

You have been thinking of the devotees of the Eastern world? Where are the devotees of the West? Thank God there are many of them toiling here for the salvation of India, and many more scattered in every heathen land, besides many who are sleeping in missionary graves, and many working bravely on at home. But have we but one-half the devotion to Jesus Christ that the Hindu fakirs have to their gloomy faith, should we not do more to reach India's waiting millions? Should we not hasten to give Him our time, our means, our strength, ourselves—to suffer daily loss in that devotion, and to sacrifice it may be all that we hold most dear, that we may help to bring to these hearts the knowledge of His love?—*Missionary Review*.

ABOUT TIBET.

Tibet, the Closed Land, is situated north of India and west of China.

The elevation of Great Tibet is fifteen thousand feet.

Gold and silver are found both in the mountains and sands of the rivers, but they are not yet greatly utilized. Coal abounds and is used by the natives as fuel.

There are three high roads from the Chinese border to the Tibetan capital, Lhasa; two principal passes from the India side.

The population of Cashmere Tibet and Chinese Tibet is about 7,000,000.

The people are Mongolian in type, the men wearing pigtaile.

The manner of life of the common people is not unlike that of the Swiss.

The Tibetans have the kindly honesty of the mountaineer, but their personal habits are vile.

The homes of the people of Tibet are two or three stories high and built of mud or stone.

The food of Tibetans is milk, butter, cheese, mutton, and barley-bread; they distil alcohol from barley. Butter sixty years old is a delicacy in Tibet.

The head of the Tibetan government is the Grand Lama of Lhasa, who always dies before he reaches eighteen years of age, when another child in whom he is supposed to be incarnate is selected to succeed him.

The Grand Lama of Tibet is supported by many thousand monks who live in the monasteries which are scattered throughout the country. The monasteries resemble, for height and number of stories, modern apartment houses. The interiors are hung with tapestries, banners and pictures; the libraries are extensive.

The largest monasteries accommodate over three thousand priests. Monasteries abound in Tibet, and the monks are the land-owners, the peasants their serfs. Tibetan asceticism encourages the vilest immorality.

The drama is popular, consisting of a sort of miracle play, but much more corrupt in its teaching.

Prayer wheels, like windmills, are found everywhere.

Thousands of Bibles have been sent into Tibet.

The Moravians have been trying to enter Tibet for forty years, and have five missions on the borders.

Buddhist missionaries, during the first century A.D., entered Tibet to convert it to Buddhism.

Sikkim and Darjeeling are the India doors by which to enter Tibet by military and Christian occupation.

The Moravians, the Christian Alliance, Miss Annie Taylor, and Mr. Martha Sheldon of the W.F.M.S., have all entered Tibet, but it is next to impossible at the present date to get beyond the borders. *Missionary Review*.

LOOKS INTO BOOKS.

SUBJUGATION. By Stanley J. Weyland. Price \$1.25. 24 illustrations by C. A. Shepperson. London, Longmans, Green & Co., Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

This most recent addition to the Colonial Library is a historical romance dealing with the place of the Jacobites in the early years of William and Mary. Mingled with the hard and unsympathetic notes of most of the characters is to be found considerable sentiment and enough of poetry to keep the reader interested from the opening chapter to the closing pages. It is a pity, however, that the tone of the book is not of a little higher standard.

THE BLOOD OF THE WAR GOD. A Novel. By Henry Noel Brailsford. 12mo, pp. 337. \$1.25. New York, D. Appleton & Co.

The popularity of historical fiction still continues, although the reviewers of last autumn prophesied their early extinction. In this work Mr. Brailsford brings in a very interesting and instructive form, those events in Grecian History which form the most recent addition to its pages, which throughout abounds in the records of heroism, suffering, patriotism and poetry. The author was evidently familiar with the unwisdom of the recent struggle and

demonstrates to the reader very clearly the degeneracy of the Grecian warrior. A nation, politically, financially and physically weakened, they were altogether inadequate in their attack upon their old enemy. While the incidents of the war have not been lost sight of, the author, as in his former works, has interwoven sufficient romance, combined with his rather original literary style, to sustain the interest of the reader throughout.

