

may be able thoroughly to instruct his people from the pulpit, much more help than this. This is especially the case at the present time, when so many societies of all kinds make such incessant and pressing demands upon a minister's time. He ought to be able to find relief from much personal service in these, in the assistance he may fairly look for from his elders. The organization and forms of activity which the writer points out, are worthy of most serious consideration, and where they have not been tried, might well be put to trial. No Church in the country has a larger amount of material for doing such work as is pointed out, and how much richer a source of blessing the Church would be throughout her whole extent, were she doing much more than is now the case, by her eldership, the work in these articles pointed out as lying within her province, ability and duty to do.

The circular of the Secretary of the Foreign Mission Committee, which we publish in this issue, will, we doubt not, receive from the Church the attention and response which the statements it makes regarding the claims of the Foreign Mission calls for. It sets clearly before the Church one important matter, namely, that none of the money collected by the Woman's Foreign Mission Society can be used for the ordinary expenses of the Committee, apart from those for which that society by its constitution, provides. We believe there has been misapprehension on this point, and this circular should altogether remove it. The amount of money needed is large, and it lies with the ministers and other office-bearers of the Church by all proper efforts, to see that it is forthcoming. There can be little doubt that if the proper effort is made it will be got, and the state of our missions, in some aspects, as in India, for example, shows how much is still needed to put them on the most efficient footing. It is to the honour of our Church that, young comparatively in this land, as it is, we have done and are doing so much, speaking again comparatively, in the great work of carrying the Gospel to the utmost ends of the earth, and this while we have so large and needy a mission field at home. Neither can be neglected without being unfaithful to Him whom we have taken to be our Master, And His love as shown to us, and the blessings in the matter of religious privileges. He has so richly bestowed on us, lay us under the weightiest obligations of love and gratitude and service to carry on and do our part in an undertaking which so closely concerns His own glory, and which He has laid upon the Church to do for His sake.

#### FOREIGN MISSION FUNDS.

As the time has come when Presbyteries are submitting to their congregations estimates for the different schemes of the Church, will you allow me to state what are our present obligations as to Foreign Mission work.

In considering our Foreign Mission Funds, it is always necessary to remember that there are two departments of it—the work done amongst women and children by lady missionaries, and supported by the W.F.M.S., and the congregational, educational and evangelistic work done by our male missionaries, and supported by the congregational funds. Just as the Home Mission work of the Church has its two departments—Home Mission and Augmentation—and it is never allowed to take the funds contributed for Home Missions and use them for Augmentation, nor to use Augmentation Funds for Home Mission purposes, so it is in Foreign Mission work. The money raised by W.F.M.S., is by the constitution of that Society, to be applied to work amongst women and children, and cannot be applied to the other department. Each fund is applied to the purposes for which it is raised.

Now the estimate for Foreign Mission work for the year, as adopted by the General Assembly for the Western Section of the Church, is \$115,000. Since the meeting of the General Assembly, and in view of appointments and changes that have since taken place, the W.F.M.S. will require to raise over \$4,200 to meet their obligations, and about \$75,000

will be required to meet the obligations connected with the other department. That makes a total of \$117,000 or \$2,000 more than the General Assembly's estimate. There is little doubt that the ladies will do their part, but will the congregations furnish the \$75,000, that falls to them? That will depend upon two things: First—The interest that exists among the members of the Church as to giving the Gospel of Salvation to dying men. That we have the ability to give that and very much more nobody can question. In the Presbyterian Church in Canada there are reported over 173,000 communicants, and nobody will say, business depression notwithstanding, that so great a Church is oppressed by the amounts so far contributed. Have we got so far away from the spirit of the Bible as to refuse to believe that business depressions, etc., come because we are unfaithful to our trust. "He that earneth wages, earneth wages to put into a bag with holes." "Ye looked for much, and lo it came to little; and when ye brought it home I did blow upon it. Why? Saith the Lord of Hosts. Because of mine house which is waste, and ye run every man unto his own house. Therefore, the heaven over you is stayed from dew and the earth is stayed from her fruit." That, it is well known, is regarded by many as scarcely rational doctrine, now-a-days, yet the same God rules, and by the same laws as in the days of the prophets of old. The Church can give very much more and would be very much more prosperous and blessed in every way if she did.

The second consideration is, that when the distribution of congregational funds takes place, the Foreign Mission Fund gets fair play. Let it be remembered that the money raised by the women cannot be applied, to this section, of the work for which \$75,000 are required.

However much the W.F.M.S., raise, the congregations require to raise \$75,000, or we shall not be able to meet our obligations for this year.

Now, will anyone say that the Foreign Mission Committee is going too fast? Can anyone say that, who will look at the situation? A thousand millions of sinning, suffering men and women and children, who need to be saved from, not simply a future, but a present death.

