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Literature.

John Burroughs contributes to The Popular Science Monthly for December, under the title of "Science and Theology," a review of Professor Drummond's "Natural Law in the Spiritual World," and a sharp critism of the position taking by the author. Mr. Bur. roughs does not contest the theological sound. ness of Prof. Dummond's views, nor the validity of theology within its own sphere, but denies that it is subject to scientific demonstration. Dr. Felix L. Oswald in "Zoological Superstitions' controverts a number of traditional beliefs that prevail about monkeys, parrots, serpent charming, bats, joint snakes, and gluttons. In "Energy of Plant-Cells," professor T. H. McBride relates some incidents illustrating the great power of pressure and expansion developed by growing plants. show. Professor J. P. Cooke describes "The New Requisitions for Admission to Harvard College"-which are much broader and more liberal than the old ones. In "How to warm our Houses," Mr. E. Y. Robbins objects to stove and furnace heating and steam heating, and all devices for warming the air, as unnatural and unhealthful, and make a plea for direct_radiation-as from fireplaces-so as to warm objects and leave the air in its natural condition. Among the other articles are "The Higher Education of Women," "Life in the South Sea Islands," "The Wings of Birds," "Measuring the Earth's Surface," &c., making a very valuable number indeed -The editorial "Significance of Wiggins"

Once more Wiggins has been put to shame, or put to what any other man would regard as shame; what guarantee have we that he will not, after the lapse of a few months, don his prophetic robes again and fill the land with the noise of his foolish babblings? None: the probability is that we have not State heard the last of Mr. Wiggins by a great deal. It will show a moderation on his pare on which we have no reason to count, if he withdraws altogether from the notice of a public that is abundantly willing to forget his past blunders, on the sole condition of his propounding new terrors in complete disregard of all the principles of science.

says a great deal in a very little space:-

What we see and lament to see in this whole business is, the evidence afforded of the very slight extent to which true scientific knowledge has as yet permeated the public mind. Large portions of our population are at the mercy of charlatans of every profession and of every type. Some of these prey upon their pockets, some upon their health, some upon their emotions. There is knowledge in the world that ought to be the heritage o ail, but that really is confined to a few. The masses have no means of distinguishing be tween the man who speaks in the name o acquired and organized science and the man who uses a scientific terminology, that he himself only half understands, for the purpose of getting himself falked about.

It seems trite to say that what is wanted is the more general diffusion of sound scientific knowledge; and yet, with the vast ageneducation, it should not be impossible, one would think, to do something to guard the community at large against ridiculous and fessor" Wiggins, with the aid of the press, the county. has been instrumental in creating. We do not see why, in our public schools, some effective instruction might not be given in the spirit and methods of science.

It is hard to know where to begin in discussing the beauties of the Chrismas number of Harper's Magazine. It is like the long stuffed stockings of our childhood, which used to be full of all sorts of unimaginable good things. There is an atmosphere about this whole number that breathes the groom ought to extend their honeymoon, or tory of the church shows the need of such fragrance of a bounteous Christmas; like a trial trip, to four weeks, the exact period of house that is filled with sweet-smelling hemlocks and greens hung about its walls. There is, in the first place, "The Boyhood of Christ," a short sketch by Gen. Lew Wallace, adorned with some exquisite sketches and then we have a most charming short the wedding, with a view to promote sweet. story, "Polly : A Christmas Recollection," by that very charming writer Thomas Nelson Page, Mr. Howell's new farce, "A Mouse Trap," is none the less delightful for communion during the Forty Hours' devonot being a Christmas story, and no matter tion, which closed in the Catholic church at what the season might be in which Mr. Ab- Braidwood last Tuesday a week. On Saturbey's illustrations of "Sally in Our Alley" appeared, they would be a source of delight. Bishop Feehan in the same church. All the regular serials have been omitted from this number to make room for six short stories, among which we notice one from a new writer, Harriet Lewis Bradley. Sarah Orne Jewett and B. L. Parjeon write two of the others, and Mr. R. H. Stoddard contributes a long poem, "The Legend of was \$29,000, a large part of it "truck store" Frey Bernardo," with illustrations. From stoppages.

the "Editor's Easy Chair" we have a happy Christmas greeting, and a few kindly and timely remarks on American politeness. As a pleasant ending there is a picture by Geo. Du Maurier, the first of a series which will run through the year, of a Christmas at Bonnebouche Hall,

It gives us pleasure to announce that by special arrangement with the publishers of The Inter Ocean we are able to offer the FREE TRADER and the Weekly Inter-Ocean at \$2.25; the Weekly Inter Ocean, Rural New Yorker, and FREE TRADER, at \$4.00; Weekly Inter-Ocean and FREE TRADER and Brown's History of U. S. at \$2.75. It is perhaps need. less for us to say to our readers that The Inter. Ocean is a republican paper of the first order, for it is known as such all over the scribers. If the label is not corrected within two weeks country. It is also known as a fair and honest paper to all parties. It is broad and national in its views. As a newspaper it is unexcelled. Each issue has the news of the world condensed. Its literary character is high, and as a family newspaper it has a reputation second to no metropolitan jour. two new subscribers to the FREE TRADER we will give the Weekly Inter- Ocean free for one both the Weekly Inter. Ocean and the Rural New Yorker for one year free ; for three new subscribers we will give the Werkly Inter-Ocean one year and Brown's History of the sufferer for the truth, the aged disciple, is U. S. Almost any person can secure these premiums by a half a day's work.

