

There is nothing proposed by men that can do effective work like this Gospel. The religion of Ralph Waldo Emerson is the philosophy of icicles; the religion of Theodore Parker was a sirroco of the desert; the religion of Renan was the romance of believing nothing; the religion of Thomas Carlyle was only a condensed London fog; the religion of the Huxleys and the Spencers is merely a pedestal on which human philosophy sits shivering in the night of the soul, looking up to the stars, offering no help to the nations that crouch and groan at the base.

Ye Christian men and women! I want you to feel that you bear in your hand a weapon, compared with which the lightning has no speed, and avalanches have no heft, and the thunderbolts of heaven have no power, it is the arrow of the omnipotent gospel. Take careful aim! Pull the arrow clear back until the head strikes the bow! Then let it fly. And may the slain of the Lord be many!

The leading feature of *The Century* for 1886-7 will be The Authorized Life of Lincoln, by his confidential secretaries, John George Nicolay (now Marshall of the Supreme Court of the United States) and Col. John Hay, (lately Assistant Secretary of State of the United States.) This work was begun with the sanction and assistance of President Lincoln himself, has been continued in active preparation under the authority of the sole survivor of the President's immediate family during the past sixteen years. It is the only full and authoritative record of the private life and public career of Abraham Lincoln, including an account of the causes of the rebellion, and a record, at first hand, of the inside history of the civil war, and of President Lincoln's administration,—important details of which last have hitherto remained unrevealed, in order that they might first appear in their proper connection in this authentic history.

At the conclusion of the war the writers spent five years in the service of their country abroad. Since the period of their return to America most of their time has been spent on the present history. "In the first place, all the manuscripts belonging to the estate of Mr. Lincoln were absolutely and unreservedly placed in their hands by the Honorable Robert T. Lincoln, the only surviving member of the President's family. In addition to this, they sought and obtained access to the private papers and correspondence of most of Mr. Lincoln's Cabinet. Being on terms of intimacy with all the leading statesmen and generals of the time, they were afforded by them every possible assistance in the elucidation of difficult points. They have also profited by the vast quantity of reminiscences, letters and newspaper articles which have recently been printed in regard to Lincoln and his times. Besides the mass of manuscript archives in all the Departments, they have consulted thousands of printed volumes."

The November CENTURY begins with an edition of a quarter of a million. No doubt the new life of Abraham Lincoln commenced in this number has had a marked influence upon the number called for. The continuation of the history of the civil war is continued together with discussions on the topics of the times.

ST. NICHOLAS also improves upon acquaintance. The November number has an instructive and illustrated article on boring for oil, Mr. Brook's historic girls af-

ford knowledge in a manner that interests, and the entire number is replete with all that is needed to fill a youth's leisure hour.

SHOTS AT SUNDRY TARGETS, being extracts from sermons and lectures of Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage (E. B. Treat, New York. 656 pp. \$2.00). This is a handsome volume, full of wise saws, shots that go straight for the mark, at wrongs to be righted, errors to be corrected, etc. It is a book that may profitably lie on any minister's table, suggesting happy thoughts, and on any parlor table, where a visitor waiting may find a home-thrust for good. We have nothing but commendation for the volume.

THE PULPIT TREASURY, (E. B. Treat,) for November is equal to any of its predecessors, and has some striking editorials on a Persuasive Gospel, The Gospel for Society, Drunkard Factories, Wickedly Competitive, Baptized Hypocriey, Rock or Sand, Latent Talent. Yearly, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2.00. Single Copies 25 cents.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW, (Funk & Wagnell's, New York,) for November is also full of sermonic literature and religious thought. Its scholarly variety is well sustained, no better monthly of its class exists.

THE DORCAS, Dorcas publishing company, New York. This monthly, which should have been noticed before, is specially a ladies' magazine; it is full of hints for domestic comfort, and of examples of how to beautify a house at little expense. The chapter on dress must be exceedingly useful, and the sentence of its publishers ought certainly to be true that she is indeed a dull woman whose house is not more beautiful, her friends no richer or her purse no heavier after a visit from Dorcas. \$1.00 per annum. A sample copy costs 10 cts.

Funk & Wagnell are asking 10,000 clergymen to indicate what books they had better publish as they have Meyer's for the holiday offer of next year. We trust they may obtain encouragement to go on in the good work they have been doing for the pastor's library.

HOME LIFE. Home Life Publishing Company, Charlton St., New York. This illustrated monthly magazine is a new candidate for public favour, and if succeeding numbers are equal in execution and matter to the one before us, the first, it deserves a large circulation. The Illustrations are of the first order of magazine illustrations. The illustration of "Sunday in London" is inimitable; a street deserted by all save two cats and a yawning policeman, slutters all up, and St. Pauls in the distance.

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