

Book Notices.

John and His Friends. A Series of Revival Sermons by Louis Albert Banks, D. D., Pastor First M. E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Cloth, 12mo, 347 pages, gilt top. Price \$1.50. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This is the fourth volume of the series of revival sermons by Dr. Louis Albert Banks. It is a companion to the preceding volumes "Christ and His Friends," "The Fisherman and His Friends," and "Paul and His Friends." Revival literature has seldom if ever received so large a contribution from one man. This volume, "John and His Friends," contains 38 sermons which were preached in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, during January, 1899, in a series of evangelistic meetings. The themes had been selected long before, and illustrations had been gathered from time to time; but each sermon was finally outlined and dictated to a stenographer on the day of delivery. The author says in his preface: "A very gracious revival of religion was awakened by their delivery, and a large number of persons were converted and received into the church as the result. The other volumes of this series have received such a widespread welcome not only in this country, but throughout the English-speaking world, that I am encouraged to hope that the present volume will be at least as valuable as any that have gone before it in suggestive and illustrative material, for all those who count it their greatest joy in life to win souls to Christ." The original and practical character of these sermons is seen even in the titles. Here are some of them: "The Bright Heart of the Universe"; "Light, Fellowship and Purity"; "The Peril of Self-Deception"; "A Confessing Sinner and a Forgiving Saviour"; "The Sinner's Attorney in the Court of Final Appeals"; "Christ Standing in Our Stead"; "Doing Keeping Pace with Knowing"; "A Passing Lust but an Abiding Soul"; "Meeting Christ Without Shame"; "The Manner of God's Love"; "A Loathsome Relative and How to Get Rid of Him"; "The Banishment of Fear"; "Love's Easy Harness"; "Man's Greatest Victory"; "A Prosperous Soul"; "A Candlestick in Danger"; "The Crowned Heads of the Spiritual Realm"; "The Poorest People in the World."

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This attractive little volume is the result of several years' work in the review and abridgment of the Standard Dictionary, having been prepared by one of the Associate Editors of that work, Mr. James C. Fernald, who was also Editor of the "Students' Dictionary." The volume now under consideration, the Standard Intermediate-School Dictionary, contains 38,000 words, especially selected with a view to meeting the needs of pupils and teachers in the public schools. A brief examination at a few important points will convince any one that, for a volume of this size, the vocabulary is remarkably complete and inclusive. The newer words and meanings are carefully given, as in the case of hypnotism, "Roentgen rays," etc. It is worthy of notice that the latter term may be found by turning to X-rays, if one happens not to know or not to remember the more approved term. The orthography and pronunciation are those of the Standard. Where two spellings are sanctioned by good authority, both are recorded, the preference being always given to the simpler form. The pronunciation is that of the Standard "Committee of Fifty," and is indicated by the Scientific Alphabet, which so many readers have come to approve as at once simple and accurate in the indication of sound.

In the vital matter of definition, this dictionary will stand exceptionally high. However brief the definitions, they always tell something characteristic and distinctive. Thus it is a satisfaction to find "art" defined as something more than "a system of rules," "dexterity," etc.

The book is well printed and elegantly bound, and has the admirable quality of opening flat and staying open at any point desired, which has proved so satisfactory a feature of the larger volume, the "Students' Standard."

The publication of such a work marks a distinct advance in linguistic study and training for our common schools, and can not fail to make better English scholars just at the time when the English is so fast becoming a world-language.

News Summary

Hon. Mr. Hardy denies that he has any intention of resigning the premiership of Ontario at present.

Aguinaldo, according to a despatch from Manila, refuses to liberate the Spanish military prisoners in the hands of the Filipinos.

Major General Corbin has telegraphed orders to all recruiting officers to vaccinate every man enlisted in the United States army in the future.

Martial law has been declared throughout the department of Belgrade, owing to discoveries made during the course of the inquiry into the recent attempt upon the life of former King Milan.

Grand Duke George, heir apparent to the throne of Russia, died of a violent and sudden hemorrhage at the throat at the Imperial palace in the Caucasus, where he had been residing for his health.

The British second-class cruiser Doris and the first-class gunboat Widgcon, with Rear Admiral Sir Robert B. Harris, in command of the Cape and West Africa Station, on board the cruiser have arrived at Delagoa Bay.

Dr. Smith has taken to the Tracadie Lazaretto a patient suffering from leprosy, a woman named Hyson, 35 years old, belonging to Annapolis Royal, N. S., where she left a husband and three children. The woman came to Annapolis from Barbados ten years ago.

Arrangements have almost been perfected for a coalition between the opposition and the government in British Columbia, which will obviate the necessity of a general election. Mr. Martin's successor will likely be H. D. Helmcken, senior member of Victoria city.

A London, G. B., despatch says: Mobilizing for the naval manoeuvres begins today, 118 warships and about 25,000 men taking part in the operations. One of the principal objects of the manoeuvres is to exhaustively study the value of torpedo boat destroyers, of which fifty-four are engaged.

Under Secretary of War Wyndham, replying to a question of Michael Davitt, in the House of Commons Monday, said that bullets, similar to the dum-dum bullets, which were condemned at the Hague peace conference, were being supplied to the British troops in South Africa. St. John Broderick announced that the Delagoa Bay award would be made in October.

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York, the highest prelates in the Church, have made a report as a result of the protracted enquiry held during the past few months in Lambeth Palace, upon the use of candles and incense in church ceremonies. Both archbishops agree in declaring the use of incense and candles upon such occasions to be illegal and not in accordance with the ritual, and their use is forbidden to all established churches.

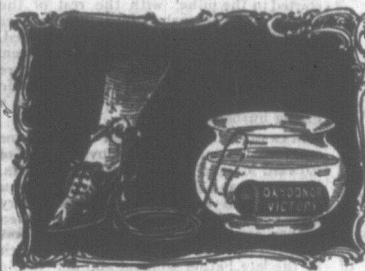
A Paris despatch says:—It is stated the report of the Perfect of Police revealing the Royalist plot to overthrow the government has been authenticated. Count de Castine and other Royalists may be prosecuted. The report states that all the patriotic leagues are subsidised by Socialists. Paul Deroulede personally gave \$10,000, and \$60,000 more was subscribed immediately. Deroulede had continual consultations with the Duke of Orleans, and all the anti-Dreyfus movements were directed for the benefit of the Royalists. One of the heaviest subscribers to the Royalists fund was Count Boni de Castellane, whose wife was Miss Anna Gould, of New York.

A Berlin despatch says: The Emperor William's visit to the French training ship 'Iphigenie,' at Bergen, and his cordial exchange of telegrams with President Loubet, were not only received with great satisfaction here but throughout Europe. As one paper puts it, it promises to be a turning point in the world's history. At the opening of the Kiel canal His Majesty went on board one of the French ships, but in the present instance, it is maintained the Emperor set foot on the deck of a French vessel, which is equivalent to French soil, by the express invitation of her commander, who was acting upon instructions from his government.

The Dominion Line has announced that it had entered into a contract with the Grand Trunk Railway Company to do all its business from Portland during the coming winter, and orders have been issued to all the employees of both the Allen and Dominion Lines that they will have to move to Portland this year and not go to St. John. The local managers of the steamship companies will not speak upon the subject for publication, but it is admitted that they have made up their minds that unless the federal government will renew the mail contract that there is not sufficient inducements to make them call at St. John.

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