

Here his faith finds utterance in words of calm assurance:

"There's a hand on the rudder that will not flinch,
There's no fear in the Pilot's face,
As He guides the worlds, like boats in a storm,
Through the rocking seas of space.
And whether they make the harbor at last,
Beyond the shoals and the swell,
Or sail forever a shoreless sea,
I know that all is well."

In the poem, "The Vision that Recedes," are a number of very happy phrases, and several verses full of poetic insight:

"See! her robes float in the distance, borne
upon the onward breeze,
Red with kisses of the sunset, white with
blanching of the seas.

See! she beckons. We are coming! We
will follow where she leads;

For we still believe the promise of the
vision that recedes."

These fragments give us a peep into a volume that brims over with kindness and good nature and true poetic feeling. The publishers, Lee and Sheppard, Boston, have sent forth the poems in very tasteful binding—white and green and gold. It would make an admirable gift book.

Briefer Mention.

For anyone who may be disturbed by the claims of Christian Science, we would recommend most heartily a little book by Rev. P. C. Wolcott, B. D., of Highland Park, Illinois, entitled "What is Christian Science?" It deals with the metaphysical, theological, and therapeutic aspects of this science "falsely so-called" in a clear and candid manner. It is the best expose of the fallacies of this new religion that we have yet seen. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, are the publishers; price, 15c.

An interesting story of the wonderful Life, in rhyme, has been written for children by H. L. Hastings, of Boston. It is published by him under the title of the "Babe of Bethlehem." It is printed in large type with a number of appropriate illustrations, and will be found a useful help by parents in teaching their children the main facts of the life of our Lord. Price, 25 cents.

A most helpful book of meditations on John 15: 1-16 has been published by the Fleming H. Revell Co. It is Rev. Andrew Murray's "The True Vine." These meditations have been written by this eminent man of God especially "for the use of young people who know and love the Lord Jesus." There are thirty-one meditations—one for each day of the month. We would heartily commend this book to those Endeavorers who observe the Quiet Hour. It will concentrate their devotion and give them insight into a very precious portion of God's Word. The price of the volume is 50 cents.

Periodicals.

OUTING for August is filled with breezy pen-pictures of seasonable sport and pastime and many beautiful illustrations. The contents include: "How to Get Out of Trouble in Golf," by Willie Tucker; "Shore-bird Shooting," by Fisher Ames, Jr.; "The Yarn of the Yampa," by E. L. H. McGinnis; "To the Catskills Awheel," by A. H. Godfrey; "A Bit of Sea-fishing," by Ed. W. Sandys; "The Romance of a Jock Scott," by M. Gertrude Cundill; "A Summer with Tennis Experts," by J. Parnly Paret; "The Borzoi," by H. W. Huntington; "Salmon-fishing in Newfoundland," by Cockburn Harvey; "Golf on the Seaboard," by Hugh L. Fitzpatrick; "Camping in Comfort," by H. A. Hill; and the usual editorials, poems, and records.

SHORT stories by Rudyard Kipling, Rowland E. Robinson, William Allen White, Cutcliffe Hyne, and several others, make *McClure's Magazine* for August especially a fiction number. In Mr. Kipling's story we have a new and most diverting chapter in the lives of those most ingenious and audacious English schoolboys—Stalky, Beetle, and McTurk. The other stories are interesting, cheerful, and wholesome, affording a diversion that is both nutritious and palatable. The fiction, however, is by no means all that is noteworthy in the number. It contains a religious poem by Mr. Gladstone, an account, by Colonel Andrew S. Rowan, of a peculiarly hazardous secret journey made by him across Cuba, after the war began, in order to carry messages from our government to the insurgents; and an account by Major-General Miles of his observations and experiences as a guest of honor, last year, at special royal reviews and maneuvers in Russia, Germany, and France.

