

MR. STEAD stated before some ladies of Chicago that women of wealth, leisure, cultivation, and the great opportunities which these advantages confer, who yet lived entirely self-indulgent lives, were a *disreputable* set of people, a remark which caused some uneasiness and indignation among his hearers. All hinges upon the meaning of the word "disreputable"!

Books and Periodicals Department.

Cape Breton Illustrated. Historic, Picturesque, and Descriptive. By John M. Gow, with thirty full page photo-engravings. Cloth, 423 pages, 7 x 9 inches, \$1. Full morocco, gilt edges, 8 x 19 inches, \$5. William Briggs, Wesley Buildings, Toronto. We are always glad to see Canadian books to the fore. "Cape Breton Illustrated" is thoroughly Canadian both as to subject, authorship, and publication, and it does credit to all. A sample of the illustrations used in the work will be found on page 31 of this magazine, as well as some ideas regarding its subject-matter.

Digest of the Records of the S.P.G. 1701-1892. By Mr. C. F. Pascoe. 19 Delahay street, Westminster, England. It is pleasing to know that a second edition of this valuable work has been called for, and is now ready. It is really a history of the Anglican Church in the colonies all over the world for well-nigh the last two hundred years.

Jerusalem Illustrated. By G. Robinson Lees, F.R.G.S. Newcastle-on-Tyne: Mawson, Swan & Morgan. London (England): Gay & Bird. This book was first published in the city of Jerusalem itself, "the first book that has ever been printed and published in English in the Holy City." The pictures are from photographs taken by the author himself during a residence of several years in Jerusalem, and his idea in giving the book to the world is to present some idea of the present state of Jerusalem and the people that daily walk its streets, with references to the ages that have passed away. A commendatory preface by Bishop Blyth, Anglican bishop in Jerusalem and the East, speaks highly of the work, and stamps it as valuable. A view is given of Jerusalem in winter—an unusual sight, the houses being covered with snow. Snow, however, never remains long, owing to the power of the sun. The population of the city is 57,000, made up of forty thousand Jews, nine thousand Christians (chiefly Greek and Roman Catholics), and eight thousand Moslems. It enjoys three "Sundays," Friday for Moslems, Saturday for Jews, and the day following for Christians. A view is given of the Anglican church decorated for Christmas. The city is presented in several aspects—the Mosque of Omar being always prominent. The book is a small one, of about 160 pages, but it is full of most useful information, presented in attractive form.

The Six Ecumenical Councils of the Undivided Catholic Church. Lectures delivered in 1893 under the auspices of the Church Club of New York. New York: E. and J. B. Young & Co. Price 50 cents. This book consists of six lectures, and gives an account of "the conciliar organization of the Church" and of the councils held at Nicaea, Constantinople, Ephesus, and Chalcedon. Among the writers of these lectures are Bishop Leonard, of Ohio, and Rev. Dr. Morgan Dix, of New York. The Church Club has undertaken a useful work in giving to the world information, in ready form, of the records and doings of early Christianity.

The Guiding Hand; or, Providential Direction. By H. L. Hastings. Boston: H. L. Hastings, publisher. This is a collection of remarkable incidents of God's all-guiding providence. It will be an evil day for Christian people when they shall cease to believe in the guiding providence of God. His hand is not only in the history, but in the lives of His children. Those who trust Him will never find

themselves deserted. The book before us gives a number of incidents, more or less authenticated, to show that often in the time of greatest danger and necessity there has been a way out which cannot well be accounted for except on the grounds of interference by the guiding hand of God. Several of these incidents are very beautiful, and many of them would be found useful for Sunday-school teachers and Bible instructors.

(i) *The Expositor*. (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London, England. Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row. We are glad to note the beginning of a series of articles on "The Bible and Science," by Sir J. W. Dawson. The title of the first is "The Mosaic Books," and it is refreshing to read it after all the "adverse criticism" to which we are treated nowadays. These articles will, no doubt, attract a great deal of attention. A series of articles on "The Premier Ideas of Jesus"—No. 1 being the sovereignty of character—is also commenced by Rev. John Watson, M.A., of Liverpool. Other excellent articles make up a good readable number.

(iii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. A series of addresses on "Union with God," by Professor F. Rendell Harris, is commenced in the January number, the first being "The Bridegroom and the Bride." "Sermons in Season" are quite up to the mark, and suggest many useful thoughts. Other articles such as "The creation of woman," "The birthright and inheritance of man," are equally useful.

The Illustrated London News. New York: Ingram Bros. \$6 a year. Very handsome pictures embellish the January numbers of this weekly illustrated paper. "The Sultan's Messenger" plunging on horseback through the water, "Following the Spoor of the late Captain Williams" (the Matabele war), "The first slide," "Watch night," "On the way to the Decoys," "Compton Wynyates, the seat of the Marquis of Northampton," and many other pictures, are noteworthy. A new tale (illustrated), entitled "Under the Red Robe," by Stanley J. Weyman, is commenced in the issue of January 20th.

The Missionary Review of the World. Funk & Wagnalls Co., 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2 a year. A glance at the contents of this magazine will show that it is what its name indicates—a missionary review of the world. News from all over the world may be gathered from its pages. The February number has several useful things, about China and the Chinese, about Polynesia, the land of many islands, about the government of the world, about missionary treaty rights, education in missions, and various other subjects of use to missionary workers.

The Religious Review of Reviews. Edited by Rev. Canon Fleming, B.D., London, England. Christian Literature Co., New York. The December number is bright and useful, containing several illustrations. "The new Bishop of the Niger and his Native Assistants" is the subject of a readable article on the missionary work in the Niger territory, the diocese of the late (colored) Bishop Crowther. Portraits of Bishop Hill and Bishop Oluwole (colored) are given. Some excellent hints on the art of reading are contained, this time relating chiefly to the proper way to read sentences which contain a negative. The usual racy thoughts on leading periodicals help one to understand what is going on in the literary world.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofel, of Manchester, New Hampshire, publishes an interesting periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance for students of that tongue.

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