The Pittsburgh Gazette.

A MAIDEN'S "PSALM OF LIFE."

Tell us not the idle jingle,
"Marriage is an empty dream!"
For a girl is dead that's single,
And women are not what they seem.

Life is real! Life is earnest!
Single blessedness a nb!
"Man thou art, to man returnest!"
Has been spoken of the rib.

Not enjoyment and not in sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each to-morrow
Finds us nearer the marriage-day.

Life is long and youth is fleeting,
And our hearts, though light and gay,
Still like pleasant dreams are beating,
Wedding marches all the way.

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a heroine—a wife!

Trust no future, howe'er pleasant,
Let the dead Past bury its dead!
Act—act in the living Present!
Heart within and hope ahead!

Lives of married folks remind us
We can live our lives as well;
And departing, leave behind us,
Such examples as shall "tell."

Such examples, that another,
Wasting time in idle sport,
A forlorn, unmarried brother,
Seeing shall take heart and court.

Let us, then, be up and doing,
With a heart on triumph set;
Still contriving, still pursuing,
And each one a husband get.

RELIGIOUS INTELLIGENCE.

Comparatively few, outside of those immediately interested, are aware of the grandeur and magnitude of the gathering of the "American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions," to be held in the Third Presbyterian church, in this city, commencing Tuesday, October 5th, and closing Friday morning, as to its numbers, important discussions and interests. It will be an event in our city, that will arouse the people of all evangelical denominations here, as well as in contiguous places. The commingling of the churches, will tend to broaden the spirit of union and brotherly love. In connection with the spiritual influence of the meeting, it will afford an opportunity of hearing speeches, in many instances, of an impromptu character, of rare occurrence. In view of the vast concourse that is expected and usually attends its annual meetings, the Committee of Arrangements, Rev. F. A. Noble, Joseph Albree and William Thaw, have issued a circular inviting the pastors of Pittsburgh, Allegheny and vicinity, to aid in providing entertainment. The organs of the different denominations in this city have endorsed the request and urge the people to respond heartily and promptly. We hope the spirit of hospitality and catholicity will be equal to the emergency, and that it is only necessary to make the request. Dr. Hopkins, President of Williams College, will preside. Dr. Todd, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, will preach the annual sermon on Tuesday evening. Besides these, many eminent men, both of the ministry and laity, will be present, and also a large number of Missionaries, some of whom have rendered distinguished service to the Master, will be in attendance, and address the meeting from time to time. Persons who desire to entertain will send their names at once to the Committee.

Thus far fifteen of the Annual Conferences of the Methodist Episcopal Church have voted on the lay delegation question, that is to change the Restrictive rule of the Church, to make it legal to introduce the lay element. The aggregate of the vote is 1,195, yeas 925, nays 270, more than three-fourths majority, which is requisite to effect the change.

The Erie Conference of the M. E. Church meets at Franklin, Pa., Wednesday, September 29. This is one of the patronizing Conferences of the Pittsburgh *Christian Advocate*, and has representatives on the Publishing Committee.

Thursday, the 23d inst., will be observed as the twelfth anniversary of the Fulton street Prayer Meeting, New York. The exercises will be very interesting.

The American Board of Foreign Missions will send out twenty-nine missionaries this fall, of whom twenty go for the first time.

Drs. Jacobus and Fowler, the Moderators of the Presbyterian General Assemblies, have addressed a letter to Pope Pius Ninth, combatting the assumptions contained in the encyclical letter.

According to the *Liberal Christian*, the best way to fill up the pews of a church is for half a dozen men of the congregation to scatter themselves up and down the streets, and at corners, and invite young men to go to the church, literally compel the people to come in, as illustrated in the parable of the marriage of the king's son.

It seems probable that the report that two hundred negroes are studying for the priesthood, in Rome, for the South, is true. These colored men are designed specially for their brethren in the South. If the report is true, it illustrates the practical working of the Catholic system to educate the freedmen in the faith of Rome.

Rev. C. H. Doane, who has been entrusted with the work of soliciting donations for the American Catholic College in Rome, has received up to the last report the grand sum of one hundred and sixty-eight thousand dollars.

Reference was made to the movement at Christ Episcopal church, Allegheny, to provide special services for persons of foreign birth, who had been raised and educated in the Church of England, since which, we have learned, it is assuming a tangible form, and promises to do good. The Rector, Rev. B. F. Brooke, is striving also to adopt proper means to organize the colored Episcopalians in the two cities and vicinity into a society. Meetings are being held to facilitate the object, and it is expected ere long the project will be consummated, a regularly organized colored Episcopal church.