"Shall not," asks Hudson Taylor, after twenty years in China, "the low wall of helpless, hopeless misery, arising from one half of the heathen world, pierce our sluggish ear, and rouse us spirit, soul body, to one mighty, continued unconquerable effort for China's salvation?"

This is an earnest and affecting appeal, but we have a stronger appeal from a higher authority than Mr. Taylor. He who Himself wept over Jerusalem, and said, "All power is given unto me in Heaven and in earth, go ye therefore and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost," also said, "O Son of Man I have set thee a watchman, therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth and warn them from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt die; if thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thine hand." With such words, from Him to whom we expect to render an account in view, none dare say in our own interests, not in the interests of the suffering, weeping and perishing humanity, that we are going too fast. It will be a long time yet before such a complaint will have any foundation. There is more reason in the complaint of others, that the Committee does not go fast enough—that we should send out many more men and women in faith, and that He who has all power will provide their daily bread, according to His promise. Alas! when we are arguing and complaining and hesitating, not knowing what to do, the world is lying in the arms of the Wicked One—dying without hope. Shall we not awake?

E. P. MACKAY.

#### OBITUARY.

A telegram from Tarsus, Asiatic Turkey, via New York, to W. T. Hatch, Treasurer of St. Paul's Institute, Tarsus, announces the sad news of the death there on the 5th inst., of the Rev. H. S. McKittrick, missionary, in connection with St. Paul's Institute. Mr. McKittrick was born and received his early education in Orangeville. After spending two years in preparatory work, he entered Knox College, and at the close of the usual course of study, graduated in April, 1892. When he had been nearly a year pastor of the church at Johnston, in the Owen Sound Presbytery, he resigned to join the faculty of St. Paul's Institute, at Tarsus, an institution for the education of native students for the ministry. On Jan. 18th last, he married Miss E. R. Pringle, of Galt, and immediately left for the scene of his labours, where he

arrived on the 2nd of February. He is spoken of in the highest terms by those who knew him best, and his death is a severe loss, both to the mission with which he was identified, and to his relatives and friends upon whom the blow has fallen altogether unexpectedly, as in his last letter he said, "I feel better now, and hope with care to avoid any more malaria."

We regret to notice the death, on Oct. 9th, at Sydney, Australia, of the Rev. Dr. Steel. His name is familiar among English-speaking Presbyterians at least, all over the world. Though born in England, he was at an early age taken to Scotland, and educated at the Royal Burgh Academy in Ayr, at King's College, Aberdeen and Edinburgh University. His first charges were at Irvine, Blairgowrie, and the Isle of Cumbrae, on the Clyde. Upwards of thirty years ago he went to Australia, where he has occupied a very prominent position. He was a voluminous writer, both before and since he went to Australia, and is especially well-known in religious circles by a valuable work on the New Hebrides and Christian Missions. In 1861 the University of Göttingen conferred on him the degree of Doctor of Philosophy, and later, Lafayette College, the Presbyterian University of Pennsylvania, conferred upon him the honorary degree of D.D.

We also notice the unexpected death, after about four days' illness, of Mr. M. J. Byrnes, a student of our Church, at Kingston, and son of Mr. J. J. Byrnes, a much respected elder of the church at Cumberland, Ont. He was seized with grippe, which developed into inflammation of the lungs, followed by heart failure, from which he died suddenly. Having early given his heart to God, he consecrated himself to the ministry, and after preparatory studies at the Almonte High School, where he carried off the gold medal, he entered Queen's University, Kingston, where his life was thus suddenly cut off. His funeral on Monday, the 6th inst., was very largely attended, and his pastor, the Rev. Jas. H. Beatt, of Cumberland, preached an appropriate sermon from the words, "Why seek ye the living among the dead?"

Mrs. Burton, wife of the Rev. John Burton, died last Sunday evening at the residence of her son-in-law, Mr. J. G. Thompson. Mrs. Burton was well known throughout the Presbyterian and Congregational bodies of Ontario and Quebec, having taken an active share in all church work, particularly that of the Woman's Missionary Society. Since the spring Mrs. Burton has been in poor health, and for the last three months has been confined to her room, passing peacefully away on the anniversary of the death of her only son, which occurred on November 19th, ten years ago. Mr. Burton and his daughters may feel assured that they have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

We gladly find space for the two following acknowledgments:—

Rev. Dr. King reports that the intimation has reached him of the donation of £100 sterling to Manitoba College by the Colonial Committee of the United Presbyterian Church of Scotland. The money is to be applied to the ordinary revenue of the College, and is spontaneously given.

Rev. Dr. Cochrane acknowledges with thanks the receipt of £100 sterling from the Continental and Colonial Board of the United Presbyterian Church in Scotland, for Home Mission work.

