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"Forever from the Hand that takes One blessing from us, others fall; And, soon or late, our Father makes His perfect recompense to all!"

We call attention to our revised list of books and tracts published and for sale by the American Sabbath Tract Society, published elsewhere in this number.

We have decided to issue an edition of the Lesson Leaf for February, that those who have not yet seen the Helping Hand may have time to examine it, if they wish to do so.

The first lecture in the course as arranged by the Committee in behalf of the literary societies of Alfred University, will be given by ex-Governor Cumback, of Ohio, on Wednesday evening, 28th inst.

The cloth edition of the first volume of "Sabbath and Sunday," by Rev. A. H. Lewis, is just received from the bindery in New York, and is a very neat little volume.

We have received a long communication from an anonymous writer, the avowed purpose of which is to call attention to the reading course of the Chautauqua Literary and Scientific Circle; and to suggest something similar for Seventh-day Baptists.

THE HELPING HAND AGAIN.

Sample copies of the Helping Hand to Bible School Work have been sent this week to all our Sabbath-schools, as far as known to us. We hope they will all want it, and that subscriptions and orders for it will be sent without delay.

DEATH OF EX-VICE-PRESIDENT COLFAX.

Ex-Vice-President Schuyler Colfax died in the St. Paul and Sioux railroad station in Mankato, Minnesota, about two weeks ago. He had just walked the distance of a mile, from the depot of one railroad to that of the

other, in the face of a bitter wind with the thermometer 25° below zero. On reaching the gentlemen's waiting room, he took a seat and in a few minutes fell forward, dead.

The sudden death of Schuyler Colfax, last week, closes the career of one who had conspicuously shared in public honors, and who, at one time, was thought to be a not improbable candidate for the Presidency. He was born in this city, on the 23d of March, 1823, and was hence, nearly sixty-two years old at the time of his death.

"BRAHMOISM."

This interesting and instructive book of 222 pages contains the substance of lectures given by the author at various places in India, both in Urdu and in English, and is published for the purpose of helping to dispel misapprehension and sentimentalism respecting the Brahma religion.

The second chapter gives an account of the origin, progress, constitution, and present status of the Adi Somaj, founded in 1830, by Rajah Ram Mohun Roy, and which is the parent of all the associations clustering around the banner of Brahmaism.

The fifth and sixth chapters give a description of that remarkable religious move-

ment in India called the New Dispensation, which received its direction and inspiration chiefly from Babu Keshub Chunder Sen, who succeeded from the Adi Somaj, together with a searching analysis of the character and belief of that wonderful man.

What are the interest and value of this book and this religious movement to Christian missionaries and Christian missions? 1. It reveals a deep unrest concerning religious things in the minds of thoughtful men in India.

*Brahmoism; or History of Reformed Hinduism from its origin in 1830, under Rajah Mohun Roy, to the present time; with a particular account of Babu Keshub Chunder Sen's connection with the movement. By Ram Chandra Bose, M. A., of Lucknow, India. New York: Funk & Wagnalls, 10 and 12 Dey Street. London: 44 Fleet st. 1884.

Communications.

A NOTABLE BOOK FOR YOUNG PEOPLE.*

BY EDWIN R. CHAMPLIN.

I know how useless it is, ordinarily, to try to get young persons to read books written for their improvement; especially books whose contents are in sermon-form, and whose title page bears the name of some "Rev.;" but I am so strongly convinced of the need of this class of books—the best of them, at least,—and so well satisfied of the value, to any young person who will not merely read, but absorb it, of a certain (comparatively new) volume of this class—"On the Threshold," by Rev. Theodore T. Munger—that I feel it will well repay the effort to describe the latter, however few may be induced to read it by my description.

"On the Threshold," to begin with, is not a large book; it numbers not more than two hundred 16mo. pages, and is printed in large type, with wide margins. The author was too much in sympathy with the youthful spirit to weary it with either a long series of discourses, or a long discourse in the series, or long sentences in the discourse, or long words in the sentences, or to attempt to help young persons by kindly suggestion and counsel in any other than a live, sympathetic, terse and direct fashion.

Another consideration which demands attention is the fact that if one wishes to buy this book, he need pay but one dollar for it. Mr. Munger says what he has to say, in nine essays. He tells us at the outset that his object is "to put into clear form some of the main principles that enter into life as it is now opening before young men [he more particularly addresses young men, but his remarks are largely applicable to young women as well] in this country; . . . "to induce them to aim at a far end rather than a near one; to live under a purpose rather than under impulse; to set aside the thought of enjoyment, and get to thinking of attainment; to conceive of life as a race instead of a drift."

