

best? The Indian girls are about the same size as white children, but they do not like tight clothes. If possible, some things might be sent out by the time the girls arrive. I know it is giving short notice, and some of the members do not work during the summer months, but do the best you can." We earnestly ask, who will help in this?

THE suffering and distress in British Columbia will have stirred the hearts of many of our members to active efforts to relieve the needs of those so sorely tried. House, home, lands—all swept away by those raging waters, and in so many instances, life itself extinct, leaves a picture almost too sad to dwell upon. The change that must be passing over the whole of the flooded land will deprive many of their farms, mills, canneries, and other means of gaining their living, so that for a long time to come they will be without work to keep them and their families. This is a time when we feel sure our branches will all come promptly to the help of the bishop and clergy, and send them immediate assistance for the thousands who will be calling for the necessities of life on all sides. A letter of heartfelt sympathy for the Bishop of New Westminster and his people has been sent in the name of the Provincial Woman's Auxiliary. We fear this distress of mind will not tend to improve the bishop's health, already so far from what his friends in Eastern Canada would like it to be.

### Books and Periodicals Department.

*The Canadians of Old: An Historical Romance.* By Philippe Aubert de Gaspé. Translated by Charles G. D. Roberts. D. Appleton & Co., New York; Norman Murray, Montreal. Price, 50 cents. This is a well-told tale of Lower Canada immediately before and after the capture of Quebec by General Wolfe. The author, who was born but twenty-eight years after the conquest of "New France," wrote, at the age of seventy-six, this pleasing tale, descriptive of the history, manners, and customs of the period in Canada. The home of the feudal lord of the manor, the seigneur, as he was called; the attitude of the *habitants*, or tenants, towards him; the students from the Jesuits' College of old Quebec, with their customs and mode of conversation; the servants, devoted and respectful; the Indians, savage, yet not ungrateful, are all made to do duty in a pleasing tale. Many hard and cruel consequences of a war which wrenched a whole country from one sovereign and transferred it suddenly to the allegiance of another are made to pass vividly before the eye. The tale is well written, in the easy style of a scholar who needs to use no "big words" to make people think him such. Nor has it lost anything in its English translation. Prof. Roberts has caused the easy flow of the author's original to appear in the English rendering, which is free from that stiffness of style too apt to be characteristic of a translation.

Norman Murray, of Montreal, has also published an illustrated Guide to Montreal and Ottawa, and several tracts on the religious questions of the day.

*The Missionary Review of the World* for July has an article by the editor-in-chief on "The Imperative Need for a New Standard of Giving." In it Dr. Pierson sets forth the tendency and results of the present standard and its con-

trast to the teachings of the New Testament. The wonderful work of God in Formosa is described by Dr. G. L. Mackay, by whom the work was started, and under whom it has been carried on until now the light of the Gospel is shining above the islands and hundreds of churches are ministered to by native pastors who but a few years ago were fierce and naked savages. This article is accompanied by five views, from photographs supplied by Dr. Mackay, illustrating the progress of the work in the transformation from heathenism to Christianity. The other departments have their usual amount of valuable information as to the progress and philosophy of missions. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York city, at \$2.50 per year.

*Social and Present Day Questions.* By Archdeacon Farrar. Boston: Bradley & Woodruff. This book is written specially for publication in America, and is dedicated to the late Bishop Phillips Brooks. It is evident that the writer has the welfare of the masses at heart, and the topics that he treats of are of great importance regarding it. They are questions that are forcing themselves to the front, and, sooner or later, will have to be dealt with. But besides the social questions, vigorously and unsparingly treated, other subjects, such as "Atheism," "History," "Art," "The Ideal Citizen," "The Pulpit," "Need of Progress," etc., and biographical sketches of such men as General Grant, President Garfield, Dean Stanley, Cardinal Newman, are given and discoursed upon in a way which shows wide reading and careful thought. There are many who will find in this book a rich treat, and, indeed, all would do well to read it.

*The Illustrated London News.* World Building, New York. \$6 a year. The late issues contain an account of the Queen's visit to Manchester, and of the Manchester ship canal, with many illustrations. The illustrated tale, "A Victim of Good Luck," by W. E. Norris, is continued. The Queen is shown again in the royal visit to Aldershot ("The Scots Greys Trotting Past the Queen" is a fine picture), and in "The Queen's Birthday." Pictures from the Royal Academy are continued. In the issue of June 16th is a portrait of Sir W. C. Van Horne, K.C.M.G., manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway, "the man to whom, above all others, the empire owes its new highway to the east and Australasia." A large, dreadful picture of a sea fight, "The Glorious First of June," gives a scene of just one hundred years ago.

*Talks About* (i) *The Soil* (141 pp.); (ii) *The Weather* (136 pp.); (iii) *Our Useful Plants* (149 pp.). Three books by Charles Barnard. 12mo., cloth; per vol., 75 cents, or the set of three, in a box, \$2.25. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York, London, and 11 Richmond street west, Toronto. These books are of great interest. The fact that they are written in popular style renders them especially valuable. The "Talks About the Soil" are in its relation to plants and business. The "Talks About the Weather" are with relation to plants and animals. The "Talks About Our Useful Plants" are just what all who are interested in the culture of plants, for pleasure or profit, will be glad to hear.

*Five-Minute Object Sermons to Children.* By Sylvanus Stall, D.D. New York and Toronto: Funk & Wagnalls. This book is to be taken for just what it professes to be—object sermons to children. It is written in the abrupt, colloquial style suitable for little people. All kinds of objects, such as tramps, money, banks, chart, anchor, etc., are used to attract the attention of the children, and the illustrations in most cases are good. For those who are called upon frequently to address children, this book will be found useful.

(i) *The Expositor*; (ii) *The Clergyman's Magazine.* London, England: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row. *The Expositor* for June contains "The Higher Criticism and the Verdict of the Moments," "The Bible and Science (the