#### Books and Magazines

The Century Magazine for November has a striking likeness for frontispiece, of Edwin Booth. A hitherto unpublished poem by Emerson, to Lowell on his fortieth birthday, recalls a long past time. This number begins a new volume, and it is well filled with striking and interesting articles and illustrations from the best known pen and pencils, among which may be mentioned, "Fifth Avenue," "The Factions of Kituyk," "The Watchman," "The Casting Vote," in two parts, "Taking Napoleon to St. Helena," concluded, "Bismarck at Friedrichsruhe," "Tramping with Tramps," and "Humour, Wit, Fun and Satire," by Jas. Russell Lowell. Anything respecting Booth is interesting, and in this number is an article on Memories and Letters of Edwin Booth, Topics of the Time and in Lighter Vein, complete a very interesting bill of fare.

The Canadian Monthly for November contains a rich variety of interesting reading. Mr. Le Sueur writes of State Education and Iams. Plebsite, is by Edward Meek, and in it he combats the

ground taken by the Hon. G. W. Ross, in an article on the same subject in the August number. "Problems of Home-Winning," is intended to show how those who are dependent on what they can earn by their work, may obtain a home of their own. The Battle of the Eclipse, The Old Bastille of Paris, part third of Down the Yukon and Up the Mackenzie, Banana Cultivation in Jamaica, are interesting reading. There are also poetic contributions, most of them of real merit. Ontario Publishing Co., Toronto.

The Canadian Educational Monthly contains a very varied, and for the teacher especially, a very practical and useful supply of reading matter. The contributions of original articles, and we must content ourselves with simply naming them, are Dr. McLellan, Principal of the School of Pedagogy, Toronto; Mr. C. A. Chant, Rev. Wm. Moore, D.D., of Ottawa, and Dr. B. A. Hinsdale. A correspondent gives an account of the Manitoba Teacher's Association, and the remainder of the articles are selected with discrimination from various sources. They have all what is now considered a great merit, brevity. The Canada Educational Monthly Publishing Co., Ltd., Toronto.

Scribner's Magazine for November begins with an article upon a people living on the Chinese frontier of Upper Burma, the Kachins, by an officer of the Grenadier Guards. The frontispiece is a beautiful portrait of a beautiful lady, Madame Roland, and along with it is an interesting article upon that unfortunate lady. Glimpses of French Illustrations, the House of Commons, by Augustus Birrell, M.P.; Mr. Freeman, the great historian, at Home; Historic Moments; the Nomination of Lincoln, are all articles of much interest. The Copperhead is continued, and the article, "The Picturesque Side," is devoted to the Exposition. Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York.

Those who have read the latest work of Prof. Goldwin Smith, will be glad to learn that a new book by him is almost ready, and is expected from the press about the end of November. It is entitled "Essays on Questions of the Day, Political and Social." Some of the essays will doubtless command the attention of the best class of readers throughout Canada. Social and Industrial Revolution, The Irish Question, Prohibition in Canada and the United States, The Empire, Woman Suffrage, etc., etc. This book will be published simultaneously in New York by Macmillan & Co., and Toronto by The Copp, Clark Company, Limited.

Volume eight of the Arena is completed with this number. It is pleasant to know that its circulation is steadily increasing, and it is worthy that it should be so. Some of the most noticeable articles in this issue are "Thoughts in an Orphan Asylum," "Shakespeare's Plays," by the late Richard A. Proctor, and continuation of the Bacon-Shakespeare Case, The Slave Power and the Money Power, Study of Thomas Paine, La Corriveau, by our poet, Louis Frechette, and a first paper on Gerald Massey, Poet, Prophet and Mystic. The Arena Publishing Co., Boston, Mass.

Knox College Monthly, for October, contains the lecture of Rev. Dr. McLaren at the opening of the college, "On the Permanence of the Sabbath in Relation to the Gospel Law and the Gospel Economy," which has already appeared in our columns. The other two principal articles are by the Rev. Dr. Laing, on "The Training and Licensing of the Students," and on "Evangelistic Work," by Rev. J. Campbell, of Granton. A short article on the "Hope of Buddhists," and notices of books, complete the number. The J. G. Bryant Co., Ltd., Toronto.

In the first part of the November number of the Missionary Review of the World, we have the substance of an address given by Dr. Pierson, At the "World's Congress of Missions," Chicago. Korea, the Chinese in the United States and Canada, Metlakatla, come under notice, and other subjects, important in their place. The International Department, under the management of Dr. Gracey, is, as usual, full of interest, and the other departments maintain their usual excellence. Funk & Wagnalls Co., Toronto and New York.

The Canadian Almanac for 1894 is simply indispensable for the wide field it covers. A look at the index shows at a glance that there is almost no conceivable subject one can expect to find in such a work, that has been passed over. This issue contains some special features which increase its value for reference. The printing is beautifully clear and distinct. The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., Toronto.