Each essay is introduced with a series of terse and thoughtful applicable sayings from the Scriptures and from various profane sources, in prose and verse, occupying a space opposite the essay's title page.

The subjects treated are: Purpose; Friends and Companions; Manners; Thrift; Self-Reliance and Courage; Health; Reading; Amusements; Faith—a list, it will be noticed, indicating thought on intensely practical and vital questions.

Sympathetic, sensible of the nobility of life's possibilities, aware of the great dangers that beset the young, and the peculiar tendency of the youth of our time to aimlessness; logical, high-toned both morally and intellectually, constantly responsive to the demand that what is written shall have interest for people of to-day; clear in thought, masterly in analysis, business-like in expression, and skillful in quotation, Mr. Munger was well fitted to write a book for young persons.

"On the Threshold" is a book which any interested reader will regard as a companion and friend—one of the best he ever met; strong, pure, genial, inspiring. It will show him what and how to do, and will help him to do it. Indeed, it supplies just what Mr. Emerson said every man needed, viz., some one to make him do the best he can.

The morning lecture of a college professor to his pupils, or the afternoon instructions of a great newspaper editor to his subordinates could not be more direct and personal, or bear more practically upon immediate duty than do these addresses to young persons regarding their prospective career.

Standing on a sunny elevation in life, he would have those who are in the valley, or on the plain, and who, many of them, are better contented with their outlook than they should be, come up higher. So he shows them what better joys are found and what grander work is accomplished where he stands, and tells them how to reach the place. He is religious, but not dogmatic; Christian, but not Churchian.

I intended to quote a few sample sentences from several of these essays, but my second thought convinced me that I would better leave the entire book for the enjoyment of any who may be led by what I have said to read it.

*"On the Threshold." Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Publishers, Boston, Mass.

MINNESOTA LETTER.

Your correspondent arrived in Mankato on the evening of Jan. 13th, in time to hear the lecture given by the Hon. John P. St. John, of Kansas. He is a very forcible speaker, though not as polished as some. His manner is straightforward and unassuming.

St. John electors. Mankato has a Prohibition Club, numerically weak, but strong in faith. There was only forty four prohibition votes polled here at the November election.

This little city was greatly shocked on the morning of the 13th, by the fact of the death of Ex-Vice President Schuyler Colfax who dropped dead in the St. Paul and Sioux City passenger waiting room. He was on his way to fill a lecturing appointment in Iowa. He seemed in full health. His remains were sent to his late home in South Bend, Indiana, by special car at 11 o'clock in the evening.

TRACT BOARD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Board of the American Sabbath Tract Society was held Sunday, 11th inst., at 2 P. M., at the residence of C. Potter Jr., Plainfield, N. J.

The Treasurer's statement of receipts and disbursements, received as follows:

Table with financial data: Balance Dec. 1, 1884, on hand, \$5 05; Contributed in December, \$4 80; Demand Loan (as authorized), \$80 00; Total \$89 85; Paid out in December, \$78 98; On hand Jan. 1, 1885, \$20 87.

President reported deeds, J. W. Young estate, had been executed, as authorized, and forwarded to A. L. Chester, Treasurer.

Check for \$1,500 was received from G. B. Utter in settlement of claim of Tract Society on estate of J. W. Young, deceased.

On motion, voted to send G. B. Utter check for \$15 as our share of expenses in above settlement, and that we tender to Bro. Utter the thanks of this Society for his services.

The following letters were read: From Dea. I. D. Titsworth, detailing his efforts in Illinois for extending the circulation of the SABBATH RECORDER, with a list of names of 54 new subscribers, and a promise of more to follow.

From the publisher of the Baptist Quarterly Review, proposing a union of the Seventh-day Baptist Quarterly, with that periodical.

From L. R. Stebbins relative to the property willed to the Society by Elder Joel Green.

From O. W. Pearson relative to the Evangelist Harold, and the need of further Scandinavian help in the office.

From Rev. J. B. Clarke accepting the call of the Board to enter upon the work of the Society, to take effect April 1st next.

And from L. A. Platts in regard to various details of the work.