From the course of Bishop McIlvaine, of the Episcopal Diocese of Ohio, in some diocesan matters, it is thought he is less favorable to reforms in that Church, than formerly. A writer in the *Church Journal* asserts that he is becoming more conservative, and ventures the prediction that he will yet make the "tallest High Churchman in the land."

The *Methodist* is credited with the report that a man in Iowa, in the last stages of consumption, was lately baptized by immersion and thought his health benefitted thereby.

Thirteen new Jewish Synagogues have been established in this country during the Jewish year 5,629, just closed.

Church corporations are sometimes shrewdly arranged, financially. The Reformed (Dutch) Church in New York, is a case in point. The vestry of the old Nassau Street church rented the building for a postoffice, and for many years drew a rent of twenty thousand dollars. Then they sold it for two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and bought six lots on Fifth avenue for thirty thousand dollars, which are worth two hundred thousand dollars. They also bought, about thirty years ago, four lots in Lafayette Place, on which they also built a church. For these lots they paid ten thousand dollars. They now ask four hundred thousand dollars.

According to the *Advance* the St. James Episcopal Sunday school of Brooklyn, New York, celebrated its first anniversary by a ball, which lasted from 4 P. M. to midnight. Quadrilles, gallops, schottisches, polkas, etc., were interspersed. It ended with "Home, Sweet Home."

A report is afloat, we believe by the New York *Observer*, that during the past year two hundred and seventy-one churches have been dedicated, embracing nine denominations. Of this number seventy-two are Methodist. According to the statistics of the Methodist Episcopal Church, just published, the *net increase* of churches (houses of worship) last year was *five hundred and seventy*. Besides these over one hundred and forty new and improved churches were built to substitute old ones, making the number of Methodist Episcopal Churches last year *seven hundred and ten*.

NEW PUBLICATIONS.

THE LITERATURE OF THE AGE OF ELIZABETH. By Edwin P. Whipple. Published by Fields, Osgood & Co., Boston. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

Mr. Whipple is among the few living writers competent to prepare an intelligent work on the "Literature of the Age of Elizabeth." He is peculiarly constituted for analytical researches, and no better field could offer than the theme he has selected. The style of Mr. Whipple is rigidly severe in construction, and abounds in curt and sharply turned sentences. Running through the lectures there is a cheerful vein and brilliancy that dazzles and itensifies the reader. The master minds portrayed, Shakespeare, Johnson, Locke and others, are not only treated as they live in history individually, but the influence they had upon the age. Notwithstanding the prominence of the intellectual element in all Mr. Whipple's writings, there is such a charm and vivacity infused, that he is popular, and his works are extensively read. The Literature of the Age means simply the influence which originated or culminated in the reign of Elizabeth, and which did not altogether cease to act at her death. These lectures are well worth publication, and ought to be widely circulated.

PROTESTANT GEMS OF THE PRAYER BOOK. By Rev. J. Pleasonton Du Hamel, Diocese of Delaware. Published by Clayton, Remsen & Haffelfinger, Philadelphia. For sale by S. A. Clarke & Co., Pittsburgh.

These "Gems" are simply samples of the whole Prayer Book, which, it is claimed, directly protests against Catholicism. The author has set these gems in a framework that challenges the admiration and homage of the Christian world. Coupled with this array of beautiful thoughts is the weaving together of historical events that give interest and value to the collection. The author evidently is tinged with a degree of conservatism that opposes the radical reforms of the age, and is an advocate of Apostolic succession.

MILFRED GWYNNE. A story of a Wilful Life. Published by Henry Hoyt, Boston. For sale by F. G. Rieneman, Third Avenue, Pittsburgh.

Lessons are learned by the light of others' experience, that leave lasting impressions. The discipline of life is sometimes severe, and to some an unreasonable restraint on free agency. The story narrated here furnishes ample material for the guidance of our youthful readers, who are disposed to be wayward. Better, however, to be like Milly, who suffered intensely for her wilfulness, and use the lesson for future guidance, than wreck body and soul irrecoverably. It is a good book to put in the hands of young people.

MAN IN GENESIS AND IN GEOLOGY: Or, the Bible Account of Moses' Creation, tested by Scientific Theories of his Origin and Antiquity. By Joseph P. Thompson, D. D., LL. D, Published by Samuel R. Wells, New York. For sale by J. W. Pittock, Pittsburgh.

