

ful reading as it places Benevolence on the true basis; and the missionary sermon by Rev. W. Abbott is a very thoughtful and faithful sermon on what Constitutes the Measure of Success. Another capital sermon is by Rev. H. C. Cushing. The Leading Thoughts of Sermons are usually excellent. Other articles are equally suitable and interesting. Yearly, \$2.50. Clergyman, \$2. Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, Publishers, 771 Broadway, New York.

VICTORIA CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK, for 1888.—Stiff paper; 150 p.p., Melbourne, Australia. A neat small post octavo, containing much useful information. It contains no such elaborate tables of churches as our own Year Book; and being for the Province of Victoria mainly, has less general information of Australia generally, than if it were for all the colonies. But our brethren at the antipodes are full of work! We will recur to this volume again.

From the Government statistics, the Congregational figures are given as follows for Victoria:—churches, 76; ministers, 54; sittings provided, 17,400; average attendance, 9,000; Sunday Schools, 82; teachers, 770; average attendance of scholars, 7,400.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for March is early in the field, and will increase the deep and widespread interest already expressed in this "new departure" in our missionary literature. Its contents are amazingly varied, and each of its seven departments is full of matter adapted to inform, inspire and give hope and zeal to all the friends of missions. It seems almost a marvel that 80 large pages can be so crowded with facts, figures, arguments, essays, biographies, appeals, correspondence, the latest news from all parts of the world, and religious and missionary statistics of deepest interest. The public has already shown its appreciation of the work by necessitating a second edition of the January and February numbers. Published by Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York: \$2 per year. In clubs of ten, \$1.50.

SAYINGS AND DOINGS, at the Provincial S. S. Convention in London, in the autumn, is on our table. The special guest of the Convention was Mr. Reynolds, of Peoria, Ill., the wonderful and enthusiastic Sunday School worker. Mr. Day, the general secretary, Rev. John McEwen, and several of the Toronto Ministers, also did good service, as well as the Anglican Bishop of Huron. The speeches and discussions are faithfully reported, and embracing as they do, every part of S. S. work, are very helpful and stimulating to every teacher and worker. The report can be ob-

tained of Mr. J. J. Woodhouse, Cor. Sec., box 525, Toronto, for 25 cents.

WORDS AND WEAPONS.—This is Dr. Pentecost's Magazine; hereafter to be conducted jointly by himself and Rev. B. F. Mills, another well-known and successful Evangelist. The editors say in their new prospectus—and Christian workers will find it just as they say.—"We do believe that pastors and people are ready to give a warm welcome to a monthly which shall omit discussions of doctrine, and ignore theological controversy, and be—what this magazine already is in name—a treasury and arsenal of WORDS AND WEAPONS for Christian workers." H. T. Richards, Publisher, 251 Broadway, New York: \$1.50 a year.

HEMILETIC REVIEW.—Funk & Wagnalls, 18 Astor Place, New York: \$3 a year; to clergymen, \$2.50. A standard magazine of 96 pages monthly, full of everything interesting to the pastor, preacher, student, or Gospel worker. The March number has 30 departments and articles, on as many different subjects.

THE OLD TESTAMENT STUDENT, (Scribners, 743 Broadway, New York: \$1 a year), reaches us regularly. There is no other periodical in America taking up the precise ground of the "Student." For those who seek to understand thoroughly the old Testament, or who desire help in Hebrew research, this magazine must be of very great value.

For the Young.

If you have a happy voice,
Sing, that others may rejoice;
Let its tender cadence flow
Till it soothes the mourner's woe;
Breathing pathos in each word,
Frozen fountains may be stirred;
Slumbering souls may wake again
At some long-forgotten strain.

If you have a precious thought,
That to you has gladness brought,
Shrine it not within your breast;
Write it, and make others blest!
Oft some written thought will reach
Hearts grown loath of human speech;
Hearts by faithless promise grieved,
Hearts by lying lips deceived.

If you have a loving word,
Speak it where it can be heard,
Souls are languishing to-day,
For the words that you might say.
Earthly burdens sorely press;
Loving words can make them less.
And no soul can suffer loss,
Thus who lifts a brother's cross!

—M. A. Maitland, in *Christian at Work*.