

brought us some to taste, and I have no doubt their sharpened appetites, after their walk over the hills, covered any defects that the somewhat hurried cooking may have produced.

More Todas had come by this time and wanted to hear the Toda song and the stories over again, so we went back to the mund and gathered the people round and in a little while a solemn little procession, walking two and two and singing came climbing over the rocks, and at an invitation from the Todas scrambled down over the stone wall which surrounds their huts almost like fortifications. Very different these little Christian girls looked in their neat bright clothes and well combed and oiled hair from the wild looking people we were visiting. They seemed very pleased to see them and listened delightedly to the Tamil lyrics they sang, and looked at the picture one of the elder girls showed them of the raising of the widow of Nain's son.

The dolls some of the little ones had brought with them were a great amusement, though at first they were almost afraid of them. It was getting time, however, to think of the return journey, but the Todas allowed the children to go up and look at their "cathedral," though they were not permitted inside the sacred enclosure, and then with many requests that we would come again soon, we took leave. The children raced one another down the hill over the springy grass, swinging cooking pots round their heads, and I even caught one wearing one as a hat, and their merry voices as they sang testified to the fact that they had had a good time. Let us hope that this happy holiday may make them go back to lessons with renewed zest, and that singing and telling of Christ's love to those who know Him not, may always continue to be their highest idea of happiness.

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## Books and Periodicals Dept.

*Candidates in Waiting*: London; Church Missionary Society, Salisbury Square, E.C.

This little book, issued by the Church Missionary Society with a preface by Rev. F. E. Wigram, M.A., the Honorary Secretary of the Society, is well worth reading by all those who have the slightest idea of entering upon missionary work. There are those who hope some day to undertake such work, but for a time are unable to do so. While waiting for the golden opportunity to come there is much that they can do in a quiet way in preparation. There is in short a "home preparation for foreign missionary work." This is set forth in detail in this excellent little manual. There is much in the way of Bible study, Christian work, character and habits of life that can be done even in the midst of daily toil or the few moments granted from time to time for recreation. It can easily be conceived that many zealous people, well equipped as far as learning and physical strength are concerned, make many sad mistakes for the lack of preparation in some of the common sense qualifications mentioned in this book. A young man of eighteen, for instance, hopes to be a mission-

ary; he is busied in his office or in his workshop, it may be, all day and knows that for some years to come he cannot offer himself for training; a daughter is either too young or is shut off in some other way from a present offer of missionary services; in both cases a very different candidate will be in readiness for training if the simple rules suggested in *Candidates in Waiting* are carried out. A just appreciation of the historic position of the Church of England compared with that of various bodies that have separated from her, together with a full knowledge of the Book of Common Prayer, is carefully mentioned as a necessary preparation for missionary work. But it is not only the religious preparation, but a readiness in many of the practical affairs of life which is very properly and wisely insisted upon.

*Uganda: Its story and its claim.*

The Church Missionary Society has also issued a handsomely illustrated booklet, as a "hand-book for the present crisis," on Uganda, the whole story of which is well and clearly told. Many weighty and powerful reasons are given why England should retain the protectorate of the land. To leave a body of Christians in a hostile country, exposed to extermination will expose England, as the writer of this book expresses it, to an "indelible reproach."

*The Cosmopolitan*: New York.

The December number of this brilliant magazine is quite up to the mark of its usual table of contents. Such articles as the "Silent Monks of Oka," by Thomas P. Gorman; "French Journalists of Journalism," by Arthur Hornblow; "A day with Chivalry," by John B. Osborne; "Where the Mocking Bird Sings," by Maurice Thompson; "Duck Shooting in Australia," by M. M. O'Leary, will be read with great interest, and there are many others. "My Son Absalom" is a heart-rending sketch, and shows forcibly that men tempted to crime should consider what the effect of their wrong-doing will be upon those who love them as well as upon themselves. The illustrations throughout the magazine are numerous and beautiful.

*The Magazine of Christian Literature*: The Christian Literature Co., New York.

The December number contains an article on the "Present position of the High Church Party," by Gilbert W. Child; on "Biblical Criticism and the Authority of the Scriptures," by Prof. Geo. P. Fisher; "Ernest Renan," by Rev. John Taylor and Rev. P. Waddington; "Voltaire, the founder of the so-called Higher Criticism," by Prof. D. Macdill, and several other articles of an interesting nature selected from leading reviews and journals of the day. The valuable serial articles by Archdeacon Farrar, Dean Spence, Bishop Ellicott, Prof. Watts and Rev. Arthur Jenkinson are continued. A leading feature of this magazine used to be the publication (a short portion each month), of some useful theological work, and there are no doubt many of its readers who will regret that this seems to be discontinued.

*The Missionary Review of the World* for January shows that the great Evangelical movements of the age continue to have in *The Review* a watchful and enterprising guardian. The same painstaking care to cover the whole field that has characterized the magazine in the past is clearly indicated in the present number. Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., continues, as editor-in-chief, to supply the usual amount of editorial matter, and to mould the policy of *The Review*. His son, D. L. Pierson, of Princeton, N. J., is managing editor. Dr. Gracey, Dr. Gordon, and Rev. Mr. Leonard continue in their respective departments.

The Department of Missionary Literature for January consists of the following articles: "Our World; A General Glance at Some Great Facts," by the editor-in-chief; "The Nineteenth Century one of Preparation," by Rev. Josiah Strong, D.D.; "A Century of Missions," by