

new church, I at once set to work to appeal to this larger public, and from them gradually get my morning congregation, pew holders and members."

This volume will enhance Dr. Wild's reputation, and is a creditable addition to Canadian literature. We will try to present one of these sermons in our next.

"BIBLE STUDIES," by Dr. Pentecost, covering all the International S. S. Lessons for 1889, is on our table. We are exceedingly pleased with it. Pamphlet form, stiff paper cover, 402 pages, 50 cents. A. S. Barnes & Co., 111 William St., New York. To be obtained of any bookseller, or through Rev. W. H. Warriner, Congregational Book-Room, Bowmanville. There are no questions, nor quotations, nor hymns, but a "straight" commentary on the lessons. Each occupies an average of eight pages. It is thorough, suggestive, attractive and sound. The best we have seen. Think of it, the reader has, for 25c. (one half the book) a commentary on the whole Gospel of Mark! It is better than any "Lesson Leaves." One copy will do for a whole family. It gives a thorough and consecutive review of the life of Christ; and then of the times of Samuel, Saul, David and Solomon, and it presents no temptation of *taking it to Sunday School*, and merely reading, instead of getting the circumstances into the memory.

OUR LITTLE ONES AND THE NURSERY.—Russell Publishing Co., 36 Broomfield St., Boston, \$1.50 a year. Thirty-two pages monthly, of the finest things imaginable for the very little ones. In the December issue are 13 articles; and 38 original engravings of the highest artistic order. A pretty little story is "What ailed the Bell?" The first day after vacation, the master could not ring the gong, which was on the outside of the School building, above the door, so he sent for a carpenter.

"What do you think the carpenter found? A little sparrow had built its nest inside the bell, and prevented the hammer striking against the bell. The teacher told the children what the trouble was, and asked if the nest should be taken out? There was a loud chorus of "No, sir."

"Every day the four hundred children would gather in the yard, and look up at the nest. When the little birds were able to fly to the trees, and no longer needed a nest, one of the boys climbed on a ladder, and cleared away the straw and hay, so that the sound of the bell might call the children from play."

"POCKET QUARTERLY, for Teachers of Children." Edited by Mrs. Crafts. Pocket Quarterly, 74 East 90th Street, New York, 40 cents a year. An oblong book of 40 pages, with teacher's class register for the quarter on the inside cover. Paper bound. One of the best things for a S. S. Teacher that could be imagined. Mrs. Craft is without an equal as a winning S. S. teacher: and her little

book—of such a shape that it will not roll or crumple up—is so full of wise and tender suggestions that by the time the six months are over, whoever uses her book will know a great deal more of Mark's Gospel than ever he knew before.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE, weekly, 64 pp., double column; \$8 a year. Littell's & Co., 31 Bedford St., Boston. This periodical contains the cream of the best reviews and Magazines in Britain. In the No. for 15 December we find a dozen of articles from the Quarterly Review, Argosy, Nineteenth Century, Blackwood, etc. If any of our subscribers wish to keep themselves well posted in current literature, we can furnish them the *Living Age* and the INDEPENDENT, both for \$8 a year.

THE CENTURY for December, (Century Co. Union Square, New York, \$4.00,) contains a noble list of 30 articles, with 55 illustrations. George Kennon continues his descriptions of Siberian Exile; there is an excellent article, "From Sinai to Shechem," in which the writer corroborates Dr. Trumbull's theory of Kadesh Barnea; "Beecher at Liverpool," by Rev. Dr. Buckley; "London," and "A white umbrella in Mexico," and other readable articles; with the usual editor's department of "Open Letters" and "Bric-a-brac."

ST. NICHOLAS, for December, from the same house, (\$3.00 a year,) is full of Christmas literature for the boys and girls. There are twenty different articles and poems, and more than fifty illustrations. A good number.

Our College Column.

Our College closed for the Christmas vacation on Thursday, 14th Dec., and will re-open on January 3rd.

Mr. Warriner spent two weeks with us this month, and his lectures on Hebrew poetry were well worth the attention of the students. We expect him back soon after the re-opening.

Pale faces, haggard looks, and pre-occupied minds, testify that the McGill examinations are at hand. We expect our boys to make a good showing, when the results are published.

Miss Pigott, Matron, has gone to Buffalo, to visit a sister who is ill. She will probably return about the first of the year.

Messrs. McCallum and Mason have left the city for the vacation; the former going to St. Thomas, and the latter to Georgetown. Quite a number of the others will leave as soon as the examinations are over.