

ing attended by large numbers representative of the various city congregations. Last Friday evening the eighth annual meeting was held, and, despite the fact that there were several other meetings on the same evening, Convocation Hall was filled by a large and appreciative audience. The good work accomplished through the agency of the society was admirably presented by Mr. G. W. Logie, who with the aid of a large map showed the fields occupied by the students, and gave details of the work accomplished by these energetic and self-denying Christian workers. These centres of missionary activity extend over a vast region including Muskoka, Algoma, Manitoba, the North-West Territories, and the last great advance made by the society, the establishment of a mission in Honan, North China, to which they have despatched one of their most energetic advocates of missionary enterprise, the Rev. Jonathan Goforth, now on his way to his important field of labour. Listening to Mr. Logie's statement one could not fail to be impressed with the fact that but for the excellent work done by the society in many of the out-of-the-way places where settlement was sparse and new the people would have been lost to the Church, and many vigorous and healthy congregations that owe their origin to the efforts of the society's missionaries would not now be in existence. From the outset it is the aim of the students to gather in the neglected and at once develop the idea of self-help. The excellent results now apparent are the best justification and commendation of the society's work. They have placed the Church at large under a deep debt of obligation which can best be repaid by increased aid in the work so efficiently and economically carried on by the student missionaries. As an instance it may be mentioned that Mr. Logie stated that one of their number assigned to a district a hundred miles north of Calgary found that there were two methods by which his field could be reached. One was by stage, the other on foot, and with apostolic zeal and Canadian pluck, the young man resolved to walk the distance, and thus spare the society's funds. Stalwarts of this description are calculated to make able ministers of the New Testament, and to endure hardness as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.

At the same meeting Mr. Donald McGillivray, himself destined for the foreign mission field, made an earnest and impressive plea on behalf of the perishing heathen. He imparts the idea to all who hear him that in intellectual ability, earnestness of purpose, and spiritual power, he is eminently fitted for the important work to which he has consecrated his life. In a telling manner he showed the responsibility resting on candidates for the holy ministry, to give earnest, prayerful and conscientious consideration to the claims of the foreign mission work. He also made it plain that no less serious responsibilities rested on all Christians throughout the Church to send the Gospel to the heathen. In the absence of Rev. R. D. Fraser, detained by sickness, the Rev. Mr. Hart, of the Methodist Church, recently returned from China, gave a brief but graphic description of missionary labour in that important field. The missionary spirit has obviously imbued our theological institutions. Would that it could speedily penetrate all our congregations with equal intensity.

Books and Magazines.

EMBLEMS OF EASTER. An Easter service arranged by Mrs. T. E. Burroughs. (Philadelphia; John J. Hood).—A finely arranged service comprising appropriate hymns, music and readings.

LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A missionary service arranged by Mrs. T. E. Burroughs. (Philadelphia; John J. Hood).—This is a fine collection of hymns, music and readings for a varied and interesting children's missionary service.

THE NEW ENGLAND MAGAZINE. (Boston: The New England Magazine Co.)—As its title indicates, this Bay State monthly gives prominence in its pages to illustrated papers descriptive of New England localities and educational institutions. It also has in its contents much varied and interesting general reading matter.

PERFECTION AND SINLESSNESS. By Rev. D. B. Blair. (New Glasgow, N. S.)—This little pamphlet, by an esteemed Presbyterian minister in the Maritime Provinces, contains three able sermons, in

which the theory of sinless perfectionism is ably dealt with. He treats the subject in a manner that is at once clear and refreshing.

BOTH SIDES; or Jonathan and Absalom. By the Rev. Rufus S. Green, D.D. (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.)—There are parts of the Old Testament which are well nigh unexplored territory, even to many Bible readers. In a certain sense this is true of the stories of Jonathan and Absalom. Both these names are quite familiar to all Bible readers, but the former is known principally as David's friend, and the latter as David's rebel son who was hanged in an oak. There are, however, in both cases many very suggestive records besides; and of these common, every-day parts of their lives, but little is really known by most people. Dr. Green has done good service in preaching a course of sermons to young men, on these two young men of the Old Testament. The title of his book, "Both Sides," explains the author's aim, which is to show one noble life and one ruined by its own folly. The lessons are well brought out. The older stories are interpreted in the light of to-day. The book is an excellent one to put into the hands of young men.

THE PATH OF WEALTH, or Light from my Forge. By a Blacksmith. (Brantford: Bradley, Garretson & Co.)—The title so long honourably borne by Elihu Burritt, "The Learned Blacksmith," might fairly be claimed by the author of this plain, pithy and practical work on Systematic Giving. An idea of it may be formed from the opening sentences of Dr. Carman's introductory paper. He says: I have been looking over the book on the Christian law in giving of our substance to God, and cheerfully say I am pleased with it in its plot, its statement, its doctrine, and its argument. The plot is entertaining and makes it sprightly reading; its statement is clear and easily apprehended; its doctrine, as I fully believe, scriptural, and hence salutary, and its argument entertaining and decisive. It is not an easy subject to make attractive and popular, but this little book succeeds as well at least as any other I have seen in rendering the Christian Church this necessary and invaluable service. There are in the volume also papers on Systematic Giving, by Revs. C. B. Hallam, F. R. Beattie, Ph.D., D.D., and R. W. Wordsworth. The book is neatly bound and contains portraits of several who have earned distinction by their generous giving for religious and philanthropic purposes.

