

Christian education that the first work for the evangelization of Japan is now to be carried on, and at no other expense than that of sending out and supporting the comparatively few foreign teachers who are needed in the work.—*Missionary Herald*.

Literary Notices.

THE MASTER'S MEMORIAL is the title of a neat and comprehensive little manual, on the Lord's Supper, by Rev. Thomas Macadam of Strathroy, Ontario. Perhaps better recommendation than anything we can write, is to say that it is warmly recommended by such men as Rev. J. K. Smith of Galt, Mod. of Assembly; Principal Caven. Prof. McLaren, Principal Grant, Principal MacVicar, Principal King, and other prominent men in the church. These all speak of it in very high terms as eminently fitted for use both in families and Bible Classes. For ten cents in stamps a copy will be sent; twelve copies for one dollar, or one hundred copies for \$7.50. If it is not kept by local booksellers, address Rev. Thomas Macadam, Strathroy, Ont.

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for MAY has just been received. It contains some interesting and valuable articles, viz.: "The Development of the Steamship," being a history of the progress of steam vessels, with illustrations and diagrams; "The Forests of North America;" "An Ocean Graveyard," by J. McDonald, Oxley, formerly of Halifax, a thrilling description of that ill-starred Sable Island, and the loss of life and property that there from year to year takes place. Besides these there are several stories continued from former issues, and one or two short stories complete. Price 25 cents, monthly, or \$3.00 per year.

A PRACTICAL RELIGION.

We want a religion that softens the step and tunes the voice to melody, and checks the impatient exclamation and harsh rebuke; a religion that is polite, deferential to superiors, courteous to inferiors, and considerate to friends, a religion that goes into the family, and keeps the husband from being cross when the dinner is late, and keeps the wife from fretting when the husband tracks the newly-washed floor with his muddy boots, and makes the hus-

band mindful of the scraper and the doormat; keeps the mother patient when the baby is fretful, and amuses the children as well as instructs them; cares for the servants besides paying them promptly; projects the honeymoon into the harvest-moon, and makes the happy home like the Eastern fig-tree, bearing in its bosom at once the beauty of its tender blossoms and the glory of its ripened fruit. We want a religion that shall interpose between the ruts and gullies and rocks of the highway of life, and the sensitive souls that are travelling over them.—*Sci.*

BIBLE READING.

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Iniquities are living forces, Psa. lxxix: 1-3.

Once committed they live on, Job xiii. 26; Lam. v. 7; Job xxi. 19.

They take hold of the wicked, Prov. v. 22; Psa. xl. 12.

They make strength to fail, Psa. xxxi. 10.

They testify against us, Jer. xiv. 7.

They sometimes prevail against the godly, Psa. lxx. 3.

They carry men away from God, Isa. lxxv. 6; Isa. lix. 2.

They make people reproach, Dan. ix. 16.

They cool down the love of others, Matt. xxiv. 12.

The Presbytery of Miramichi has resolved to memorialize the Provincial Board of Education to provide a text book, for use in the public schools, on the Physical effects of Alcohol. This is a step in the right direction. Too often the reading books in our public schools are mere gymnastics, collections of words which teach the art of reading but nothing more. If in addition to this every lesson in every school book from the primer of beginners to the most advanced "readers," were made not only a lesson in reading but a means of conveying to the minds and hearts of the young some important lesson bearing upon their physical, mental and moral well being, how to make the most and best of life, incalculable good might result.

An old heathen philosopher, gave as at once the highest duty and the highest aim "know thyself." A little more of self-knowledge, in the course of studies in our public schools would be a great improvement.