

lies along the slope about three miles East, and two North and South; the South and West divisions are laid out in streets 130 feet wide running at right angles; in other parts of the city the streets are 80 feet in width. This generous plan gives long avenues of poplar, locust, catalpa, and other trees, traversed by streams of water and lined with cottages and residences, every one of which has its front garden, in fact it is a city of detached houses as, except in the business portion, I did not see such a thing as a row of houses anywhere. Morning service at St. Paul's, a handsome little edifice of brown stone set in the midst of pleasant grounds at the corner of one of the wide streets, back to lunch at the Metropolitan at one, and at two o'clock the great event of the day in Mormondum, the Temple service; there is no service in the morning. The city is divided into thirty or more districts each one of which has its Sunday-school service at 7 o'clock, and there is no other till 2 p.m. It is a very unusual circumstance to see so many people going to Church on a Sunday afternoon from a hotel; more than thirty started from ours, and as we go up Temple street groups are wending their way to the Mormon shrine from every direction. The Temple is a huge building, familiar no doubt in illustration to many of your readers; in shape like a huge mushroom, it is said to accommodate 10,000 people, but "it does not look it." As we arrive the main floor is filling up, but the galleries which accommodate several thousand, remain empty; there are probably when service begins 4,000 people present, and one might count among them 500 Gentiles. On raised red-covered seats above the main hall, are the deacons and elders numbering about 100; behind them the choir—a large one—with the great organ, an immense instrument and well handled by a skilful player; a hymn is sung, a prayer made, more hymns; and here we notice no chapter or Scripture is read. In about half an hour the communion is celebrated, a long table had been set in front of the audience on which are many silver baskets and goblets with ice pitchers. The baskets contain slices of bread, and the pitchers are filled with the crystal water of the pure Mountain streams. After the last hymn, four elders standing in front of the table begin to break the bread in small pieces, until the baskets are filled; they are then passed up and down the aisles. This takes a long time, and meanwhile, one of the Saints begin to preach; after the bread is distributed, he stops. Then the water is carried round, and he begins again keeping it up in all a full hour. Here it may be stated that water is always used instead of wine, but what is their authority for this we could not find out. Immediately in front of the audience, on either side of the alley leading to the elders seats were two lions "Couchant"; these had the most grotesque expression it is possible to conceive; they had every appearance of laughing at the people while higher up were other lions with quite sober visage; this is another mystery we are unable to explain. After communion was over, another hymn sung and the benediction, the service closed and the throng dispersed through many doors along the sides of the building, walking along the alleys between the open seats instead of going down the aisles; by this means the building was emptied in five minutes or less.

This building though called the Temple, and the service the Temple service is in reality the Tabernacle, the Temple proper not yet being finished; the latter is on the same block as the former and is the most prominent building in the city. It is over 180 feet long, has the appearance of a castle at a distance with heavy towers; there will be three towers at each end of the building, the centre one rising 200 feet, and its total cost when completed (it is supposed in five years) will be \$10,000,000; it is

built of granite and at present but three of the towers are up. There is also the Assembly Hall of gothic design, accommodating 3,000 people; these are all in the same grounds and surrounded by a high wooden fence, through which entrance is obtained by enormous gates. There are other places of interest to be seen such as Liberty Park of 120 acres, the *Desert News* office and titheing stores; in the latter are received and paid out the tithes and donations of the Mormons; the Zion and Beehive houses, also Gardo House, where the President of the Church resides. All the leading denominations are well represented in this city of 35,000 inhabitants. We have two churches, St. Paul's and St. Marks; both built of stone and with handsome rectories adjoining; St. Mark's school was established in 1867; it has eleven grades with twelve teachers. The usual English branches are taught with mathematics, Latin and Greek, natural history and science, with English literature in the High school department. Rowland Hall, a boarding school for girls was opened in 1881, and is very successful. On Monday a.m., we took a last look at the pleasant streets and towering mountains leaving by the early trains for Sacramento, a ride of nearly eight hundred miles, the greater part of it until we reach the Sierra Nevada mountains being through long reaches of sand, sage brush, &c., with occasionally a fertile oasis until we reach the foot hills of the range, where powerful engines are put on to draw us on the up-grades.

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### MAGAZINES.

**The Cosmopolitan** (Schlecht, Field & Co., N.Y., \$2.00 per an., 20c. each)—The rumoured visit of the ruler of Persia to Europe, makes the beautifully illustrated article on "The Shah and His Court," by Wolf von Schierbrand, with which the December number opens very timely. Miller's article on "Mr. Crowley, the Chimpanzee," illustrated by J. Carter Beard, the well-known animal artist, is a charming study of a creature in the Central Park Zoological Museum that attracts more attention than any other New Yorker. "From Forest to Floor," is the title of a profusely illustrated article by J. Macdonald Oxley, giving a graphic, interesting and valuable account of lumbering and the lumber interest in Canada. The remaining contents of equal merit, make up an extra good number for the holiday season.

**The Pansy**—(D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, \$1 per an., 15c. each)—We have frequently referred in terms of approval to this favorite magazine for the young; and the December number just to hand fully sustains our recommendation. It is full of Christmas reading, and that too, good and religious in tone throughout. This is the prayer which *Pansy*, (Mrs. G. R. Alden) gives her readers for use at this season, "Lord Jesus, I give myself anew to Thee in return for Thy great Christmas gift to me, I give Thee my time, my strength and my will; I ask Thee to direct me all day and every day in the way in which thou wouldst have me go, and I promise to use my tongue to speak for Thee, my hands to work for Thee, and my feet to do errands for Thee, and my heart to love Thee."

**The Living Church Annual and Clergy List Quarterly**, containing Almanac and Calendar for 1888, and published by The Young Churchman Co. Milwaukee, is to hand. It contains besides the usual contents an epitome of American Church Law; a Literary Review of the Year 1887; an article "Of certain Catholic Practices"; and Biographical Sketches of the present Bishops of the American Church—arranged in order of succession. The subscription price is only 25c. per annum; a marvelously low rate considering that the List is published on the 1st of December, March, June and September, and contains so much.

**The Protestant Episcopal Almanac and Parochial List for 1888**, issued by Thos. Whittaker, N.Y., at 25c., and now in its 34th year is also to hand. It is too well known to require extended notice or recommendation. Originally a small pamphlet, it has grown into a book, and its pages increase in number yearly, evidencing the rapid advance of the Church.

**Papers on Prohibition**—by Rev. Geo. J. Low, Almonte, Ont., is the title of a pamphlet containing fifteen articles, which appeared in Brockville, Ont., *Times*, and which have been republished by the United States Brewers Association. The writer strongly opposes prohibition and denounces it as anti-constitutional, anti-scriptural, anti-Christian.

**The Spirit of Missions**—issued by the Board of Missions of the P. E. Church in the United States; \$1 per annum—closes its 52nd volume with this December number. Besides the usual information touching Missionary work in the U. S. and abroad, it contains the Advent and Epiphany Appeals.

**RECEIVED**:—*The Calendar of Trinity College School, Port Hope, for 1887-8*; "What Shall We Do," a tract containing seven sermons on Religious training and education, delivered at Bridgetown, Barbadoes, by Rev. F. Skinner.