On motion, voted to tender the church at West Edmeston the sincere thanks of the Society for their action in releasing Rev. J. B. Clark from the pastorate, feeling assured that their loss will be great gain to the denomination at large.

On motion, E. P. Saunders was authorized to present each attendant of the Union Theological Seminary with the paper edition of Sabbath and Sunday, and to exchange this for the cloth edition with those who desire the better edition.

Home News.

New York.

SECOND VERONA.

Since Sister Randolph closed her labors here, we have continued one extra meeting, held every Sunday evening, with good interest and good attendance. Among general gospel themes we have presented the claims of God's law, and expect to continue the subject, again discoursing upon the Sabbath question.

There is good feeling among the brethren generally, and the converts are growing stronger in the faith, gaining much courage to testify for Christ. Some are expecting baptism as soon as possible. Among other signs of progress here is the

contemplated purchase of a first-class as funds nearly sufficient have been subscribed. Considering the fewness of members in the church and society, the are doing nobly by way of pastor's and systematic contributions for other purposes. There has been pledged and raised, for gospel purposes, within a sum averaging \$25 per family. Whether many societies can show this age, and yet the Lord can enable us monious and consecrated, to do yet things for his glory. We hope in the brethren will not forget our enterprises so needy and important.

At the First Church no extra are now held with the exception of appointed prayer meeting on Tuesday, held from house to house. Much sickness prevails in this society.

NILE.

The Lord has visited us in Nile, an adjoining neighborhood where several of our society live. The Church has been greatly revived, and quite a number of the unconverted in the two neighborhoods have been awakened, some of whom are now held with the exception of appointed prayer meeting on Tuesday, held from house to house.

About the beginning of December we began to hold extra meetings, at first in the afternoons, for the purpose of being near to the Lord and seeking his grace in the revival of his work. For the last three weeks, until Tuesday evening this week, Bro. L. E. Livermore has with us and preached nearly every evening. Prayer meetings have also been held in private houses in the day time.

Soon after our extra meetings began, Eld. Sands, of the Baptist Church in Richburg, began weekly appointments at school house near Dea. Babcock's, with interest immediately sprang up among young, especially among whom were our Sabbath-school scholars.

We have been resting now two weeks and are to resume meetings again this evening.

As one very important result of our labors here, old alienations have been removed, causing much rejoicing among our people.

MAINE SETTLEMENT.

On the evening of the 12th inst. a family, neighbors, and friends of the Blanchard A. Barber and wife, determined to celebrate the thirty-sixth anniversary of their wedded life and their removal to their new and comfortable home, by a grand surprise, on their return a visit to their daughter at Ceres. It was a complete success, for as they entered home in the dusk of the evening, they found that others had arrived before them, the pleasant rooms, each bringing with hearty congratulations, with many tokens of love and esteem.

But perhaps I have omitted the most important part of the programme in attempting to state that Eld. H. P. Burdick, who happened to be present, his hearty and genial manner, congratulated the bride and bridegroom on the they had made of their thirty-six wedded life, in having performed their duties truthfully and faithfully. D. Place followed, in behalf of the children a few words of congratulation, most tously expressed. Brother and Sister responded in words full of feeling, kindness and gratitude. Many eyes were dimmed with glad tears. After a bountiful conversation, music, and singing, one of the most enjoyable that has taken place here was spent for many As we parted we all wished that the days of these our friends, might be the best days, crowned with love and with the blessed assurance of divine love. Wm. E. Hornblow.

Rhode Island. ASHAWAY

We are striving for a revival of God among us, with some evidence of the work of his Spirit; but as yet the people are slow to come up to the work.

WESTERLY. Extra meetings are being held this time, and a hopeful interest seems springing up.

WISCONSIN. CARTWRIGHT.

We have been having cold weather this winter, especially for those who have been accustomed to a warmer climate. On Christmas morning the

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indicated 48° below zero, and on Jan. 2d 58° below zero. While we have had numerous cold days when the thermometer indicated 30° to 40° below zero.

A famine is prevailing in the Governments of Archangel and Volodga, Russia. A dispatch from Paris says: A considerable portion of the village of Lamonta, in the Department of the Haute Alpes, in Southeastern France, has been destroyed by an avalanche.

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J. C. BURDICK. Begs to inform His Customers and the Public generally that he has a larger stock than ever before of WATCHES, CLOCKS, of all kinds. A good assortment of the latest designs in JEWELRY and SILVERWARE, SPECTACLES, TOYS, PERFUMERY, Etc., Etc.

