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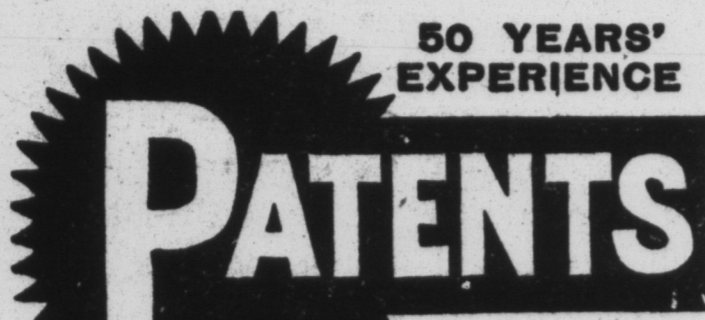
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To Pastors and Churches.

The letter of the Conference Committee on Baptist Union has been sent to pastors for their churches. For churches that are without pastors, the letter has been sent to their clerks. If any pastor or church fails to receive the letter, kindly notify the undersigned.

JOS. MCLEOD,
For the Com.

Fredericton, N. B.

THE MAGAZINES.

Richardson's charming pictures in color are a notable feature of the December *St. Nicholas*, as worthy a Christmas stocking number as any child could wish. Mr. Adams tells this month, so clearly and helpfully that any handy boy can work out the suggestions, how to fit up a boy's room, book-tower, table, desk, chairs, bed, even to the wall decoration. "Little Pete," the story of a carrier pigeon that travelled eight thousand miles to reach home, is a true tale. Of short stories, sketches, bright verse and pleasing pictures, there is good store.

Appropriate to the election season is the leading story in the Christmas number of *Lippincott's Magazine*. Its author is Alden March, and its title is "A Darling Traitor." In it there is a commingling of love and politics and a substratum of humor. There are Christmas stories, and much of the verse breathes the Christmas spirit.

The December *Century* is a Christmas number indeed, having an appropriate cover in colors and no fewer than eighteen titles relating directly to the holiday or to its spirit. Among these are five pieces of fiction. The frontispiece is a color drawing entitled "Christmas Callers." There are editorial articles on the need of an ethical revival, "Living Up to Christianity," and on the progress of the peace movement, "Swords and Plowshares." A veritable sensation in natural history is the narrative by Frank M. Chapman of his trip to one of the Bahama Islands for the purpose of studying and photographing the flamingo at home. Another article of popular science describes and considers "The New Method of Purifying Water." The feature of the number to which many readers will first turn is the new story by the author of "Mrs. Wiggs" and "Lovey Mary," which is called "Sandy."

—It is a fact that in Glasgow 103 congregations of the United Free church represent a membership of over 70,000, while there are but two congregations of the Free church. The recent much debated decision of the House of Lords has made the 70,000 members "spiritually houseless," as *The British Weekly* puts it, while their pulpits have to be supplied by a presbytery consisting of two ministers resident in Glasgow.

LIVING UP TO CHRISTIANITY.

More genuine Christianity the need of the world today, is burden of an editorial in the December *Century*. It says: It is more, and not less, Christianity that the world needs as between peoples and between people, in diplomacy, in public and private business, in all affairs of the State, the family, and the individual. Unselfish kindness, helpfulness, courtesy, gentlemanliness, honorable dealing among men—these are all practical versions of the Golden Rule, and genuine products of the Sermon on the Mount.

In the secret soul there are apprehensions and appreciations of the hidden truth, the deep humanity, of even the dogmas which are so often spoken of, nowadays, with scornful and superior criticism by those who have not studied their philosophical significance or felt their meaning in spiritual experience. The doctrine of atonement, by so many reemed outworn—how many souls it has helped to cast off an impairing and degrading past, some encumbering sin of the inherited flesh! How many, in dashing aside the shell of form and tradition, despoil themselves of some inner treasure, fit and needful for the spirit's food! More, and not less, of genuine Christianity is the need of this world.

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