

of indifference, but not of enthusiasm ; religious freedom, in the true sense of the term, absolutely does not exist.

THE TREASURY FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE. In the September issue are some good articles, sermons and discussions. We quote an editorial on "Great Preaching" :

No doubt what constitutes this would be defined very differently by different persons ; but when one listens, as the writer recently has, to Mr. Spurgeon, and sees a devout and manifestly intelligent audience of five or six thousand people hang upon his lip; while he utters the truth of God's Word with great simplicity and faithfulness, enforcing his statements with earnest appeals, and urging men and women to give themselves to God as they are then in His house and to engage in His service without delay, we cannot but conclude that the preaching that has attracted such crowds of worshippers for more than a generation, has held their attention while in God's house without any "sensational" methods, has led so many thousands to give themselves to the Saviour and to work for Him, and evinces no evidence of a weakening of its power, must be "great preaching" in the estimation of "the Great Teacher sent from God," of whose preaching the inspired writer approvingly declares, "the common people heard him gladly."

E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union, New York. \$2.50 a year. Clergymen \$2.00.

THE MISSIONARY HERALD for September is on our table. Published by the American Board of C.F.M., 1 Somerset St., Boston. \$1 a year. Free to any pastor whose church contributes money to the missionary operations of the Board. We extract a passage regarding Erzroom, the point to which our young brother Macallum and his wife have just sailed :—

As a missionary station it was occupied as a strategic point of importance. It is so still. Aside from its importance as a large station-field in Turkey proper, it extends its borders over into the neighboring Russian provinces, where its influence has been great. Part of the Kars province, with a population of about 400,000, and Erivan province, with a population of over a million, look to Erzroom. There are eight out-stations in those provinces. Besides, the city of Shushi, in the province of Karabagh, has petitioned to be taken under the care of the American Board and reckoned as a part of Erzroom station. A celebrated modern traveller, whose personal observation gives his words authority, says : "With the exception of Judea, the central point of interest in the world's history, no region is more important in the records of mankind than that which lies between the Caspian and Black seas, south of the Caucasian Mountains, extending to the country round about Ararat." Every war throws a large portion of this territory inside the Russian boundary. The next concession will, in all probability, include Erzroom. Who knows that the beginnings of another struggle are not now being inaugurated, and this district will not be one of the centres, where will be fought out the great battle of religious liberty in the great Russian Empire?

THE PILGRIM TEACHER for September is like all the other issues, a good one. A fine monthly pamphlet of 48 pages, on everything connected with the S. S. Lessons. Cong. S. S. and publishing Society, Boston. We furnish "The Teacher" at

50c. a year, in parcels of six or more ; 60c. singly. We quote a short editorial

Of what value is machinery in a Sunday school ? Many privately vote it a nuisance. "Too much machinery" is an expression not infrequently heard. At the closing meeting of the Superintendents' Union of this city, Dr. Schaffner put it just right when he said that any machinery in the Sunday school which makes anything go harder has no place there. It is the business of organization to make things go more easily, not with more difficulty. Organization should help the teacher, not be an annoyance to him. All machinery is not to be condemned merely because one machine, or even quite a number of machines, bind and heat and clatter, and take more power to run them than it would to do their work directly. If your Sunday school machinery does not run without friction, then it needs to be remedied—not abolished.

THE CENTURY, Union Square, New York : \$4 a year. In September No. are some beautifully illustrated articles : "The Women of the French Salons," "The Yosemite National Park" (ten illustrations), "Wells Cathedral" (15 illustrations), "In the Marble Hills," etc., "New Naval Guns," and "How California came into the Union," are full of information. "The Social Problem of Church Unity," is an attempt by Rev. Dr. C. W. Shields to throw light on a difficult subject. The Century is gaining a wide popularity in Britain.

ST. NICHOLAS, published by the Century Co. : \$3 a year. St. Nicholas is devoting more attention to descriptive articles by sea and land. A very good idea. Very interesting for the larger boys and girls ; and, from the first, most ably conducted.

METHODIST MAGAZINE for September, \$2 a year. Toronto : William Briggs.

The Canadian Tourist Notes conduct the reader through the Austrian Tyrol, leaving him at the romantic town of Botzen, or Balsano. An interesting article is that describing, with numerous engravings, a pilgrimage "Through Bunyan's Country," in Bedfordshire. An able article on "Prison Reform," by the Hon. Z. R. Brockway, is of special interest at this juncture. A bright paper on the famous Methodist worthy, "Billy Bray," by Mark Guy Pearse, is given. Also a noble sermon by Hugh Price Hughes, on "Christ's Sympathy with the Suffering."

THE PULPIT, Lakeside Pub. Co., 41 Franklin St., Buffalo, and 33 Richmond St., Toronto, monthly : \$1 a year. This is a new periodical, devoted to sermons, five to eight appearing each month, unabridged. The first number contains sermons by Canon Farrar, the late Professor Elmslie, Dr. Mackennal, Dr. Vaughan, etc. That by Professor Elmslie, on "Cast thy bread upon the