

or, Lost Lives." "Lost lives? which are they? Lives spent on self, wasted in pleasure, fretted on vanities, lived for time? Ambition may be gratified, aims achieved, honors won; but when earth is left behind, what remains for such? Their grace and triumph will have vanished, self-consumed. . . . Lost lives! As the words re-echo I see the saints of God, who from of old, declaring plainly that they seek a country, have cheerfully gone forth on pilgrimage 'not knowing whither they went.' Abraham is among them, Paul is among them, and the heroes of our century of missions—Livingstone is there, Krapf is there, and William Carey; Allen Gardiner, starved to death on the desolate Fuegian shore; James Gilmour, tramping with bleeding feet frozen Mongolian uplands; Graham Brooke, dying alone on the Upper Niger; John McKittrick, sleeping in the first white man's grave in distant Lololand—they are all there, all *part of the Eternal*. And Jesus' life is there."

Cross-Bearers' Missionary Reading Circle.

Course of study for this year as follows: I. Biographical—1. "Life of James Calvert," 75 cents; 2. "Mackay of Uganda," by his sister, \$1. II. Travel—3. "Lands of the Orient," by Rev. M. B. Chapman, D.D., \$1. III. Philosophical—4. "The Divine Enterprise of Missions," by Rev. A. T. Pierson, D.D., \$1.25. IV. Periodical—5. THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD—Funk & Wagnalls Co., to C. M. R. C. members, \$1.50. For further information address Rev. Z. M. Williams, St. Joseph, Mo.

Publications Noticed.

—*The Student Volunteer*, the official organ of that well-known movement, makes its first appearance in February, edited by the Executive Committee, from 80 Institute Place, Chicago. It will be helpful to many besides volunteers, for it will contain in every number articles by prominent writers on

missionary subjects, courses of study, news and notes, and a directory of missionary boards and of speakers who may be procured for addresses before societies. Its price (25 cents) brings it within reach of all.

—*Missionary Map of Free Church of Scotland*, by George Smith, LL.D., F.R.G.S. This is a very valuable map, and is the result of some of Dr. Smith's most careful study of the distribution of religions in Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australasia. This distribution is represented in colors most definitely and accurately. The mission stations of the Free Church are also designated. We wish that every society could publish a similar map. The size is 4 × 5 feet.

—*Map of Japan*, by C. H. Kajiware. Size, 52 × 54 inches; price, \$6 mounted. Mr. Kajiware, a native of Japan and a student at Princeton College, has endeavored to show in his map and accompanying diagram and statistical tables the relative strength of various Christian denominations and a comparison with other religions. It is more comprehensive and accurate than any of the maps of the kind, and is recommended by all the best authorities.

—*Memoir of Margaret Kennedy*, by James Kennedy, M.A. (James Nesbit & Co., London). Mrs. Kennedy was for nearly forty years a missionary in India, and the account of her home life and her work among the women of Benares is well described by her husband. The book is a missionary biography, with all that that term implies.

—*The Great Commission*, by Rev. M. T. Lamb (published for M. T. Lamb, Davenport, Ia., 40 cents). The subject is treated in relation to both the home and the foreign field, and with much force. The information which Mr. Lamb gives in the form of statistics and other facts is very valuable. The book is calculated to interest, instruct, and influence its readers.