

fresh interpretation of His mind, the ability to adjust our modern thinking to it, and, more than anything else, the power to reproduce the principles and spirit of His life in the midst of the modern world.

Our need may be sorer even than that of the apostles. They never had to wrestle with scientific thought. Evolution was to them an unknown word, and the process for which it stands an undreamed-of notion. They had no comprehension of the vastness of this universe, of the aeons that have gone, of the countless tribes and nations that have been and yet are to be upon the earth. Modern Christianity looks this enlarged world in the face and its problem is to adjust its conception of holy things to the ascertained facts and truths respecting humanity and the universe. How can this be done without the guidance of the Spirit of God?

Again, we look upon social and industrial conditions such as the apostles never knew. Men are asking the Church, What did Jesus mean when He uttered the Sermon on the Mount? The world wants to know what Christianity has to say and do with reference to the vexed problems of human existence. Shall we rise up quickly and explain glibly that this or that is the solution sought; that we know precisely what Jesus meant as respects the precise mutual duties of capital and labor, or as respects international relations; or shall we wait for the promise of the Father and with all our souls believe in and expect such constant, divine illumination as will enable us little by little to point out the path of righteousness and of peace, and not only to point it out to others but to tread it ourselves at whatever cost? Thoroughly to believe in the Holy Ghost means to cherish an unshaken confidence that He dwells to-day in the study of every patient, reverent Christian thinker, that He is out in the world, impelling and guiding every earnest, Christ-like movement to lift up the race to the level of life where God would have men dwell. More than a generation ago Horace Bushnell said, "I believe that there is going, finally, to be entered into the world a more general, systematic and soundly intellectual conviction respecting all these secret relations of souls to God. When we have been out into all the fields of science, and gotten our opinion of the scientific order by which God works in matter, and the laws immaterial by which all matter is swayed, I believe that we shall turn round Godward, to consider what our relations may be on that side; and then we shall not only take up the doctrine of the Spirit and of holy inspiration, looking no more, as now, after some mere casual, fitful, partially fantastic visitations of what we call the Spirit, but we shall discover in it the truth of a grand, universal, intelligent, systematic, abiding inspiration, and the whole human race, lifted by this discovery, will fall into this gift, knowing that in God is the only divine privilege of existence."

To live with such an expectation is to emerge from every shadowed pathway and to dwell on the sunny heights with God.—Rev. Howard A. Bridgman.



Periodicals.

THE *Treasury of Religious Thought* for February, 1899, falls into line with the topics of the time in its opening sermon on "The Hand of God in the War." The first article is a fully illustrated account of Luther and his work, and there are sermons and parts of sermons by Dr. David Gregg, Rev. G. H. Hubbard, Dr. G. T. Dowling, Dr. S. J. McPherson, Dr. J. R. Miller, and Rev. F. P. Stoddard. Rev. J. H. Whitson gives a picturesque article on "Sunken

Ships." The "Names of Note" is peculiarly full this month, containing sketches and portraits of the late Senator Morrill, and General Garcia, the Hon. Joseph H. Choate, President Dwight of Yale, President Barrows of Oberlin, the late Mr. R. R. McBurney, secretary of the Y. M. C. A., and the Rev. Dr. N. D. Hillis, just called to Plymouth church, Brooklyn. With the number is given an article on "The Sociological Outlook," by the Rev. C. A. Eaton, of Toronto, the first of a series of six articles on sociological objects, which will give new interest and value to the magazine. Prof. Small continues his sketches of "Movements Among the Churches," Dr. Hallock his Prayer-Meeting Topics; and all departments are maintained with constant care and discrimination.