Scientific scholars and seekers after truth will welcome the publication of this work, because it seeks to illustrate the harmony of truth in the works and the Word of God. Much has already been written upon this subject to counteract the theories and speculations of rationalistic writers, but this work especially is calculated to accomplish good in establishing and reconciling questions bearing upon it. It will prove a valuable aid to those seeking light on questions of such vital importance. Dr. Thompson discusses Chronology in the light of Egyptian monuments. The theories of Darwin and others are reviewed, and also the Sabbath and Woman question are treated at some length.

EMILY'S BRACELET: or, The Wedding Present. Published by Henry Hoyt, Boston. For sale by F. G. Rieneman, Pittsburgh.

This is a pretty story, with characters portrayed in life-like style. It cannot fail to interest the reader. Throughout there is a high moral tone, illustrative of the beauty of Christianity. The plot is excellent, and the finale ends joyously.

RUBY GRAY'S STRATEGY. By Mrs. Ann S. Stephens. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia.

This novel is regarded as superior to recent works of this well-known and popular writer. In point of construction and development, it is fine, and will doubtless command hosts of readers. The style is glowing and rather highly colored, but it is generally the most popular. The immense sale of her numerous works is significant of her hold upon the public mind.

THE AMERICAN JOE MILLER. Published by T. B. Peterson & Brothers, Philadelphia.

Lovers of comic literature, who enjoy funny paragraphs, with illustrations to suit, will find much in this stout pamphlet to laugh over. Its reading will not tax the brain severely.

THE WORKS OF HORACE. By Prof. Thos. Chase, of Haverford College. Published by Elredge & Brother, Philadelphia. For sale by R. S. Davis & Co., Pittsburgh.

Chase & Stewart's Classical Series are well-known in educational circles, as being among the best published. "Ceaser's Commentaries," "Virgil's Æneid," and "Cicero's Select Orations," have been published sometime. These works are gotten up in elegant style, both as it regards type, paper, and otherwise. This volume has been prepared with great care, and every authority worthy of consulting has been brought into requisition to produce the text pure. The explanatory notes will go far towards aiding the student. We look for the same favor from the public for this volume, that has been awarded to the companion works.

COUNTESS GISELA. From the German of E. Marlitt. Author of "The Old Mamselle's Secret," etc. By Mrs. A. L. Wister. Part 2. Published by J. B. Lippincott & Co., Phila.

Readers of the first part will be pleased to have the second, which develops more fully the extraordinary plot of the story. It presents the leading characters in strong language, and depicts phases of humanity in a light hardly possible, and yet such people live in society. The interest in the story takes a strong hold on the reader from the outset. The charming and central figure, Countess Gisela, finally rewards Berthold with her hand.

HARPER BROTHERS, New York, have sent us numbers 326 and 327 of the "Library of Select Novels." "False Colors," by Annie Thomas, is a story of English life, and presents the characteristics of society in the charming manner of this lady. Her previous works have given her much notoriety. There is a freshness and vigor of style, and naturalness in the characters drawn, that makes her works popular. The author of "St. Olave's" has shown much of the same artistic excellence in "Meta's Faith," No. 327, that is noticeable in previous works of the author. The English press speak in glowing terms of "Meta's Faith," for its naturalness and force in delineating character.

"Love Powders."

It is believed by a large class of our citizens that the "Love Powder" business has been carried on in our city to an enormous extent, and that certain well-known citizens have not only been extensively engaged in the manufacture of these and like articles, but that the dealers have made thousands of dollars out of their operations. Before the war the business was not only larger, but more lucrative, from the fact that the wares advertised in glowing circulars were sent to the South, where the believers in the clap-trap set forth in the circulars were counted by the thousands. The dealers in this city made up a decent mail daily, their correspondence being carried to and from the Postoffice by the bag full. All the letters received contained more or less money from the silly dupes at distant points, who believed in the wonderful workings of the "love powders." It is claimed for these powders, by the manufactors, that once administered by man or woman, they cause the party drugged to fall desperately in love with the giver, and place him or her wholly subservient to their will. Of course, the representation is very attractive. It is of a nature, too, that wins friends not only in foolish young men and girls, but also in evil, designing persons, who posseas no heart and less conscience, who would willing administer the drug, even at the sacrifice of life. We are led to make these remarks from the fact that a love powder case was before the Police Court yesterday afternoon, in the shape of a libel between two dealers in these nostrums. *Albany Paper.*

A YOUNGSTER who had been detected in the act of stealing fruit stored for winter consumption, was told by his father to prepare himself for a flogging. The inexorable parent, armed with a horse-whip, went in quest of the culprit, whom he found with a hump at which Quasimo do himself would have shuddered. "What on airth have you got on your back?" asked the wondering sire. "A leather apron," replied John, "three double. You told me to prepare myself for a severe flogging, and I guess I've done the best I could."

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