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So it would seem that life is hardly worth the bare, bleak rocks, but they could not rob living in the "Imperial City," at \$7.86 per him of his joy. hundred dollars, and keep the rich man as a phrase, and soon came into general use. cies that are now being employed in popular dodging their share, while Mendota takes the It is a good description of the "first day of banner for good government if low taxes is a the week," the day of his rising. He was "in sign of it. Ottawa as usual leads in low tax- the Spirit"—not merely as all God's people hurtful delusions such as those which "Pro- es compared with the three leaving cities of ially taught, helped and comforted. When

> The Franciscan academy near Joliet, for of the description-the Lord's day, house, which ground was broken four years ago, supper, people, service. For the voice, as of cost \$70,000 and is a well conducted insti-

It may not be amiss now-a-days to exexact meaning of the word "honeymoon," To be etymologically correct, a bride and a lunar month, a custom, I believe, that is more honored in the breach than the observance. The honey part of the word comes from an old German habit of drinking metheglin, made from honey, for thirty days after produced in Zech. iv, 2 ness or sickness, I suppose. There are sub. stitutes for the honey now, however.

More than 600 persons partook of holy day a week 261 persons were confirmed by

St. Mary's Catholic church, a new structure, was dedicated at Aurora by Bishop Feehan on Sunday last, with impressive cere-

Saturday's pay roll to Braidwood miners

JOHN'S VISION OF CHRIST.

DR. JOHN HALL'S NOTES ON THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON.

Lesson IX of the International Series for Sunday, Nov. 28-Golden Text, 'I am He that Liveth, and was Dead"-Rev. 1, 18-Lesson Text, Rev. 1, 4-18.

No more important lesson than this has of the many great truths here touched. The iv, 12) teacher will explain at the outset that the whole book is a letter, and while the "seven churches" are formally addressed, the entire book is an epistle to the whole church throughout the world. A second thing the teacher will bear in

mind, namely, that the bold imagery of the teach the soul. So John felt the impression book-and this lesson has much of it-is to be traced to foregoing scripture. The Old Testament is therefore the standard by which we are to interpret many of the symbols of the book. Indeed, it presents and completes the unity of Revelation; for while man begins in Paradise, from which his sin drives him, he is seen in the end of Revelation again in Eden, nal in the nation. To any one sending us and holding converse with God without temptation and without sin.

Our lesson naturally divides itself into the introduction, the description of Jesus and the | xli, 4, xlviii, 12.) year; for six new subscribers we will give message he sends; but for the purpose of the class, it will probably be better to take it up

verse by verse. V. 4. John, the friend of Jesus, the lifelong preacher, the writer of the gospel, the well fitted to receive and deliver the message of the Church's Head. The "seven churches" in Asia represent, while they are one by one, no doubt, truly described, the conditions of the whole Church in all time. Asia-sometimes called Proconsular Asiaincludes only a small part of the continent peace" are in the usual New Testament blessing. "Mercy" is inserted in the Epistles to Timothy. The description from him "which is," etc., can only apply to God the Father, the "I Am," who is "from everlasting to everlasting." See God's description of himself to Isaiah, Isa. xli, 4; xliv, 6. The "seven spirits" cannot be angels or creatures of any sort, or they would not be placed between the Father and the Son in this account. The lamp of the tabernacle, the sacred and perfect number seven, found in the same connection in Zech, iv. 2, 6, and the fact that the gift of the Spirit are sevenfold in Is- xi, 2, explain this language. The perfect, sevenfold work of the one divine Person we have brought before us. It is the the same Spirit." This Spirit is given through

V. 5. Jesus is the faithful witness to God's character and law, concerning all eternal things, from God to men. Jesus himself often employed the word "witness." He is the "firstbegotten from the dead"; for though there were resurrections before his (Lazarus, e. g.), they were only temporary, and the last enemy came again. But Jesus "dieth no more," and his rising is the ground of all other triumphant resurrections He is "prince of the kings of the earth"; as he said, "all power is given," etc., Matt. xxviii, 18. (Ps. ii, 2; cx, 5.) Then comes the doxology, in which Christ's great work is owned, running on into v. 6. Mark the order-love, washing, making kings and priests, etc. We are to give this glory to Jesus now and forever. We o are-all believers-now, kings and priests

Christ; hence Rev. iii, 1; iv, 5, and v, 6.

unto God. (Peter ii, 9.) V. 7. Christ came once in lowliness. He will come again in glory, "with clouds" of awe inspiring darkness. The idea is of terror to his enemies, as we see by the next words. "they which pierced him" "wail," etc. To the saints his coming is joyful; it is terrible to unpardoned sinners. Read carefully Ps. lxlvii, 2, from which perhaps this idea comes. But John and all believers re-

Even so, Amen.' V. 8. The divine Being describes himself at greater length, as in v. 4, taking the first and last letters of the Greek niphabet, alpha and omega-"the beginning and the ending"-to represent his eternity, and repeating the language of v. 4, adding "the Almighty." Of this supreme cause of all, Jesus is the representative; and while men reject him now, and in so doing reject the Almighty, when he comes again it will be to assert and vindicate divine right, and his enemies will quail before him. (See Zech, xii, 10.)

