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PUBLICATION COMMITTEE.

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THE AMERICAN S. S. UNION have issued for the little ones BREAD FROM GOD, illustrating by colored pictures the process of bread-making, from the sowing of the seed to the thankful receiving of the bread at table. There is a lack of artistic grace in the drawings, but, on the whole, the work is well done. MABEL, OR THE BITTER ROOT, is a moving and even powerful story of the days of the witchcraft excitement under King James I. of England, when school-children shared in the movement, and were led by their little jealousies into similar evil courses toward each other, with their elders. 18mo. pp. 248, illustrated. HOW PAUL BECAME AN ARTIST is an entertaining story of help rendered to a poor crippled boy, by another boy in possession of wealth and health. 18mo. pp. 131.

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BAY LEAVES and other Poems, by Gilbert Nash (Nichols & Noyes, Boston), has its merits; fluency of language, ease of versification, popular themes treated in simple style, but the light, the charm, the fervor of solid genius are wanting. pp. 295.

LITERARY ITEMS.

The Archbishop of York in a recent speech, said: "Let me tell you the story of the little book which I hold in my hand. It is a copy of the New Testament, but on the title-page is written 'Vol. 1,000.' The reason of that is that there is a great publisher in Germany, who has printed for the use of English people living abroad, and for the Americans, almost all the English classics, and when he had come to the 999th volume of his great series he said to himself, 'I will present to the English people, in gratitude for the patronage they have given to me, the present they love the most: I will give them a copy of the New Testament, printed with the utmost care, and sold at a price which cannot remunerate me.' But the point of my story is this—that the book which was published two or three months ago, has been so much appreciated on account of one peculiar feature—in

it, that the public, instead of receiving it as a present, paid for it as a matter of business. The book, instead of selling 8,000 or 10,000, has sold now some 30,000 copies; and the publisher, in spite of himself, has been enriched thereby. And what does this mean? Why, it means that there is an almost passionate avidity among our people to read and study the word of God. The peculiar feature in this volume is that besides the actual text of the New Testament, there are two or three lines at the foot of the page, which show the variations of the three greatest manuscripts ever discovered. You may perhaps wish that there was no such thing as a variation talked of; but no volume will do more than this will do to confirm our confidence in the text of the New Testament as we have it, because although there are variations, yet we have, on the one hand, manuscript authority for the New Testament, such as exists in no other ancient work whatever, and because on the other hand these variations, such as they are, affect no doctrine, but leave the substance of the blessed New Testament to us entirely intact."

A writer in the London Court Journal says that Mr. Watts, of the National Library, possessed a most remarkable memory. He could instantly point out the press and shelf of probably more than 10,000 works. He liked to meet Americans, and always prided himself on knowing something of the personal history of every prominent one who came to see him. The present writer well remembers two attempts to test this faculty. One day, without any notice, he took a friend into Mr. Watts' recess, and said abruptly, "Mr. Watts, let me introduce to you Professor Silliman, of Yale College." "Oh," said he, rising, and cordially extending his hand, "how very fortunate, Dr. Benjamin Silliman, that you should appear here of all the places in the world, just fifty years since your first visit, when in your Travels you wrote a most interesting account of our library. Come, let us go and see your rare little book, and at the same time I will show you the library, and afford you the opportunity of writing another account, showing our half-century's progress"—and he walked off the Professor to a remote part of the library, and laid his hand on the volume, as if it had been one for his daily reading. A similar readiness delighted and astonished Hon. G. P. Marsh with respect to his little privately-printed Icelandic grammar.

An announcement just made by the publishers of Every Saturday must be placed among the important literary news of the coming year. The paper is to be illustrated and completely changed in form, adopting the general style and size of Harper's Weekly, without, however, altering the character of its literary contents. Messrs. Fields, Osgood & Co., promise to make it, "the handsomest illustrated paper in America." The illustrations are to be engraved from designs by leading European artists, including Paed, Frith, Sir Francis Grant, Charles Keene, Leighton, Marcus Stone, Du Maurier, and Harrison Weir; and they are to embrace views of famous places, incidents of life and travel, portraits of living celebrities, and copies of celebrated paintings.

C. Scribner and Co. are about issuing a new volume of Lange's Commentary, embracing Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and Solomon's Song.

Missionary Items.