Outing for February offers a generous supply of exceedingly interesting text and artistic illustrations. The number opens with "The New England Foxhunt," which is followed by many stirring descriptions of outdoor life and adventures in all parts of the world. The contents are: "The New England Foxhunt," by Herbert L. Jilson; "The Man-Eating Tiger," by J. H. Porter, M.D.; "Ma Blonde," a complete story of Canadian life, by M. Gertrude Cundill; "Suburban Tobogganing," by Alice Chittenden; "In the Land of the Lion and the Sun Awheel," by Thomas G. Allen; "Beaver Shooting," by F. Houghton; "Bowling," by J. P. Paret; "Caiman Capture in Venezuela," by Winifred Johnes; "Kingfishing," by J. D. Peabody, M.D.; "The Bay Birds of the Colorado," by T. S. Van Dyke; "Shooting on the Gulf Coast," by W. B. Leflingwell; "Winter Work with the Camera," by Dr. John Nicol; "Fishing in Hawaiian Waters," and the usual editorials, poems, and records.

THE February *Ladies Home Journal* offers more than the expected variety of literary and pictorial features. It opens with an article by Mrs. Ballington Booth, taking the reader through State prisons, pointing out the awfulness of prison life, and the hopelessness of a released prisoner's efforts to gain unaided a place where he can get a livelihood. The story touches the heart and will attract wide-spread interest. Mrs. Lew Wallace writes of "The Murder of Modern Innocents," a powerful and convincing protest against the over-education of children. Two pages of the February *Journal* are worthily devoted to pictures of "The Prettiest Country Homes in America," and two more to "Inside of a Score of Gardens." Barton Cheyne tells boys why and where they should learn trades, and William Martin Johnson continues his "House Practical" series, and "Good Furniture and Furnishing" are pictured. Helen Watterston Moody writes on "What it Means to be Engaged," Mrs. S. T. Rorer, on "Food for Men and Women Over Fifty," while every home and family interest is considered.

THE midwinter *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* is bright, crisp, and picturesque. It is to some extent a Spanish-American number, embracing among its leading illustrated articles: "West-Indiaword, Ho!" in which Champion Bissell gives some valuable information and advice to citizens of the United States who contemplate settling in Cuba or Porto Rico. "An Old Spanish-American Colony," by F. Williamson, giving a beautifully illustrated account of a journey up the great Magdalena River of South America, and a ride over the Andes to the Colombian capital, Bogota. Furthermore the number contains a paper upon "Ice-Yachting," by Wilf. P. Pond; and "Ice, Snow, and Frost," an entertaining popular Science paper, by Dr. George N. Johnson. The complete short stories include: "The Thornbourne Tragedy," by Edgar Fawcett; "A Mexican Conjugation of the Verb, to Love," by Bourdon Wilson; and "Rifacimento," by M. E. Foster-Comegys.

In the February *Atlantic* Professor James begins his interesting and valuable "Talks to Teachers on Psychology," defining the relations of the subject and the necessity of approaching it from the point of view of the practical purpose for which man's mind was given him, namely, to adapt him to his terrestrial environment. Jane Addams, the devoted superintendent of Hull House, Chicago, discusses "The Subtle Problems of Charity" in a sensible and often pathetic paper, enlivened with many quaint and humorous experiences and incidents. "Farewell Letters of the Guillotined," by J. G. Alger, is a touching and pathetic selection of some of the last letters of love to family and friends written by victims of the Reign of Terror. Mrs. Julia Ward Howe's *Reminiscences* embrace the period of her marriage and her two-years' wedding tour abroad, during which she met the chief notabilities of the countries which she visited, whom she describes in an entertaining paper, which sparkles with anecdote and incident. Attractive fiction by Miss Jewett, Charles G. D. Roberts, and others, valuable book reviews, and poetry complete the number.

In *The Chautauquan* for February Miss Mary A. DeMorgan writes of "The Education of Englishmen" in a very pleasing manner. Brief histories of the famous boys' schools, Eton, Harrow, and Winchester, are followed by descriptions of their present life and accounts of institutions and customs peculiar to each. Entertaining pictures accompany the text. In the same number, Prof. T. Raleigh continues the series on English statesmen with a masterly survey of the life and public career of Lord Derby. This issue of *The Chautauquan* abounds with good reading.