

The Methodist Review of the M. E. Church, South, opens with an article on "The Southern Humourist, Joel Chandler Harris." Bishop Haygood writes well, as he always does, on some recent criticism of missions, under the heading, "Where the Fools Rush In." Professor C. F. Smith has a fine classical article on "The Discipline of Suffering in Sophocles," and Dr. Lovejoy an exegetical study on "From Gethsemane to Calvary." A lady contributor, Mrs. J. D. Hammond, writes well on "New Light on Social Problems," discussing chiefly Kidd's "Social Evolution," and Dr. J. M. Wright expounds the "Higher Criticism."

The illustrated articles in January *Harper's* are Whitney's pictures with pen and pencil of Canada's Great Lone Land, entitled, "In Snow-Shoes to the Barren-Ground," and "The German Struggle for Liberty," "London's Underground Railway," "In Washington's Day," and "The Story of Joan of Arc."

Massey's Magazine is a spirited introduction of the ten-cent monthly into Canada. It is exceedingly well printed and illustrated, and should receive a liberal patronage. Canadian to the backbone, it has superior claims to any of the American dollar monthlies. Professor Clark begins in his own admirable style on "English Cathedrals." G. A. Reid, R.C.A., describes the evolution of two of his pictures, and Dr. E. H. Stafford writes a New Year's story. Mr. Falls' drawings are particularly good. We wish the new monthly success.

The Century has "A Kaleidoscope of Rome," by F. Marion Crawford, with excellent cuts, and an important paper on "The First Landing on the Antarctic Continent," by C. E. Borchgrevink, and a continuation of the "Life of Bonaparte."

In *Scribner's* J. M. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy" is begun with glimpses of "Thruism." President Andrews' "History of the Last Quarter-Century" is continued, and illustrated articles on "The Water-Ways from Ocean to Ocean," and on the "Boston Public Library," are given.

The Atlantic gives one of Hawthorne's unprinted note-books, and a generous instalment of Gilbert Parker's "Seats of the Mighty," whose closing scenes are placed in Quebec, with other excellent articles.

In the *Homiletic Review* for January Dr. J. H. W. Stuckenburg, a specialist in social science, takes charge of the "School of Social Study." Specially in-

teresting is the "School of Bible Study," under the direction of the managing editor, D. S. Gregory, D.D., the purpose of which is to direct and aid in the systematic study of the Bible itself. The Bible is to be presented as a unit, made of many books, each of which has its own unity and aim, and is an essential part of the whole; and thus lead to a more thorough knowledge of the Book. This number presents the subject of the Pentateuch as "the historical introduction into the world, among the chosen people, of the Bible-religion of salvation, in its old and typical form." Each of the five books is shown to be a natural and essential part in this one work of God.

A. M. P.

Christian Literature for January is sustaining its improved form. The articles are selections from leading periodicals, the contents of this number being "Greek and German Philosophy," "Bishop Butler and His Censors," "Rigidity of Rome," "Professor Sayce and the Critics," "The Meaning of Christ's Prayer in Gethsemane," "Where Social Reform Should Begin," "What is a Prophet?" "The Everlasting Reality of Religion," "A Lutheran Episcopate" — then follows "Current Thought," "Literary Department," and H. K. Carroll's contribution on "The Religious Forces of the United States." A. M. P.

The Living Age (Boston: Littell & Co.) This eclectic weekly, now in its fifty-second year, still continues to give the cream of all the monthlies—not in abridgement but in complete articles. It has been reduced from \$8.00 to \$6.00 a year. By its help one can keep well abreast with the great movements of the times.

The most widely circulated periodical in America is, we understand, the *Ladies' Home Journal*. By the lavish advertising of Mr. Bok, the editor, aided by its literary merit, excellent illustration, and pure morality, it has reached the enormous circulation of over 750,000.

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