

Literary Notes.

NIKOLA TESLA gives his reasons for his belief in the possibility of communicating with Mars in the current issue of *Collier's Weekly*.

....Rev. Mark Williams, one of the Chinese missionaries who fled across the desert of Gobi, has published a short illustrated book of his trip, which can be had for 35 cents at Oxford, Ohio.

....In "Art Crafts for Amateurs," by Fred Miller (Truslove, Hanson & Comba, New York), the art craftsman will find much of great practical value to him in his pursuit of any one of the many forms considered in the hand book.

....There was no better exponent of what is known as the Keswick School of Theology than the late Geo. H. C. Macgregor, and his life written by his brother and published by F. H. Revell Company, will be welcome to many who wish to hear of Keswick as well as of Mr. Macgregor.

....The literature of denominational church history has been enriched by a history, or perhaps better chronicles, of the Moravian Church, by the Rev. J. Taylor Hamilton, D.D., of Bethlehem, Pa., and enlarged by an illustrated history of Methodism, by several authors, and published by the Methodist Magazine Publishing Company, St. Louis, Mo.

....The lack of a clear, consecutive statement of the history of the Jews from the time of Samuel to the return from the captivity, which every Bible student has felt, is supplied by Dr. Geo. O. Little, of Washington, D. C., in "The Royal Houses of Israel and Judah." Funk & Wagnalls Company, \$3.00. The plan is unique and ingenious, and must commend itself at once to the busy preacher or teacher who wishes to know the real connection and relation of events set forth in the historical books or the prophets. The left-hand page gives the story complete. The right-hand page gives the texts, showing when they agree and disagree, while copious notes call attention to specific points of interest, not included in the text, but collateral to or explanatory of it. It is both a valuable and an interesting book.

....It is computed that at the end of the nineteenth century the whole number of newspapers, magazines and other periodical publications in the United States was 20,806, having a combined circulation each issue of nearly 52,000,000 copies. Less than 600 of the 20,806, however, are credited with about eighty-five per cent. of the entire circulation. The 2,163 dailies issue nearly 10,000,000 copies a day; the tri-weekly papers are gradually disappearing, and the semi-weeklies now number only 434. There are 14,734 weeklies, more than twice as many as there were thirty years ago, and these have a circulation of 19,000,000. There are 278 semi-monthlies with a circulation of 1,000,000 copies, and 2,827 monthlies with a circulation of 20,000,000. Of quarterlies there are 179, issuing about 500,000 copies; also 2 semi-quarterlies and 67 bi-monthlies. Less than 25 dailies and less than 30 weeklies and not far from 50 monthlies have over 100,000 circulation.