

force a few days since as I was reading my Greek Testament. The word is *hilaron*. There is no mistaking its import. God loves a whole-souled 'hilarious' giver—one who is not ashamed of the cause for which he gives—one who, with a strong, buoyant, joyous confidence in the cause, in the men who are working with him for it, and, above all, in the God who directs the work, gives freely, heartily, and with a swing. To the sense of duty from the law of Christian service, shall we not, by God's help, add this crowning grace of spontaneous, hearty, hilarious Christian giving of time and money for the cause of our Master?"

A missionary says: "To-day I received two letters in the same mail. One was a cheque for five thousand dollars, signed by a rich man; who, as I knew, gave that sum with scarcely a thought of how it would be used. The other was a badly spelled letter from four children, who had actually raised chickens on a roof in New York city, and sent the proceeds—six dollars—to educate some poor little Indian child." No doubt this latter represented far more self-denial than the former.

Mr. J. J. KELSO, Provincial Superintendent of Neglected Children, would like very much to hear of parties who would be willing to give a home to a homeless child. Mr. Kelso has awaiting homes a number of bright little boys and girls, from infancy up to eight years of age, who would do well in the care of kind-hearted people. Agreements concerning these children are of the most simple character. Further information can be obtained by addressing Mr. Kelso, Parliament Buildings, Toronto.

Books and Periodicals Department.

Among graphic methods of illustrating the Sunday-school lesson, the sand-map is now used in many progressive schools. Miss Juliet E. Dimock has become widely known as an expert in the use of this form of lesson illustration. She has written an article, soon to appear in *The Sunday School Times*, in which she describes the making of a sand-map and its varied uses. Miss Dimock tells not merely how she makes and uses her own sand-maps, but how other teachers may prepare and use theirs.

No striking or sensational finds have been made in Asia Minor in recent years bearing on the interpretation, the historical authenticity, and the date of composition of the Book of Acts; but, in their entirety, the discoveries go far to constitute a new era in the understanding and the criticism of certain portions of the book. This matter will soon be ably discussed by Professor Dr. W. M. Ramsay, of Aberdeen, Scotland, in *The Sunday School Times*. He says: "It has already ceased to be possible for a rational criticism to maintain that the narrative of the missionary journeys is a free second-century composition; and it is rapidly ceasing to be possible to regard it as a series of first-century scraps pieced together by a second-century compiler."

Some of the best known and of the most promising of our poets contribute to *The Sunday School Times*. Among those whose work will shortly appear are Charlotte Fiske Bates, Susan Coolidge, William Cleaver Wilkinson, Rich-

ard Burton, Grace Duffield Goodwin, Julie M. Lippmann; and in the children's department, Cora Stuart Wheeler and George Cooper. John D. Wattles & Co., 1031 Walnut street, Philadelphia, Pa.

(1) *The Sunday at Home*, (2) *The Leisure Hour*; (3) *The Boys' Own Paper*; (4) *The Girls' Own Paper*; (5) *Friendly Greetings*, (6) *The Cottager and Artisan*, (7) *Light in the Home*, (8) *The Child's Companion*; (9) *Our Little Dots*. The Religious Tract Society, 56 Paternoster Row, London. The August number of *The Sunday at Home* is a fine issue. "Holiday Homilies," by Rev. A. R. Buckland, are pleasing little sermons suitable for vacation time. A sketch of the life of John Cairns, D.D., by James Macaulay, and the "Fountain of Capernaum," by Rev. Hugh McMillan, are both interesting articles. "Sunday in East London" is continued. Several fine stories are told, and an interesting account given of the first Christian emperor. Several sketches by Bishop Tucker, of Uganda, Africa, are also given. *The Leisure Hour* abounds in handsome illustrations. "Early Christian Buildings in Ireland," by Godard H. Orpen, may be specially mentioned among the articles, and "Abouk's Journey" among the stories. An Eastern tale is usually attractive, and this maintains the record. *The Boys' Own Paper* has only to be seen to convince that it is a periodical suitable for the boys of any household. *The Girls' Own Paper* is excellent reading for any young lady. It is not a juvenile paper, though young girls will find in it much that will interest them.

(1) *The Expositor* (one shilling); (2) *The Clergyman's Magazine* (sixpence). London: Hodder & Stoughton, Paternoster Row. These are always welcome visitors. *The Expositor* for August has a good conservative article on the "Cursing of the Ground—the Restoration," by Sir J. William Dawson. Dr. Stalker continues his interesting disquisitions upon Jeremiah. It is wonderful how much there is to study in the life of a man like this faithful yet suffering prophet of the declining days of Israel. Some very natural remarks are made by Rev. T. H. Darlow on St. Paul's last visit to Jerusalem with the design of clearing the apostle of the charge of inconsistency sometimes brought against him. *The Clergyman's Magazine* for August tells of "Simeon, the Teacher of Vital Religion," gives several sermon notes suitable to the season, and some other useful articles. That on "The Diaconate," by Rev. Charles Powell, may be specially mentioned. If the Diaconate proper had been made use of in the early days of church work in Canada a far more satisfactory result would have been obtained.

The Missionary Review of the World. Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. Price, \$2.50 a year. In the August number the Church of Rome is considered in her historical development and in relation to the predictions of the Apocalypse with much ability by Dr. Pierson, the editor in chief. "Missionary Work in the New Hebrides" is interestingly described by Rev. J. H. Laurie, D.D., of Antecityum, and is illustrated by several well chosen photographs, showing the life and work in those islands. Right Rev. H. C. Q. Moule contributes a very strong paper on the "Perpetual Obligations Resting on the Church to Evangelize the World," in which the writer brings forward scriptural evidence, and supports this argument by the historical phenomena of successive centuries within and without the church.

The Religious Review of Reviews. Westminster, London, England. The August number has portraits of the new and also of the late Bishop of Winchester, and also of the Venerable Archdeacon Denison, with suitable articles accompanying them. Other reading matter is up to date.

Germania. A. W. Spanhoofd, Manchester, New Hampshire, editor. This is a well-arranged monthly periodical for the study of the German language. Each number contains valuable assistance for students of that tongue.