A PHOTOGRAPHIC FAC-SIMILE OF THE 1622 FOLIO EDITION OF SHAKESPEARE. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs).—This is an exact reproduction to the minutest detail of the original, only the pages are photographed to a crown 8vo size. Donnelly's Shakespere cipher is based wholly on this world famous folio edition. The edition has long been a perplexity to scholars. It is full of the most peculiar punctuation, bracketing, odd spelling and paging. The cipher depends on these, and invariably on the number of lines on a page. Any other than a fac-simile edition would not enable one to trace for himself the correctness of Donnelly's astonishing claim that Bacon has concealed by a complex cipher in the lines of Shakespeare an extended secret history. It is a book that should be now in the hands of every student of literature and especially of Shakespeare. There is no work in the whole range of English literature at all approaching near to this famous first folio edition of Shakespeare in interest and critical value. When it is mentioned that this is the sole authority for the texts of such master pieces as "The Tempest," "Macbeth," "Twelfth Night," "Measure for Measure," "Coriolanus," "Julius Cæsar," "Timon of Athens," "Antony and Cleopatra," "Cymbeline," "As You Like It," and "The Winter's Tale," were the rest of the book waste paper, enough will have been said to confirm its unrivalled importance. It is the authorized American edition from the English fac-simile plates.

RECEIVED:—KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY (Toronto), QUEEN'S COLLEGE JOURNAL (Kingston), PRESBYTERIAN COLLEGE JOURNAL (Montreal), MANITOBA COLLEGE JOURNAL (Winnipeg), CORNELL UNIVERSITY REGISTER (Ithaca, N. Y.), THE SANITARIAN (113 Fulton Street, New York), THE SIDE-REAL MESSENGER (Northfield, Minn.: Carleton College Observatory), WORDS AND WEAPONS, Edited by Rev. George F. Pentecost, D.D. (New York: H. T. Richards.)

THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

POINTE-AUX-TREMBLES MISSION SCHOOLS.

The members of the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society have made themselves acquainted with the work of French Evangelization as it is carried on in the city of Montreal, in the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools and in many Mission Stations and schools throughout the country, as well as by colportage; and being impressed with the vast importance of the work and the necessities of the great field in which it is being carried on, earnestly commend it to the sympathies, the prayers and the efforts of their sisters throughout the Church. French-Canadian Protestantism is no longer a thing of the future, it is a reality. Congregations no longer consist of a changing company brought together to hear something new, but of regularly organized memberships who have individually borne the test of many years' trial and often of persecution as well. Enquirers are continually finding their way to ministers and missionaries seeking for the truth and finding it. Were it possible to retain in Montreal alone those who have been led to Christ within the walls of its French-Canadian Churches, the French Protestant population of the city would be counted by many thousands. The vast majority have been dispersed by social persecution and a system of religious boycotting, which has compelled them to seek protection in the United States. There, however, they have preserved the faith received in Canada, and are gathered together for the pure worship of God in many Protestant congregations. To give an idea of the numbers of the expatriated it is enough to say that at least ten French graduates of the Presbyterian College in Montreal have been called over the lines to minister to their spiritual wants, independent altogether of those educated for the work by the American Churches.

It has often been asked, if progress is being made among Roman Catholics at present? The best answer to the question would be a visit to the new Hochelaga Mission conducted by the Rev. Mr. Duclos. In its flourishing day and Sabbath school the scholars, with one exception, are the children of Roman Catholic parents, who themselves attend the ordinances of worship as there conducted. The reports of the pastors of the other missions show that they are constantly in contact with Romanism and often with the happiest results. The vigorous efforts put forth by the Church of Rome to create antagonism between the professors of different creeds are in themselves an evidence how much it dreads the influence which this mission exerts.

The most intelligent and active French-Canadian Protestants are those who in youth were educated at the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools. These have utterly discarded the traditions of Rome. Many of them who are not engaged in the work of evangelization occupy positions of trust and responsibility. It is most desirable to increase their number, nor is there any difficulty in doing so. Many Roman Catholic parents whose faith in Rome has been shaken, but who themselves do not see the way clear to become Protestants, are quite willing to send their children to these schools, from which no scholar departs a Romanist, although no constraint of any kind is brought to bear on their former convictions. The schools would be filled were their capacity twice what it now is; but this means larger buildings and increased means to maintain them. A more zealous, pious and efficient staff of teachers than that which now conducts the work of the schools could not be desired.

From among the different departments of French Mission work, calling for their sympathies, the Montreal Woman's Missionary Society in addition to their present city work, have chosen the enlargement of the Pointe-aux-Trembles School-girls' department—as most appropriate to them, and at present most pressing.

To send forth every year into Roman Catholic homes throughout Canada from seventy to eighty young women, neat in person, well educated, trained to housework, etc., and lovers of the Bible, is surely a task worthy of any Christian community, and one that cannot but bear abundant fruit.

Every such scholar is in her own person a missionary for the Saviour, speaking often more loudly than words to those who behold in the light of awakened intelligence and true Christian joy the best contrast to the unreasoning victims of Rome's tyranny.

With the fullest possible confidence the work in the Pointe-aux-Trembles Schools can be commended to all who love the Saviour and desire to further His cause. Last winter twenty-eight of the pupils gave their hearts to Christ. Thirty-five of the present year's pupils are members of the Church, and nineteen of them intend to become missionaries or teachers.

To ensure the additional accommodation being available next session, the contract for the new buildings should be let in March. Contributions should be forwarded prior to the end of that month, and addressed to the treasurer, Mrs. Walter Paul, 2,355 St. Catherine Street, Montreal.