The London Missionary Society has been revising its whole work, with such points in view as the following: 1. Withdrawal of English missionaries from the charge of native churches and Christianized communities. 2. Bringing out the principle of self-support among native converts. 3. Re-apportionment of funds, according to more definite information on the wants and importance of the fields. 4. Consolidation of missions and careful arrangement of missionary brethren into committees to aid in planning particulars of the Society's missionary policy. Men and means are thus economized, and a forward movement has commenced, over the whole field reached by the Society. The mission to Mongolia, near the Siberian edge of the Tartar desert, broken up by the Russian Government will be re-commenced from the Chinese side. New missions in the New Hebrides, with a force of 30 native Evangelists, are contemplated; reinforcements will go to Central Africa; numerous additional buildings will be erected in connection with the missions in India and China, but especially does the work in Madagascar receive attention. Five ordained missionaries will proceed to the island early in the coming summer, with one, if not two, medical missionaries. The Betsileo province has long waited for help, and it is proposed to place, if possible, four ordained missionaries and one medical man amongst its important and populous towns.

The Scottish U. P. Foreign Board is taking hold of the work in Spain. Cadiz will be the new centre of operations.

Twenty-two new laborers have been sent out by the Presbyterian Board since May.—Native females, graduates of the Normal School of the Presbyterian Board in the Furrukabad mission, have, after considerable opposition, arising from native prejudice, been put in charge of two of the Zenana schools, and are reported as doing well.—The Christian Work of December, reports that the Medical Mission in Bombay has started a training-class for the instruction of native youths, who might afterwards go forth among their countrymen as medical agents or catechists. These youths, four in number, and all decidedly pious, have made steady progress in anatomy, chemistry, and materia medica, and were about to commence their second session on the 1st of November. One of them is maintained by the Free Church Mission in Poona; one by the Church Mission Society, and two are wards of the Medical Mission.

The Shantung Mission of the Presbyterian Board is undergoing sore trials. Not only are threats of fines and expulsion from the family clan made against natives favoring Christianity, but a native laborer in Chow Yuen, named Meaon, and the lessee of the chapel in which he labored have been cruelly beaten and imprisoned. Meaon received four hundred and fifty stripes,

one hundred on his face, was compelled, bruised and bleeding to walk forty miles, and was thrown into prison, from which the missionary in vain has sought to rescue him. He witnessed a most noble confession. Rev. C. W. Mateer, in view of these troubles, writes, Aug. 30: "The prospect for the peaceful prosecution of our work is on all sides dark."

A Sixth Church has been organized in Brazil by the Presbytery of Rio, in the field of the Presbyterian Board. Sorocaba is the new position, a town sixty miles S. W. of Rio. It is a point of great importance as a missionary station. A fair is annually held there at which many thousands of horses and mules, brought up from the Southern provinces, are sold to go North. And there is a wide-awake tone to society not found in most parts of the interior. It is also the centre of one of the most flourishing cotton-growing regions of the country.

Rev. W. Shoobred of the Scottish U. P. mission has been traveling in the N. W. of India, and describes the incidents of a visit to the Rajah of Bhondee and a remarkable discussion held with him upon the claims of Christianity. The Rajah, he says, is no common man. He is, indeed, in some respects the most extraordinary man whom I met in India. So gravely and yet sweetly courteous, so fair in argument, so tolerant of adverse opinion, so ready to acknowledge the truth, so open to conviction, and yet firm in maintaining his own opinions till convinced of his error. Such a man is not far from the kingdom of God. Of part of the discussion, he gives the following account:—I was, of course, asked to explain the origin of evil. I gave them the illustration of a mechanic's work seen by a child while yet unfinished—the child thinks it all a mistake and a muddle. "So, Maharajah, you and I look on God's yet unfinished work of creation, seeing evil still rampant, we fancy it all an embroglio and mistake. But the day is coming when God's creative work shall be finished, when in pure and perfected spirits the Father of spirits shall find the crown of His creation, and the temple into which, with all his love and glory, He can enter and where He can forever dwell. You and I, and all of us; as I hope, being there as living stones in that glorious temple, shall see eye to eye, and be able to sing without one discord the song, 'Great and marvellous are Thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are Thy ways, Thou King of saints.' That was a view which their narrow cosmogonies had never pictured to them, which had never presented itself to their imaginations even in their wildest dreams. It flashed upon them as a revelation of harmony and love. Maharajah's so sad and wan face—poor fellow!—flushed into the radiance of a sudden joy, and a courtier grinning from ear to ear, and unable to restrain his joy, actually clapped his hands!

The late General Assembly of the former O. S. branch adopted a plan which, as carried out by Presbyteries, is nearly equivalent to an assessment of the amounts needed for benevolent causes upon the churches. The Foreign Missionary, organ of this branch, is not satisfied with the results likely to be attained. It says: From some symptoms and utterances we are afraid that certain churches will be satisfied with the amount specified by the Presbytery, though they may fall short of their former contributions. If any thus act that have done and are capable of doing more, then the plan will be to such an evil. While the Board and the General Assembly may by certain utterances seek to guide the whole church as to duty, no individual member or congregation is responsible to these, but to the Great Head of the Church.

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