In *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly* for August, the United States Army is appropriately at the front, in an admirably illustrated article by Frederick S. Daniel. A most fortuitous timeliness favors the fine, up-to-date portraits of Generals Miles, Shafter, Merritt, Otis, Breckinridge, Graham, and others. Blanca de Freyre Tibbits gives some highly interesting personal reminiscences, with family photographs, of Don Carlos, the chivalrous Pretender to the throne of Spain. A holiday in Antigua, one of the quaintest of the British West Indian Islands, is described by Lillian D. Kelsey. Mr. Wilf. P. Pond tells the boys, in a thoroughly practical manner, how to build boats. "The Jews of the United States," by Abram S. Isaacs, is the latest of the Religious Denomination series. The American city described and illustrated this month is Kansas City, Mo. The number includes, besides Frances S. Williams' serial, "Marie Tremaine," complete short stories by Gilberte Holte, F. Hinton, and others. The juvenile department and J. Frederick Thorne's literary chat are excellent.

THE *Atlantic* for August is largely a fiction number, and contains a group of short stories and sketches of unusual variety and quality. The quaint drollery of Mrs. Ritchie's "Ah-Chy," the Kiplingesque Lake sailors of Morgan Robertson, the sentiment and pathos of Mrs. Earle's "Tinkling Simlins," and H. P. Whitmarsh's "Driftwood," with the rollicking humor and strong characterization of Florence Ingersoll's "The Commodore," produce a combination of uncommon variety, brilliancy, and interest. President Seth Low, of Columbia, has a thoughtful and wide-reaching Phi Beta Kappa address, "The Trend of the Century," in which he groups and analyzes the great movements of the period, their causes and effects, and the problems yet to be looked forward to and faced. Irving Babbitt's paper upon "Spanish Character" is instructive and illuminating. The "Astronomical Reminiscences" of Professor Simon Newcomb, of the United States Naval Observatory, have a happy blending of personal anecdote with a touch of scientific experience and observation, which makes them as fresh and fascinating as they are unique in their way. Bradford Torrey completes his lively series of Virginia-Spring sketches, in which a wealth of observation and information is conveyed in the most entertaining manner, set off by characteristic sparkles of quaint and quiet humor.

ALL those who are fond of bright, entertaining fiction for mid-summer reading will find the August *Ladies Home Journal* to their taste. As usual, the August issue of the journal is largely given up to short stories, there being nine in the one number, and all by well-known writers. These include a picturesquely weird story by Julian Hawthorne, a humorous adventure by John Kendrick Bangs, and romances told in a tender key by E. H. Mayde, Abbe Carter Goodloe, Sewell Ford, and Bettina Welch. Virginia Woodward Cloud graphically pictures "A Girl of Salem" in vigorous verse, and Julia Magruder concludes her novellette, "A Heaven-Kissing Hill." There is genuine humor in Robert J. Burdett's "Tongueless Liars," and fresh interest in "Summer Piazza Stories." "Shall Our Girls go to College?" is answered by Edward Bok, who also writes in advocacy of "Giving Allowances to Girls." Mrs. S. T. Rorer tells what is "The Best Diet for Bloodless Girls." There are practical articles in needlework, millinery, and on a variety of homely topics.

THE subject of "Overhead Tramways" is skillfully treated by the experienced pen of Henry Wysham Lanier in *The Chautauquan* for August, and the well-chosen illustrations add an attractiveness to the paper. F. Schuyler Matthews, author of the book, "Familiar Features of the Roadside," contributes a charming article on "Bird Songs of Early Summer," illustrated by thirty bird songs, which he has reproduced with wonderful accuracy, making delightful little melodies. An important feature is a strong article by Rev. Anna Howard Shaw on "Women in the Ministry," in which she says that women not only must equal but they must excel men in the ministry before they will be recognized. The heroes of the vitals of a battle-ship are given merited praise in Richard Lee Fearn's illustrated paper, "The Vitals of a Battle-ship." This number also contains an article on "Lieutenant Richmond P. Hobson," by Martha Young, a resident of Greensboro, with an excellent photograph of Hobson and of "Magnolia Grove," the Hobson homestead. "The Spaniard in the Far East," by William Elliot Griffis, D. D., and "The City and Harbor of Santiago de Cuba," by Charles A. Bell, are also timely articles.