

lunched together in the Church Hall between the sessions. The reports showed good progress, especially among the country branches, many of whom have made wonderful strides since last year, in spite of the constantly diminishing numbers of Church people in the diocese—so many moving away, and few coming to replace them. The rule of balloting was suspended to allow of the last year's officers being elected by acclamation. Besides other business, \$75 was voted to the Bishop of Mackenzie River; \$50 each to the Revs. J. G. Brick and J. W. Tims, and \$25 to Rev. H. G. Stocken. The treasurer reported \$2,512 as being the total for the past year.

Books and Periodicals Department.

Foreign Missions After a Century. By Rev. James S. Dennis, D.D. Fleming H. Revell Co., 140-142 Yonge Street, Toronto. Price \$1.50. This book consists of lectures given by the author, a Presbyterian missionary of Beirut, Syria, to the students of the Princeton Theological Seminary, and contains a number of very useful facts regarding the great general subject of foreign missions. The outlook for the mission field is represented with much force and candor. All the elements of a discouraging nature are described with the same vividness as those that are encouraging; and facts regarding foreign lands are brought together in such a way as to render the book useful as a work of ready reference. The Christian convert in Japan, for instance, is made to cry "Come over into Japan and help us," and then gives an account of his own country, and states reasons why help should at once be given. The Christian convert in Corea does the same, and in like manner also China, the Islands of the Pacific, Siam and Burma, India, Africa, the Turkish Empire, Persia, South America, and Mexico. It is seldom that so much information is condensed into so small a space as this. That all these countries need the Gospel as an actual help for them in their present condition is clearly shown; but the difficulties to be met are of a serious nature, for all of them have their own religions, which, according to their light, they find useful to them. They are naturally also very jealous of foreigners. But the work actually done in foreign lands since the beginning of the present century, especially the latter part of it, is held up as undoubted testimony that the present age, with all its faults, is forming itself into a great missionary era, and that its work, when brought together and written down, will sound like a modern edition of the Acts of the Apostles. If the bulk of our good Christian people could only be induced to study the missionary problems and doings of the day a mighty revolution might speedily be secured for the world, which now lies everywhere with open doors—with doors, in fact, flung widely open—to receive the Gospel message.

(i) *The Expositor*; (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine*. London, England: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row.
(i) In the continued articles on "The Righteousness of Christ's Kingdom," by Professor Marcus Dods, some objections to the moral teaching of Christ are considered and ably met. Criticism regarding Professor Ramsay's "Galatia of the Acts" is continued. Sir J. W. Dawson has another article on the "Bible and Science," treating this time of the antediluvians and the deluge. Faith is ably held up by Rev. John Watson as "the sixth sense." Other interesting articles make up the number.

(ii) Besides the usual amplified collects, sermons in season, homiletical outlines, there are in this number useful suggestions regarding the clergy in human nature, the clergyman's

wife, some difficulties of country work and their remedy, and other kindred subjects.

The Separated Nation. By H. L. Hastings. Boston, U.S.A. Price 35 cents. In a small book of 224 pages, bound in cloth boards, facts and features of the Jewish race are here given which show the many wonderful things connected with them—the most remarkable people that live or ever have lived on the face of the earth. This is shown under four heads: (1) Jewish vitality, fecundity, and longevity; (2) the superior character of Jewish social life; (3) Jewish educational and intellectual characteristics; and (4) Jewish finance and statesmanship. All persons interested in these wonderful people would find much pleasure in reading this book.

The Missionary Review of the World. New York: Funk & Wagnalls Co. \$2 a year. The June number is enlivened by a couple of handsome illustrations showing (1) the hut where Livingstone died, and (2) the Rev. G. L. Mackay, D.D., his Chinese wife and children. It is full, as well, of most interesting reading matter regarding all parts of the world. An article, to be continued, on the "Unoccupied Mission Fields of the World" promises to be valuable in its information and suggestions for future work.

Other Lands and the People who Live There. By Minna C. De La Plante. London (England): Church Missionary Society. A book of forty eight pages—about the size of the "Dawn of Day"—handsomely illustrated, and giving information regarding Mohammedans, Africans, Hindoos, Tibetans, and North American Indians. Missionary societies and guilds would do well to circulate this book as a means of arousing interest in foreign missions.

Germania. A.W. & E. Spanhoofd, Boston. Monthly, \$2 a year. This periodical, devoted to the study of the German language and to German literature, comes this month in a greatly improved form. It is reduced in size, and is therefore more easily handled, and when bound will make a much better shaped book. People interested in acquiring the German language would do well to subscribe for it.

The Review of Reviews. 13 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 a year. Full information of current events is given, as usual, in this periodical. A picture of "Four Famous Brothers"—the Field brothers—with an account of the work of David Dudley Field, is prominent. A full pictorial account of Louis Kossuth is most interesting, and forms a capital page in history.

Illustrated London News. World Building, New York. \$6 a year. The usual fine illustrations characteristic of this periodical mark its recent numbers. Public events are plainly stamped upon the mind in pictorial form—a fact strongly emphasized by the *Illustrated London News*.

The Cosmopolitan. New York. Price 15 cents. May be had with the CANADIAN CHURCH MAGAZINE and MISSION NEWS, both periodicals for \$2 a year. The May issue of the *Cosmopolitan* is a bright number, full of illustrations and articles of interest.

TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT.

The following are the amounts received to date by the Secretary-Treasurer in cash and vouchers since last amounts acknowledged, April 21st, 1894: