

"Have you sent your regrets, Dorothy?" asked mamma of her little daughter, who had decided not to go to a party to which she had been asked.

"I haven't any to send, mamma," answered Dorothy. "I don't want to go."—Indianapolis News.

Alarmist—I see that the Terians have again decided that there is a hell, and that it is hotter than many had heretofore believed it to be.

Idol Smasher—Well, this organization is old enough to know the needs of its people.

C. E. L.

Capt. Hildt—You see, chaplain, the civilized races have every advantage.

Chaplain Helldt—Yes.

Capt. Hildt—I believe the civilized man will yet subdue and exterminate the savage.

Chaplain Helldt—That depends on how savage the civilized man is.

N. P. B.

"A financier is a man who makes lots of money, isn't it, father?"

"No, Freddy; a financier is a man who gets hold of lots of money other people have made."—Our Dumb Animals.

City Cousin—Do you see that tall gentleman, passing on the opposite side of the street?

Country Cousin—That old fellow with shiny clothes and slouch hat?

City Cousin—Yes.

Country Cousin—The husband of a new woman, I suppose.

City Cousin—Oh, my, no. That is Prof. Knowit, phrenologist. He can tell you what vocation to follow to be successful in life, by just putting his hand on your head. Strange, isn't it?

Country Cousin—I should say so. I wonder why he never put his hand on his own head?

C. E. L.

BOOK NOTICES.

Webster Davis's book, "John Bull's Crime, or Assaults on Republics" (New York, London and Montreal: The Abbey Press, 114 Fifth avenue, N. Y. Price, \$2:50) should be widely circulated and attentively read. Being a narrative of personal experiences, simply told and plentifully illustrated with photographic pictures of places and scenes, it has all the readability of a story of travel and adventure; yet it is a trustworthy presentation of the

case of the Boers in their defensive war against British invasion. Mr. Davis had been Assistant Secretary of the Interior at Washington, and went to Cape Town to visit his friend, the American consul general there, taking advantage of his right to a long vacation to do so. When he left this country his sympathies, so far as he had any, were with the British. All he knew about the merits of the war was what he had learned from British sources, and he supposed that the "Boers were uncouth savages and that the war was waged against them for the purpose of civilizing them." But after spending some time in Cape Town, where he saw a party of Boer prisoners, his sympathies were drawn toward the Boers sufficiently to induce him to make a journey into the Transvaal. This visit completely changed Mr. Davis's sympathies; and his book is a defense of the Boers. One great mistake, however, he attributes to them. He believes that if they had acted upon the aggressive from the beginning, instead of merely resisting invasion, "the British government would have had to content itself with simply retaining a coaling station at Cape Town," and that a great republic would have been erected by the Boers of all South Africa "embracing the territory from the Zambesi river to the Cape of Good Hope. In this Mr. Davis is doubtless right. By standing upon the defensive too long, the Boers enabled the British to equip themselves for conquest.

MAGAZINES.

—The Arena for October leads with the full text of, Wayne MacVeagh's remarkable and famous Harvard address on ideals in politics. A symposium on the single tax as the remedy for trusts contains three papers by Louis F. Post, Jackson H. Ralston and Bolton Hall respectively. Charles Brodie Patterson makes a needed exposure of the spirit of modern Christianity, in which the preachers with "some brains but no religion," a well-known class, are neatly castigated. B. O. Flower pays a tribute to Sam Walter Foss as a poet, which lovers of that poet's verse will heartily enjoy.

—The bi-weekly Facts About the Philippines (Boston: Philippine Information Society, 12 Otis place. Price, \$2 a year; ten cents a copy), for September 15, deals with "Progress in Pacification from September, 1900, to July, 1901." It is a compilation of official reports, captured documents, telegrams, etc. The reign-of-terror policy adopted by the Americans in the Philippines appears here in the instructions of the provost marshal general in Manila, which expressed a desire "to create a reign of fear and anxiety among the disaffected," without "altogether ignoring the dictates of justice and without transgressing the well-known laws of self-restraint imposed by civilization in connection with operations of war."

—Municipal Affairs, that most excellent quarterly (New York: Reform Club, 52 William St.) is especially strong in its June number, which has just appeared. Four articles are peculiarly timely and enlightening. One is by Hiram B. Loomis, on franchise taxation in Illinois; another is a description, by W. A. Somers himself, of the Somers method of valuing city real estate for taxation, which Mayor Johnson has adopted in Cleveland; the third is an exposure by Judge W. J. Gaynor, of the subway ring of New York, and the fourth is a complete exposition, by M. R. Maltbie, of the street car systems of Chicago. According to the latter article about \$72,600,000 out of \$118,000,000 of the liabilities of these concerns is "water."

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