V. 9. John now déscribes himself in language which could apply to no other John than the apostle. "Brother"-how he puts himself on a level with the ordinary believers! All were there suffering for the truth, hence "companion in tribulation;" but all had joy and strength in the kingdom and patience of Jesus. He was an exile in Patmos, a rocky isle in the Ægean sea. The government of Domitian was trying to put down Christianity. The cause of his banishment was for "the word of God" and the witness he was

> V. 10. The "Lord's day" first occurs here God's people suffer for him, he gives them

> blessed compensation. Notice the significance

"a trumpet," see Num. x, 2; Ps. axviii, 33, V. 11 gives instructions to write the communications now to be made to him and send them to the seven churches named. There were doubtless many more than these, but plain what everybody doesn't know, the probably these are chosen to represent to the future the dangers, duties, encouragements and hopes to be kept in mind by all God's people in their various conditions. The hisrevelation We do not take the commission to include only the epistles to each, but the

whole revelation to the end. V. 12. The speaker is seen among "seven golden candlesticks," the description as in the Septuagint of Ex. xxv, 31 (Heb. ix, 2), re-

(V. 13), and representing the churches, many in number, dependent for the light they give out on him who is in the midst. A candlestick by itself gives no light. It holds up the light. Failing in this it is useless, (See Eph. v, 11.) The preciousness of the church is represented by the "golden," as in v. 13, Rev. iv, 4, xxi, 21. Gold is rarest and

most valuable of all the metals. John knew "the son of man," hence "like unto," though his "garment down to the foot," representing rank, and his "golden girdle" showed more dignity (Gen. xxxvii, 3), and differed from his appearance in his humiliation. It is meant to show his glory. (See Dan. x, 5; Isa. vi, 1.) Men toiling were girt about the loins, but dignified persone were girt about the breast. (See Rev. xv, 6.

Compare also Isa. xi, 5 and Eph. vi, 14.) V. 14. The "white hair" of this verse cor responds to the "wool" of Dan. vii, 9, and represents not age, but dignity. The eyes

are as in Dan. x, 6. They penetrate and consume. (See Rev. xix, 11, 12.)

V. 15. No covering is mentioned for the feet. There is no defilement in the streets of heaven. The idea is shining, glittering. (See Rev. x, 1.) The "sound of many waters" is from Ezek. i, 24. The idea is of awe-inspiring sound, not joyful.

V. 16. As a wreath held in his hand were the "seven stars," and the sword, sharp and two-edged, is in allusion to such passages as and the most useful family reading. Its stories, poems II Sam. xviii, 8; Isa. i, 20; and in Isa. x.ix, 3 and essays are by the best writers, and its humorous we see the basis of the symbol. Some of the sketches are unsurpassed. Its papers on social ett fathers found the Old and New Testaments quette, decorative art, house-keeping in all its branch been studied, and the difficulty will be to in the "two-edged," More likely it is the es, cookery, etc., make it indispensable in every house

> V. 17. "His countenance" suggests the angel in Matt. xxviii, 3, (See Rev. x, 1.) It is clear that it was never meant that the painter or sculptor should represent the appearance of Jesus. It is not a figure to strike the senses that is presented, but one to impress and

> (V. 17), and "fell at his feet as dead." for parallels Ex. iii, 6; I Chron. xxi, 20; Isa. vi, 5; Dan. viii, 17; Acts x, 4.) It is an involuntary act, not willing worship. There is comfort for him, however, in the kindly "right hand" laid on him, and the words "fear not," as in Isa. vi, 7, in Dan. x, 12 and in Matt. xvii, 7 to the three disciples, of whom John was one. His touch revives. The claim "I am the first and the last" could only be the language of a divine being. (See Isa.

V. 18. The knowledge of Jesus dying and rising again, and having power over the unseen world and over death, was the solid comfort to John, as it is to all God's people to this day and forever. (See I Tim. vi, 16. The length to which the explanation has

necessarily gone prevents any full statement \$7.00 per volume. of points to be dwelt upon. The following, however, are indicated: The need of know ing all scripture; the completeness of the Bible; the responsibility and dignity of the Church; the glory of Jesus Christ, her King; the terrible guilt and consequences of reject now so described. It is the Asia referred to ing him, and the certainty and glory of his coming again.-Sunday School World.

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Dated at Ottawa, this 6th day of November, 1886, GEO, B. WOODWARD, ATTEST: A. T. BARTELS, Administrator, &c. Clerk Probate Court, La Salle Co., Ill. nov13-3w

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JANE DOWNING,
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THERESIA KELLER, Executrix.

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