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The Protestant Methodist minister of this place is now holding evening meetings, and we hope he will effect a deeper work. The Methodists have bought a church lot in our village and expect to build upon it next Spring.

A TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN LONDON.—The Parliament Buildings and London Tower were damaged by dynamite explosion, Jan. 24th, at 2 o'clock P. M. Reports concerning the extent of damages, &c., are much confused.

At the Seventh-day Baptist parsonage, Lost Creek, W. Va., Jan. 20, 1885, ORA MAY, daughter of Arthur R. and Dora E. Bond, aged 1 year, 8 months, and 21 days.

AURORA WATCHES. Having secured the agency of these Watches for Alfred, and buying direct from the Company, saving the jobbers profit, can sell them way down low. Particular Attention paid to Watch Repairing and Engraving.

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A large order for locomotives has been received by the Schenectady locomotive works, from the Chicago & Northwestern Railroad. At Boston, David McCay, proprietor of a fashionable skating rink, was recently fined \$50 and costs in two suits for refusing to allow colored men to skate in his establishment.

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WANTED LADIES AND GENTLEMEN who wish to make \$5 to \$4 a day easily at their own homes. Work sent by mail. No canvassing. Address with stamp to Mrs. M. G. Co., 204 Vine St., Cin. O.

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Selected Miscellany.

WAITING.

The day is done: Soft as a dream the sunset fades and dies, And silent stars amid the dusky skies, Shine one by one.

THE FRESHET.

"I am sure I have prayed enough for him, and still he does not seem to come round and pray for himself," said good old Grandmother Hill, looking out of her chamber-window toward Prospect Park.

"O, Harry," cried Tommy, "come into the mill! The water is running over the floor!"

Tommy was delighted. During his long acquaintance with the mill, extending over some years, Tommy had witnessed nothing like it.

"See the water coming out of the mill-door! Let's go in, Harry!" "Wade carefully, Tommy."

"What is coming?" asked Harry, who was unwilling that Zaccheus should obtain the news of any arrival sooner than Harry Hill.

"There!" said Zaccheus, triumphantly. Harry made no intelligible reply, but said something to the effect that some folks knew everything.

Harry did not feel brave one bit. The pond above the dam was now fully equalled by the pond below the dam, the valley widening out into a low level territory.

CHURCH MUSIC.

The first and fundamental condition of all true worship, whether in song, prayer, or preaching, is a devout spirit.

Just here is where the fundamental mistake is generally made, and where it is ever-more liable to be made.

If the singers and players on instruments are all Christians, so much the better. All the more easy it ought to be to get on well with the work.

AMUSEMENTS.

The relation of Christianity to popular amusements is at the front among questions of casuistry.

"ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

Josepha was not in very good humor that Sunday, though it was her birthday, her tenth birthday.

"but it is a short one, and it has my little daughter for a text." "Now, mama, you know I never do anything like that," exclaimed Josepha.

Her mother pointed to an illuminated text hanging on the nursery wall: "Children obey your parents."

THREE GOOD LESSONS.

"One of my first lessons," said Mr. Sturges, the eminent merchant, "was in 1813, when I was eleven years old."

"I received a second lesson soon after I came to New York as a clerk, to the late Lyman Reed. A merchant from Ohio, who knew me, came to buy goods, and said: 'Make yourself so useful that they cannot do without you.'

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Acetate of Soda Heaters.—last two years experiments have been toward the warming of cars by a heat-giving fluid, which continues to throw out heat with regularity.

Popular Science

FORMIC ACID AS A GERMICIDE. Schnetzler communicates some observations to the Academie des Sciences, in which he states that he has found that Bacterium one of the most difficult micro-parasites, dies when in the presence of acid.

NEW PROCESS OF TANNING.—The western Lumberman says that beer has had any connection with the lumber new until recently, but that beer is now with hemlock bark as a principle.

THE LIFE OF A BRAIN CELL.—The wonderful activity of the human brain is due to the fact that it is composed of a vast number of cells, each lives its own individual life, and in some contributes to the life and activity of the whole.

ACETATE OF SODA HEATERS.—last two years experiments have been toward the warming of cars by a heat-giving fluid, which continues to throw out heat with regularity.

This company now propose to use the same system as an improved heating by ordinary steam radiators, coils, often heat too violently in summer and either give too little or too much.

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