

religious worker can read this book thoughtfully without receiving valuable suggestions as to the most effective modes of carrying on the work of God.

*The Popular Science Monthly and Supplement for January.* D. Appleton & Co. \$5 and \$3; with this Magazine \$6 and \$4 40.

These numbers maintain the character of these high class periodicals. Among the notable contents of the *Supplement* are an inter sely partisan incentive against Russian Aggression, by Louis Kossuth; a thoughtful paper on the Education of After-life, by Dean Stanley; an Epigraphic Study of the Greek mind in the presence of death; Stuart Mills' Philosophy Tested, by Prof. Jevons; a Comparison of the German and English University System; and a paper by Sir T. Watson on Rabies and Hydrophobia, in which he maintains that both might be extirpated by a rigid quarantine of all dogs. The leading article is by Prof. Goldwin Smith, on The Ninety Years Agony of France. He sketches a rational constitution for France on this wise: A single chamber Assembly, renewed, without the violent crises of dissolution and general election, by annually elected instalments; and an Executive Council elected by the Assembly, renewed by a proper rotation, the President, as in the Swiss Republic, to be merely chairman of the Council. The elucidation and defence of this scheme is a fine piece of political discourse.

*New Volume of "Little's Living Age."*

The first two numbers of the new volume of *The Living Age*, bearing date January 5th and 12th, respectively, have the following noteworthy contents: Russian Aggression as specially affecting Austria-Hungary and Turkey, by Louis Kossuth, ex-Governor of Hungary, *Contemporary Review*; Erica, a fine German serial, by von Ingersleben, translated for

*The Living Age*; Humming Birds, by Alfred Russell Wallace, *Fortnightly Review*; On the Hygienic Value of Plant in Rooms and the Open Air, by Prof Max von Pattenkofer, *Contemporary*; Within the Precincts, a new story by Mrs. Oliphant, from advance sheets; Florence and the Medici, by J. A. Symonds, *Fortnightly*; Charlotte Bronte, *Cornhill*; Heligoland, *Macmillan*; &c., together with the usual choice poetry, and miscellany. In the next weekly number a new serial by William Black will be begun, from advance sheets, which promises to be his best work.

To new subscribers for 1878, the last seven number of 1877, containing the first parts of the German serial, and a story by Miss Thackeray, with other valuable matter, are sent gratis. Price, \$8 a-year, or with this Magazine, \$9.

*The Methodist Quarterly Review*, January, 1878. New York: Nelson & Phillips. Toronto: S. Rose. pp. 196, \$2 62 a-year.

This veteran Quarterly, now over half a century old, gathers strength and vigour with its age. The first article is a stern indictment of Mohammed, the daring imposter who blasphemously "forged the name of God." Article 2 discusses City vs. Rural Methodism in the United States, showing the relatively superior success of the latter. Article 3 shows the remarkable progress of education among the freedmen of the South. Article 4 exposes the Blue Law forgeries of Rev S. Peters. Article 5 maintains that Wesley was ordained a bishop by Erasmus, which opinion Dr. Whedon confutes. Article 6 is a sympathetic life-sketch of Bishop Baker, and Article 7 is a brilliant paper on Philo, the Jew, and his influence on Jewish and Christian thought. The book notices by the editor, who handles a keen, critical scalpel, are as trenchant as usual. On page 177 we give a characteristic extract.