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NEW PUBLICATIONS.

SERMONS BY HENRY WARD BEECHER, Plymouth Church, Brooklyn. With steel plate by Halpine. Completed in two volumes, 8 vo., cloth, beveled. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh.

Comparatively few printed sermons are read outside of the immediate circle of personal admirers, divinity students, and clergymen. Most of the published sermons are not burdened with doctrinal points, as in olden times, but are designed to convey some lesson of duty on public and special occasions. Mr. Beecher, however, and such divines as Newman Hall, Spurgeon and Punshon, are exceptional. Such has been the desire to read the sermons of these popular ministers, that certain religious papers have furnished them from week to week to their readers. The forty-six sermons, compriesing these two volumes, were selected from over five hundred published and re-published discourses, and carefully revised by their author. They embrace a wide range of topics, and show the wonderful grasp of thought, and genius of Mr. Beecher. His extraordinary talents and fertility of mind is surprising and without a rival. In every *vols* he assumes he is master of the situation. Fault is sometimes found with his theology, and for his liberal views upon vital doctrinal points. People, however, do not consult sermons to build up their religious faith, as in olden times. His pulpit labors and great success in building up the Kingdom of God among men, overshadows his peculiar views in doctrinal matters. These sermons will have a wide circulation and will add still greater lustre to the already brilliant fame of this eloquent divine. The set would be a capital gift to pastors these holiday times.

CHANGING BASE; or, what Edward Rice learned at School. By William Everett, Author of "On the Cars," illustrated. Published by Lee and Shepard, Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

This excellent work is worthy of commendation for two reasons, namely, it is a well-told story of the varied phases of school-life, and illustrates what may be accomplished by perseverance and unflagging industry. Rice, the central figure in a company of students, in a classical school, who had been noted for his lack of energy and delinquency in his studies, and in the discipline brought upon him by his course, so completely "changed his base," that he became the first scholar in the school. There is so much to commend in this work that we are not disposed to find fault with any part. Capital book for a gift to a boy.

THE PHILOSOPHY OF DOMESTIC LIFE. By W. H. Byford, W. D., of Chicago, Illinois. Published by Lee and Shepard, Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

The valuable suggestions embodied in it, are the result of careful thought and observations among all classes of society, by a highly respected physician of Chicago. The Doctor advocates the elements of domestic life from a point above the loose views upon this relation so prevalent now-a-days. He clings tenaciously to the old theory of wedded life, as being the only one to insure happiness of the highest type Among the topics, are "Marriage," "Ethics of Married Life," "Family Government," "Management of Family Affairs," etc. The work deserves to be widely read, as it teaches lessons on wedded life worthy to be followed.

THE WOMAN'S KINGDOM. A Love Story. By the Author of "John Halifax, Gentleman," "Two Marriages," etc. Published by Harper & Brothers, New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

Domestic life is portrayed in this "love story," by one who has written much and well on this theme. The story is admirably constructed, and each character stands out in bold relief. Unlike many of the love stories, there is a vein of purity and noble purpose running through the entire volume. Lessons are taught of vital interest to all classes of social life. Most of the admirers of this gifted author think this is her best book. Miss Muloch possesses rare talents and occupies a commanding position in the literary world.

THE MORRISONS. A Story of Domestic Life. By Mrs. Margaret Hosmer, author of "Ten Years of a Life-time." Published by T. B. Petersen & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale by W. A. Gildenfenney, Pittsburgh.

We have here portrayed a very interesting story of domestic life. The plot is simple and the characters natural, and the straightforward style of the work, ought to make it popular. The various phases of life are presented in an attractive manner, and in a form which makes the story readable and entertaining.

ACROSS THE ATLANTIC. By Dr. Charles H. Haeseler. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia. For sale by W. A. Gildenfenney, Pittsburgh.

This volume comprises a series of letters from France, Switzerland, Germany, Italy and England, most of them having appeared originally in the *Miner's Journal*. Most of them, however, have been re-written and enlarged materially. Numerous as such works are, a careful European tourist cannot fail to pick up much that is new and interesting. The letters are unpretending, but written in a lively vein, and contain much valuable information. During Dr. Haeseler's travels of several months he passed over a great extent of country. Places of interest, and manners and customs of different places are given in a pleasant style.

WILLY MAITLAND; or the Lord's Prayer Illustrated. Published by Henry Hoyt, Boston.

Lessons of great moral worth are embodied in this little volume, and the characteristics of this inimitable prayer are beautifully illustrated. It is an admirable book for the Sunday School Library.

BERTIE AND THE PLUMBERS. BERTIE AND THE PAINTERS. LITTLE FRANKIE ON A JOURNEY. LITTLE FRANKIE AND HIS MOTHER. Published by Woolworth, Ainsworth & Co., and A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

These four juvenile works are the products of Mrs. Madeline Leslie's pen. They are well written and admirably adapted to young folks. There is a healthy glow pervading each one which makes them safe books to introduce into the family circle or Sunday School Library. Their tasteful appearance and showy binding, will attract the young people.

