

Looks Into Books.

Immortal Songs.

A holiday volume of exceptional excellence in literary merit and mechanical make-up is "Immortal Songs of Camp and Field," by Rev. Louis Albert Banks, D.D. It is similar in design and execution to the author's "Immortal Hymns and their Story," which proved so successful last year. Twenty-five patriotic songs are published with an interesting account of the authors, the occasion of their production, and incidents connected with their use. The publishers, The Burrows Brothers Company, of Cleveland, have produced the book in the best style of the bookmaker's art. The volume is enriched with fifty-eight full page portraits and illustrations, printed on heavy calendered paper. We quote a paragraph or two from the story of Rudyard Kipling's famous jubilee hymn:

"The great poem came at the close of the jubilee exercises and struck the world with a surprise. While Mr. Kipling has long been regarded as a great writer of fiction, and a strong poet, the deep note of strength, the undertone of volcanic earnestness, as well as the profound religious faith of the Recessional, were qualities which had not been attributed to Mr. Kipling by the majority of people."

"It is not to be marvelled at that this keen student of human nature and of human history should have been able to perceive that 'the far-flung battle-line,' 'the dominion over palm and pine,' 'the tumult and the shouting,' 'the captains and the kings,' and 'the far-called navies' are only dust and ashes, unless God lives in the hearts and controls the character of those who wield these instruments; and that 'the frantic boast,' and 'the foolish word' may pull a national structure down upon the heads of a people drunken with their own power and riches."

"The sublime and solemn refrain of the poem:

"Lest we forget, lest we forget,"

called back not only the British people in all parts of the world, but the conscience of all civilization, to the one abiding source of human power."

Periodicals.

IN timeliness, variety, and positiveness of quality and interest the November number of *McClure's* must be pronounced a rare magazine. A character sketch of Colonel Theodore Roosevelt presents, in its full picturesqueness, the personality of one of the most independent, original, and forceful of living Americans. "A True Story of the Fire Patrol," and Mr. E. Fitzgerald's account of his own experiences in leading a party for the first time in human record to the tops of the two highest mountain peaks in the Western Hemisphere, exhibit human power in the strongest, most heroic manifestation. And Mr. H. J. W. Dam's portrayal of "The Mystery of Vesuvius" gives a sense of the profundity and mightiness of the great earth dragon not to be had from any other writing on the subject. Then there are three or four very strong short stories—one by Stephen Crane that shows him to great advantage in an entirely new field.

Rich as the autumn woods in color and varied as its tints are the contents of November *Outing*. They touch every timely sport and pastime, and illustrate it with the best obtainable art. The contents are as follows: "Football, the Forecast of the Season," by Walter Paret; "Amateur Golf Championships," by H. L. Fitz Patrick; "The Yarn of the Yampa" (St. Petersburg and Moscow), by E. L. H. McGinnis; "Lawn Tennis of the Year," by J. Parmlly Paret; "Trapping With Steel Traps," by Ed. W. Sandys; "A Thanksgiving Shooting Trip," by W. R. Armstrong; "Salmon Fishing With the Indians," by "Fritz"; "Up Vesuvius," by Emma T. Wilkinson; "A Thanksgiving Deer Hunt in West Virginia," by B. W. Mitchell; "A Tragic Moose-Call," by Arthur A. Shute; "A Stormy Cruise in a Centerboard Sloop," by A. J. Kenealy. The monthly review of amateur sports and pastimes is full of facts and records in the handiest form for reference.

UPON educational questions, in which the *Atlantic* is always strong and interesting, the November number offers three valuable papers. Hamilton W. Mabie pays a judicious and well-deserved tribute to the activity and energy of the great West in promoting educational culture by schools and associations; Professor Munsterberg shows that the proper attitude of Psychology towards Art is to analyze and interpret the creations of the latter and the receptive emotions produced by them; and "Three School Superintendents" detail many of the most crying evils of the public-school system and indicate the remedies in matters which vitally concern the whole community. John Muir's "Wild Animals of the Yosemite," interspersed with lively snake and bear stories, is one of his most characteristic and entertaining papers. The installment of the Letters of Carlyle is particularly rich and impressive, covering as it does his mother's last illness and death, and the preparation of his Life of Cromwell. Charles T. Copeland, the editor of the series, accompanies the letters with a brilliant sketch of Carlyle as a Letter Writer.

