university life. The chief articles of the journal are: "The Prometheus Myth in Aeschylus"; a translation in verse of a portion of "Ovid's Fasti"; "Sketches from the Foot-Hills," and "The Condition of Women in the United States." *Queen's University Journal*, Kingston.

Besides the short notes in the *Manitoba College Journal*, the longer articles are: "Modern British Fiction," by Ethel H. Hart; "A Short Sketch of American Fiction," by Jean H. Russell; "College Life in California"; and a paper on the rather startling question, "Can a Christian be a Good Citizen?" A short article on "Friendship," may also be mentioned. *Manitoba College Journal*, Manitoba College, Winnipeg, Man.

The *Book News* for February contains, beside notes, sketches of popular writers, and reviews of books, a descriptive list of works on history, religion, poetry, biography, travel, education and many other subjects, all of interest to the lover of books, the book-buyer or one in the trade. John Wannamaker, Philadelphia, U. S.

through His apostles, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father, and the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," and this accompanying promise, "And lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Add to this what Mark tells us, "And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that followed." It needs to be wrought into the Church that this is the object dearest to the Redeemer's heart, that more than anything else it will redound to the glory and honor of God, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and is the very end for which the Church exists, the salvation of sinners through carrying and preaching the gospel to them. It is plainly the Church's duty, her highest honor, to bend all her energies, to use every agency, all her means and every instrumentality God has given her for the accomplishment of this one end.

An instructive commentary on how the early Church understood and acted upon this command of Christ, and what results followed its action is supplied in the case of the Church at Antioch; "As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, 'Separate me Barnabas and Paul for the work whereunto I have called them,' and when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them they sent them away." It is incredible that the Church at Antioch sent these brethren away empty handed, but when the Holy Ghost said "separate me Barnabas and Paul for the work whereunto I have called them," they were ready to go, and the Church did not wait to find out if the money would be forthcoming, but sent them. The amazing progress of the gospel and its conquest of the Roman world in the first three centuries can only be accounted for by the Church acting upon the policy proposed. The Moravian Church is another illustration of how God honors the faith and blesses the labors of those who in our own time are acting upon it. And if we do so will He not bless and honor us equally with them. According to the teaching of the Holy Spirit by the Apostle Paul (Ro. x: 11-18) it is clearly the duty and the privilege of every disciple of Christ to take part in this divine work by either going with or sending the gospel to those who have it not. Christian people have been praising and rejoicing in the Student's Volunteer Missionary Movement, and calling it one of the "Miracles of modern missions," and now when eight or ten of the students of our own Church, after much prayer, anxious weighing the question, and self-examination, are moved, as we may believe they are, by the Holy Spirit, in answer to their prayers and the Church's prayers, to say, "Separate us unto the work, whereunto we feel that we are called of God," is our Church, into whose lap God has poured wealth, to which He has given such abundant and effective instrumentalities to carry out the Saviour's last command, to be recreant to her duty, to push away from her the proffered blessing and honor of taking part still more largely in this divine work and say to these men, "Wait; no, we cannot send you." We cannot say that God has withheld from us the means, and that therefore we shall incur no blame or guilt if we refuse to send them. How shall we escape, if we withhold from our Lord that which is His due?

There is much to be said on behalf of the new departure suggested by our foreign secretary. It is a policy of faith, of honouring God. According to our faith shall it be done unto us. Let us have faith in God. If we lack means, which we cannot say we do, if we lack a spirit of entire consecration, if we lack a will obedient to the leading and teaching of the Holy Spirit in this matter, if we lack a spirit of compassion for perishing souls, if we lack concern and supreme regard for the honor of the Saviour, let the church fast and pray and ask what she will and it shall be done unto her. It required tenfold more faith and courage in the days of Carey to send him forth, it required tenfold more faith and courage in the time of Geddie, fifty years ago, for the Nova Scotian Church to send forth one missionary, than it does in the Church now, with all her enlightenment on the claims of the heathen, with all her encouragements from the past history of the Church, from our own past history, to send forth all who are now applying or any number likely to apply for years to come. Let the Church speak its mind for or against a new policy on this most important question: Whom shall we send?