PASSAGES FROM THE AMERICAN NOTE BOOKS OF NATHANIEL HAWTHORNE, 2 Vols. Published by Ticknor & Fields, Boston. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

These notes reveal the inner man of one of the greatest writers of his time. They contain passages of marvellous beauty, and readers of Hawthorne will readily discover the secret and charm of his other works. They are noted in journal form, commencing in 1835 and ending in 1853, and range from a single sentence to pages. These fragmentary passages, though much of a medley, are without a parallel for exuberance and delicacy of thought. There is, however, a vein of sadness throughout, or rather a lack of faith in men and things, which indicates that this gifted writer was so much absorbed with the beauties of Nature, as to fail to see God revealed in Nature in the highest sense.

THE POETICAL WORKS OF SIR WALTER SCOTT, Baronet. Complete edition. Published by Ticknor & Fields, Boston. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

The "Diamond" edition of the Poets, by this enterprising house, has become quite popular, because of its convenient size and low price. The publication of Tennyson's poems in 1866, followed with the issue of Longfellow and Whittier's, in this form, produced a large sale of these favorite authors. Of the merits of Scott's poems nothing need be said, as his fame is world-wide.

A FEW FRIENDS AND HOW THEY AMUSED THEMSELVES. By M. E. Dodge, author of "Hans Brinker" and "Irvington Stories." Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Philadelphia. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

Works of this character are worthy of a wide circulation, because they accomplish a two-fold object, amusing the reader while conveying instruction. The work embraces nine chapters, and contains descriptions of twenty pastimes and games, and a fancy dress ball. During these long evenings the fireside circle of juniors and seniors may be entertained by the racy descriptions of this volume. The author is a capital story-teller.

RURAL POEMS. By William Barnes. Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston. For sale by booksellers generally.

This dainty volume smells of the fragrance of rural scenes and domestic charms. There is a beauty and simplicity of style which breathe the true idea of poetry. The poems are short, rich in language, and have the ring of the highest tone of versification. The volume is bound in beautiful style and bevelled and printed on rich cream paper, and is a capital gift book. The English press speak in terms of extravagant praise of the poems.

NO LOVE LOST: A Romance of Travel. By W. D. Howells, author of Venetian Life, &c. Published by G. P. Putnam & Son, New York. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

The title of this charming poem is significant, and the reputation of the author would be sufficient to commend it. But it is full of gems which sparkle throughout the entire poem. It is well named a "romance of travel," and the lovers of genuine poetry will welcome this additional creation of the gifted Howell. Just at this season of the year it ought to have a wide sale. The superb style in which the book is gotten up makes it suitable for a gift.

THE POETRY OF COMPLIMENT AND COURTSHIP: Selected and arranged by John Williamson Palmer, editor of "Folk Songs," with illustrations. Published by Ticknor & Fields, Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis, 93 Wood street, Pittsburgh.

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THE LITTLE GYPSY. By Elie Sauvage. Illustrated by Lorenz Frolich. Translated from the French by I. M. Luyster. Published by Roberts Brothers, Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis, Pittsburgh.

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APPLETON'S JUVENILE ANNUAL for 1869. A Christmas and New Year's Gift for Young People. With numerous illustrations. Published by D. Appleton & Co., New York. For sale by Henry Miner, Pittsburgh.

For elegance of attire, beautiful illustrations, and variety of subjects, this Annual is worthy of the highest commendation. Young people may be feasted with rich and entertaining stories. High toned, and the superb illustrations of the text, add an additional charm to the book. Then its beautiful blue colored cover, with curiously wrought devices of gold and dark colors, makes it a rich ornament for the centre table. Parents will do well to let the young people, by all means, have this beautiful Annual as a holiday gift.

MADAME THERESE. By Messieurs Erkmann-Chatrian. New York: Charles S. Scribner & Co. Pittsburgh: R. S. Davis.

This is the first of the Erkmann-Chatrian novels we have read in English, and we are glad that we have read it. The reputations of the authors are well established in France and well deserved, and the present translation is an excellent one. The story is very simple, scarcely deserving the dignity of being called a plot; but, from beginning to end, the book is a collection of pictures; life-like, simple, village pictures; pictures which show the combined power of the two authors, the village scenes and characters are depicted so well with the pen that they remind us of Teniers paintings. The description of the skirmish in the village is as graphically written and as wonderful in its details Victor Hugo's description of Waterloo in *Les Miserables*, while there is a pre-raphaelism about the whole that, in so simple a book, cannot fail to please. Those persons who seek for a sensation novel need not glance at Madame Therese. Those who want a hearty, simple little book, well written and well translated with a purely foreign flavor, can surely find it here.

THE WICKEDEST WOMAN IN NEW YORK. By C. H. Webb, New York; S. W. Carleton.

To those who have read Liffith Lank and St. Twelme, we need say nothing of the author of this book, but to those unhappy few who have not seen either of these pamphlets, we may mention that as a punster, a writer of burlesques, and a creator of comic situations, Mr. Webb is probably unequalled, and certainly unsurpassed, by any of his contemporaries. This new production is short, humorous and witty. Mr. Carleton has produced it handsomely, on tinted paper, neatly printed and appropriately illustrated. The name of its readers will be legion.

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