A ROMANY OF THE SNOWS. By Gilbert Parker. Cloth, price \$1.25. Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

This last addition to the Canadian copyright edition of Gilbert Parker's works is to hand. The Copp, Clark Co. are to be congratulated on placing in the hands of Canadian readers such a uniform edition of the works of this well-known author at such a reasonable price, and in such rapid succession. The sale of this edition in this country should certainly be large.

MRS. FAUCHON. By Gilbert Parker. Cloth, price \$1.25. Toronto, Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

Another volume of the Canadian copyright edition of Gilbert Parker's works issued by the Copp, Clark Co. is just to hand. It is pleasing to note the promptness and regularity with which this house is keeping its promise to issue at regular intervals this very excellent series of fiction. It would be well if more of our readers, particularly heads of families, would cultivate a taste for the better class of fiction among the members of their families, and encourage them in securing these better editions well printed and substantially bound, instead of the cheap and unreliable literature which is so popular at the present time.

Messrs. J. Fischer & Bro., Bible House, New York, have just issued two new sacred choruses, namely, *Te Deum*, No. 3, for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, by J. Wiegand, and *Praise Ye The Lord*, for Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass, by J. B. Muller.

Mr. George H. Morang, of Toronto, has just issued "With Fire and Sword," a historical novel, by Henryk Sienkiewicz translated by Jeremiah Curtin, price 75 cents. No stronger recommendation of this work could be given than that it is by the same author and companion of *Quo Vadis*. The author has ample scope for his original and artistic style in dealing with the incidents of the struggle of Poland with Russia.

Mr. George N. Morang, of Toronto, has just issued a Canadian edition of "Celebrity," by Winston Churchill, in a neat paper cover, price 50 cents. This work of Mr. Churchill's is full of bright humor, and sustains a most interesting plot. It has been claimed by some that the author is a son of the late Randolph Churchill, and if there were no evidence to the contrary, one would assume from the ability displayed by the author that he had sprung from that gifted family. A large sale may be expected for this publication.

Mr. W. F. Shaw, Music Publisher, Toronto, has just placed upon our table several of his recent publications, among which might be mentioned a *Folio of Sacred Song*, comprising a collection of 57 solos, suitable for either home or church. The *Folio of Song*, a collection of vocal gems with accompaniments for organ or piano, together with a number of instrumental pieces, nicely printed and at reasonable prices. A full list of subjects can be obtained by application to the publishers.

MAGAZINES.

Among the interesting articles in *Chambers' Journal* for April will be read "Liverpool, Its Privateers and Its Slave Trade" which covers a period commencing with 1563; "The Evolution of the Magic Lantern," by T. C. Hepworth; "The Strange Story of Lady Dundee," etc.

The *Presbyterian Quarterly* of the Southern Church for April is to hand with a budget of good strong articles and more than the usual quantity of book reviews. It need not be said that the standpoint of all is conservative. The list of subjects and writers is as follows: "The New Pneumatology," by Dr. R. A. Webb; "The Ancient Hebrew Polity," by Dr. B. M. Palmer; "The Diatessaron of Titian," by Dr. P. P. Flournoy; "The Coming of Our Lord," by Dr. W. A. Alexander; "The Religious Element in Education," by Dr. R. P. Kerr; "Two Famous Christmas Days," by Dr. E. D. Warfield; "Homer as a Poetic Myth," by Dr. E. L. Patton. Among the book reviews the foremost place is given to a resume of the works of Sir William Dawson. \$3 a year. S. C. Hyr, Columbia, S. C.

A feature of special interest in the May number of *Harper's Round Table* will be the announcement of the Three Prize Stories in the Original Short Story Competition, as well as the result of the Photographic Competition.