

of sermonic literature which it presents: Canon H. Scott Holland, Canon Duckworth, Dean Vaughan, Prebendary Gordon Calthrop, Rev. J. Keble, Canon Knox-Little, Prebendary M. F. Sadler, Rev. Marcus Dods. The work is thoroughly English, and is published by Hodder & Stoughton. Suggestive thought is what the preacher wants. *The Anglican Public Library* gives it in all its freshness and power.

Persian Life and Customs. By S. E. Wilson, M.A. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, Chicago, Toronto, 140 and 142 Yonge street.

Could there be a more interesting country than Persia? The land of Cyrus, and Darius, and Xerxes, the land of the Persepolis, and other great triumphs of architecture. All ancient history is full of Persia, and yet she still exists, no mean power on earth, with well-defined limits, more than twice the area of France. The book before us is beautifully printed and illustrated. The "Types of countenances seen in the Caucasus" is a first-class picture. The faces are those of a handsome and intellectual people. The writer is master of his subject apparently, having been a resident in Tabriz, Persia, for fourteen years. What Persia needs now is Christianity. It is in a backward state, and no substantial progress can be hoped for till some radical change takes place in its religion. For this many of its intelligent people are longing. The book is written with the hope that the pictures drawn of a benighted people, capable of better things, will arouse the interest of Christian people in missionary work among them.

(1) *Duty's Call.* By H. N. B. Price 3 shillings. (2) *Jason and the Golden Fleece.* By Manners Stephenson. Price 2s. 6d. London: Simkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co.

The former of these is a pleasing tale written by H.N.B., whose works on "Life in Algoma" and "Manitoulin" have been already noticed in our columns. It is a story of a girl's work in the service of others, and her reward, with some brief sketches of undergraduate life in England. The second is a Cornish tale, in verse, about a duke, a banker, a young man, and a young woman, and a stag-hound, the latter being the Jason. The versification in many places is weak.

The Missionary Review of the World. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York; Toronto, 11 Richmond street west. \$2.50 per year.

In an article on the "Outlook," the editor-in-chief gives some excellent thoughts on the prospects and drawbacks of missions, showing how much there is to be thankful for, and how much there is to cause caution and even anxiety. That "the drift of the Anglican body towards Romanism is increasing," however, is not consistent with facts. The Anglican Church, as a body, was never further away from "Romanism" than it is at the present time. An interesting sketch is given of missionary work, under the title "A Missionary Romance." There is a great deal of valuable information in the whole number.

The Cross in the Land of the Trident. By Harlan P. Beach. Fleming H. Revell Co., New York, Chicago, Toronto, 140 and 142 Yonge street.

This little book is primarily intended for classes in missionary study, yet it is hoped that it will be of value also to other readers. The topics discussed are such as most vitally concern India, considered from a missionary point of view. It is really an interesting lesson book about India, showing what the people are like in their ordinary life, and what the requirements among them are in the way of enlightenment and improvement. The Trident has come to be regarded as a symbol of the Hindu religion.

(1) *The Expositor* (one shilling); (2) *The Clergyman's Magazine* (sixpence). London: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row.

Dean Farrar writes in *The Expositor* an important article on "Professor Sayce and the Higher Criticism," combating the Professor's recent statement that the belief that Moses wrote the Pentateuch seemed to him to involve considerably fewer difficulties than does the contrary belief of the higher criticism. The Dean does not agree with the Professor. *The Clergyman's Magazine* begins "Chapters on the Epistle to the Philippians" which promise to be instructive. Useful sermons and sermon outlines, as usual, are to be found in this magazine.

The Review of Reviews. 13 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The January number is somewhat American in its view of the Venezuelan Question, but it is throughout an excellent number. The article on "Abdul Hamid, Sultan of Turkey," is most attractive, abounding with maps and illustrations. A good deal of space is devoted to Israel, the Jews, and Jerusalem.

The Cosmopolitan (price 10 cents), New York, is a splendid number. It carries a mass of advertisements, which accounts for the cheap rate at which it is sold. By this means a first class magazine is placed within the reach of the great bulk of the people.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofd, Manchester, New Hampshire, editor. This is a well-arranged monthly periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance for students of that tongue.



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