

a statement of the amount the church applying will raise towards the remuneration guaranteed to the students commissioned by the Society.

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Literary Notices.

REGENT SQUARE PULPIT.—A London publisher has taken to issuing Rev. John McNeill's sermons weekly. They are supplied in Canada by A. G. Watson, Willard Tract Depository, Toronto, 16pp. 12 mo. Very heavy paper, 5 cents weekly, or \$2 a year. This Scotch prodigy is making his way in London; and if he doesn't allow himself to be killed off by multifarious committee work, and other work outside, his Gospel message will be a mighty power for Christ there. The present sermon is about Bethany and Martha, and the one thing needful. We unhesitatingly recommend these grand sermons. Here is one of his anecdotes:

It was the salvation of a very busy man in a country village. He gave a good deal to the church, and he was very useful in many ways, and his minister had watched him for some time and decided to test him. And one day he chanced to meet this man, and spoke to him. This man spoke about the great things he was doing in the church, and how well the church was getting on, etc. The minister looked at him and said, "One thing is needful, John; and I am afraid you have not got it," and he passed on. That night John came to the minister's door, not sad and anxious, but in a state of assurance and gladness. He almost wrung the minister's hand as he said, "Minister, I thank you for your word at the roadside. It was the very thing I needed. I didn't know the one thing. Now I believe I have got it," and he dropped down into his native Scotch, and said, "Aye, sir, it is hard to put us richt. Speak to them a' like yon, sir; say 'yon' to them a'."

There are many of us who are finding excuses for laziness. It is much nicer and easier to come to meetings and sing, "All hail the power of Jesu's name," etc., than it is to set to work like Sister Martha. It is not so nice to go home and roll up your sleeves and set to work. Who knows but that some of you here might have been better employed than in coming to this place of worship! You might have been keeping the bairns of some poor woman who never more will be able to come to the church unless some one takes the bairns off her hands for the time being.

THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for February. The leading paper of the number is by Rev. Jas. Johnston, of London, on "Protestant Missions a Hundred years Ago and Now." The contrast is sharply drawn, and is a bright prophecy for the future. Dr. Pierson's first Letter from Scotland is given, and will be read with intense interest. There is a very remarkable paper on "The Charities of Germany," by Dr. A. H. Bradford, which is instructive reading. Dr. Steel, of New South Wales, has a ringing article on

"The Jubilee of the New Hebrides Mission." J. Hudson Taylor rings out a clarion appeal "To Every Creature." Secretary Ellinwood sketches with skilful hand "The Credulity of Skepticism." Then follows a graphic picture of Pioneer Missionary life in Alaska, which will thrill the reader. We cannot see how one can read it from month to month and not catch its enthusiasm and be moved by its discussions and array of facts. Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York. \$2.00 per year, in clubs of ten, \$1.50.

OUR SUFFERING SISTERS.—This is a very small pamphlet of 16 pages, which will be sent free to anybody (and no doubt in numbers to societies), giving revelations "of a condition of things regarding the treatment of heathen women, in different countries, at the time of maternity, that seem scarcely credible or conceivable! The statements are made on the best authority, with the names of the unfortunates whose eyes have seen these things"; so the note accompanying the book says. It is published by the International Medical Missionary Society, New York. It shows, in the most harrowing manner (truth is not always pleasant!) the terrible need of medical missionaries in heathen lands. Address Mrs. G. D. Dowkontt, 459 Lexington avenue, New York City.

THE CENTURY for February has for frontispiece a full-length portrait of Ralph Waldo Emerson; a typical Yankee, with one corner of his mouth weighted a little more than the other with philosophy. It is curious, isn't it, that one half the men in the world have their mouths off the "square," and their noses off the "plumb!" But his "Talks with a College Boy," in this number, are very perpendicular and horizontal. The capture of Davis and the end of the Rebellion, complete the valuable "Life of Lincoln," which will soon be issued in book form; a "Side light on Greek Art," and a number of stories and discussions, one of them on the "New Constitution of Washington and Montana," will interest the general reader. The Century Co. Union Square, New York. \$4 a year.

ST. NICHOLAS for February has two articles that have greatly interested us, "The Story of the Great Storm at Samoa," with a dozen pictures that would charm the heart of any boy; and a "Bluenose Vendetta," giving the history of a family feud on the St. John River and how it ended. A number of other pieces make a good number Century Co., New York. \$3 a year.

THE TREASURY FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE continues to supply clergymen and others with both timely and indispensable information on a great variety of subjects. The illustrations in the Feb-