

the University of Toronto, was the unanimous choice for the position of Travelling Secretary during the months of October, November and December. The systematic plan of weekly giving through the entire year is warmly commended by the Board of Management.

IN the *Missionary Review of the World* for August Rev. Dr. Pierson, Editor-in-Chief, gave a most able criticism of the book lately published by Dr. James Johnston, entitled "The Real and Romantic in Missions." Dr. Johnston has made the mistake of which many others have been guilty—that of forming hasty judgments when visiting mission stations, and then of rushing into print and sowing broadcast their misconceptions and doubts, to the detriment of the Lord's cause. With an experience of *eighteen years* in missions there are not many men who would form opinions of other men's work, and express them with the audacity and coolness with which Dr. Johnston has proclaimed his after a single trip across the African continent, which occupied only *eighteen months*. While Dr. Pierson's treatment of this book is keen and critical, one cannot but be impressed with the fact that he is endeavoring to be just to the writer. The *Review* has also many papers valuable for the instructive information contained therein, while the different departments are up to their usual standard. Published monthly by Funk and Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. Price, \$2.50 per year. Subscribers ordering through the Mission Rooms will get the *Review* for \$2.25 per year.

Editorial and Contributed.

Editorial Notes.

AS will be seen from one of our Field Notes, the editor of the *Missionary Review* criticizes somewhat severely a recent book by Dr. Johnston, of Jamaica fame. Dr. Pierson might have dealt still more sharply with the book, and probably would have done so had he known all the facts. This man Johnston has repeatedly lectured in Toronto, and received considerable sums for his work (?) in Jamaica; and finding how gullible the Toronto people were, and how ready to give money to religious tramps for whom no one vouches, he returned and made special appeals for money to found a Mission in Africa. One of our Toronto Methodist churches, we are credibly informed, gave him a much larger sum than they contributed to our own missions. Dr. Johnston takes this money, spends it on a holiday trip across the Dark Continent, and returns to write a book misrepresenting missions and slandering men who are giving their lives for the regeneration of Africa. We regard such conduct as obtaining money under false pretences, and would put our readers on their guard against this pious swindling by whomsoever attempted.

The English Wesleyans have a flourishing College

at Navuloa, in Fiji, where the students are taught everything to fit them for the work of village pastors.

The Indians of the United States and Canada, number about 400,000. Alaska contains 30,000; other States and territories, 250,000; British possessions, 125,000.

Dr. A. T. Pierson, in the *Missionary Review of the World*, has this testimony: "Dr. Mackay (of Formosa) is one of the best examples of simplicity, resoluteness, old-fashioned orthodoxy, and faith in the Gospel and in the Spirit of God, that we have ever met, and his success proves that Missionary methods are not likely to improve upon those of the Apostles."

Dr. Pierson has also this in regard to woman's work, which is worth pondering: "Paul's words to the Corinthians, instead of *prohibiting* her testimony, rather *regulate* it. She is forbidden to usurp authority over the man, or to be disputatious in public assemblies; but the idea that any Scripture forbids woman to tell the Gospel story, or to teach the unsaved great saving truths, is a strange perversion of the Word of God."

The Student's Volunteer Movement, as we know it, is of recent origin; but it appears that as far back as 1690 Pastor Christian Gerber, of Lockwitz, Saxony, published a work on "The Unrecognized Sins of the World," including "Sleepy Indifference in Extension and Advancement of the Kingdom of Christ," and he exhorted students to dedicate themselves to the service of missions, giving practical suggestions for carrying out this work.

In Arctic regions life has many limitations, but it has certain compensations as well. The Bishop of Athabasca says that "the chief characteristic of an Arctic life consists not so much in what it presents, as in features that are conspicuous by their absence. No cities, towns or villages, streets, roads or lanes; no markets, farms or bazaars; no flocks or herds, or carriages; no money, whether coin or notes; no railways, mails or telegraphs; no government or soldiers or police; no prisons or taxes; no lawyers or doctors."

Australia is not to be congratulated on some of its public men. Sir George Dibbs, late Prime Minister, seems to be an infidel of the coarsest and most vulgar type. In a Parliamentary debate he spoke of Jesus Christ as "that wretch who was put to death nineteen hundred years ago." This is worse than Ingersoll's ribald blasphemy, and that such a man should be head of the Government does not speak well for the moral sense of the people. That he has recently been defeated is a hopeful sign.

One of the most remarkable results of the work in Uganda is the craving of the people for the Word of God. During the past year some 26,000 Gospels, 5,000 Gospels and Acts bound together, and 1,500