A Holiday Present

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We do not venture much in saying that a year's subscription at two dollars to Demorest's Monthly Magazine combines more permanent interest and real satisfaction to all who subscribe to it, than is possible to secure in any other way. It has so many points of interest and gives so much valuable information on just the subjects that are likely to appeal to the minds and experience of most of the individuals and families of our country, that the amount of only two dollars bears a small proportion to the value of the material furnished in a whole year's issue of this Magazine.

We might give a long list of subjects that are being constantly brought before the readers of this Monthly, any one of which would make ample returns for the amount expended, and when so much of Art, Literature, Fashion, Topics of the Day, both of political and domestic interest, can be found beautifully and attractively illustrated in this highly successful Magazine, we are more than justified in saying that our subscribers get more for two dollars than they can procure in any other way.

A Fine Picture

The February number of our magazine will contain a splendid steel engraving of Gabriel Max's celebrated painting "A Farewell Token." A young Christian martyr is seen standing amid wild beasts in a deep pit, which is walled in, while at her feet lies a white rose that has been thrown her by her friend as a farewell token. This is the result of Max's photogravure productions of this noted painter, showing wonderful force and beauty, and bringing vividly to view a scene often witnessed in the early days of Christianity.

Good Words

Max, G. W. W. writes:- "Your book is invaluable to the "Women's Club" and I read it with real pleasure. I am in the habit of reading it every week. I am sure that I am doing the work in the world, profiting by it (if I may coin a word). The entire tone is good and elevating."

A clergyman at the West says in a recent letter:-"A dear relative of my wife subscribed for your Magazine and had it sent to him. He expresses the pleasure we enjoy in receiving it, for to a poor clergyman's family, where income is too small to afford literary tastes, such a gift brings rare and valued pleasure. Not only is it enjoyed, but it brings refinement, intellectual stimulus, and much profit to our home; in its combined beauty and usefulness, its art and other treasures, I must also frankly admit that I have found for myself real inspiring and elevating suggestions which I have put to good use in the pulpit, while my wife is helped in many ways, and her outlook enlarged by its varied stocks of information. I feel it a duty to bear my testimony to the good work it does, and to the wide influence in its character and purpose from what I had always supposed, and I wish every home in the country could be brightened and helped by its influence."

"Heartily,"

H. C. G.

D. L. says:- "Allow me to say that I am perfectly delighted with your Monthly Magazine." While visiting at the house of a friend, several months ago, I chanced to pick up a copy of your Magazine and became more and more interested: it seemed to fill a want which I have long felt. Since then I have procured a copy every month, and it is my Intention, when I return to New York, to become a regular subscriber.

Swindlers.

You should be on the lookout for all kinds of traveling swindlers, prominent among whom are the "boy's book peddler and subscription agent." The latter is, probably, the most of the tribe, his victims being generally needy persons who desire to enrich their homes with a magazine or family paper. This impostor assures that Shari & Griffin are the authorized agent for a particular territory, and have contracted with the publisher for ten, fifteen, or twenty thousand copies each month, and are thus enabled to take subscriptions at half price, and give one or more chronicles, of large dimensions, in addition. They promise both literary excellence and the beauty of illustrations, and if we have given more than we promised our readers during the past year, then certainly the future numbers of this Magazine will be of ever-increasing value. Our art department will be better than ever. Already our artists are at work on several costly, beautiful and artistic novels, which we will place before our readers during the next few months. We shall spare no expense or pains to make Demorest's recognized everywhere as the very best Family Magazine published.

Renewals of Subscriptions for 1884.

To those interested in making up clubs for Demorest's Monthly Magazine, we are prepared to send, on application, by return mail, circulars, cards, and blanks for renewal of subscriptions for 1884. We endeavor to supply all in advance, but may have overlooked some of our interested friends.