Is more than half a million homes *The Youth's Companion* comes every week, the welcome guest of young and old—read with equal interest by every member of the household. The best of fiction, poetry, sketches of travel, instructive articles, comment on current events and selected miscellany and anecdotes fill its columns from week to week and from year to year. The publishers promise that the volume for 1899 will surpass all former ones, in variety, interest and value. Among the two hundred distinguished contributors already engaged are Hon. John D. Long, Secretary of the Navy, Edward Everett Hale, Henry M. Stanley, Sarah Orne Jewett, W. D. Howells, Poultney Bigelow, Herbert E. Hamblen, Hon. Carl Schurz, Rt. Hon. James Bryce, John Burroughs, Robert Barr, Thomas Nelson Page, Bret Harte, William Black, Alfred Austin, Andrew Lang and Dr. William A. Hammond. All subscribers to the 1899 volume will receive *The Companion's* new Calendar, exquisitely colored, with a border of stamped gold. The paper will be given free also from the time subscription is received until January 1, 1899, then a full year to January 1, 1900. A handsome illustrated announcement and sample copies will be sent free to any one addressing The Youth's Companion, 211 Columbus Ave., Boston, Mass.

THE Thanksgiving *Ladies Home Journal* marks the fifteenth anniversary of that widely read magazine, which now sells \$50,000 copies each month, and its editor reviews its past under the unique heading, "Fifteen Years of Mistakes," revealing his plans for its improvement and for its greater usefulness in the future. "The Anecdotal Side of Mr. Moody," reveals the chief characteristics of the great Evangelist in a succession of interesting stories, and "My First Night in the Jungle" is Henry M. Stanley's narrative of the first of his journeys into Africa. "How Richard Wagner Wrote His Operas" gives the nearest, clearest and most interesting view of the famous composer that has yet been written. The first chapters of Mary E. Wilkins' new serial are among the fiction features. Miss Wilkins reverses the novelist's usual order, and makes ludicrous the mistakes of city people in the country. Another that will be followed with keen interest is "The Girls of Camp Arcady," also beginning in the November issue. It is a sparkling, vivacious narrative of four girl bread-winners who live together in a New York flat.

THE *Treasury of Religious Thought* for November, 1898, begins the second half year of the sixteenth volume of this attractive magazine. The frontpiece is a portrait of the Rev. S. A. Cornelius. There are sermons and addresses by Rev. Dr. T. L. Cuyler, and his able successor, Rev. Dr. David Gregg, of Brooklyn, and by Rev. Dr. W. H. Albright, of Boston; and outlines of sermons by Dr. G. B. P. Hallock, Dr. Joseph Parker, of London, Eng., Dr. Irwin, and the Rev. Charles T. Wilson. The opening illustrated article, on "Applied Christianity," gives the story of the Red Cross Society and the earlier movements which led up to it. The Rev. P. J. Mallett, of Beloit, Wis., discusses the Financial Problem of the Church; Prof. Small continues his summary of the "Movements Among the Churches," and Dr. Hallock his inspiring prayer-meeting suggestions. The minor departments of the magazine are all well sustained, as usual. E. B. Treat & Co., Publishers, 241-243 West 23rd St., New York.

EVERY one should read Dr. Henry V. Noyes's article, in *The Missionary Review of the World* for November, on "The Present Situation in China." It is a masterly survey of the conditions and outlook from both a political and missionary standpoint. Another interesting article is contributed by Dr. John M. Allis of Chile and deals with the moral and religious condition of that South American Republic. This article is well illustrated from photographs. The Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Pierson, this month gives us another of the "Miracles of Missions," describing the story of the founding of the Harotsi Mission in South Central Africa. Other articles worthy of special attention are Dr. Ellinwood's discussion of "The Doctrine of Sacrifice in India," H. F. La Plante's "Some Mission Fundamentals Illustrated," and "Mormonism in Politics and Religion."

Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly for November is the initial number in the new and improved form of this long time favorite illustrated family magazine, with a handsome cover in colors and gold. Its price is reduced to ten cents, one dollar per annum.