

THANKSGIVING COLLECTION.

We remind our readers of the special collection asked for by the Home Mission Committee on Thanksgiving Day, upon behalf of the work which is being carried on among the Foreign population of the North West.

Our brethren across the line, are mourning the death, by the hand of an assassin, of the President whom they loved and trusted. They are asking the question "What should be done to subdue anarchy and rid it out of the land?" There is but one force strong enough to cope with anarchy and all forms of lawlessness, and that is the Gospel. It is the power of God. It is generally felt that our brethren in the States are reaping the fruit of their neglect of Foreigners from whom anarchists chiefly come. Little was done in the States to reach this class. It becomes us in Canada to learn the lesson which our brethren are being taught, and put forth vigorous efforts to give the Gospel to those people from Foreign lands who, in the providence of God, are settling in our midst.

It is encouraging to know that our church is active in her efforts to reach these people, both by means of day schools, the regular ministers of the Gospel and by medical missionaries. The amount necessary to carry on the work this year among the Foreign population to the West of Lake Superior, is between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

No more appropriate object could claim the attention and Christian sympathy of our people on Thanksgiving Day, and we trust that every congregation will at least have the opportunity of then contributing so that the full amount necessary may be got in connection with the Thanksgiving Service. W.

The Revd. Dr. Warden, Convener of the Home Mission Committee, has appealed to the Church for a collection on Thanksgiving Day for the prosecution of mission work among the Foreigners in Western Canada; this appeal should wake a liberal response from all patriots. A missionary is laboring among the Finns in the neighborhood of Port Arthur and Ft. William. For years mission work has been prosecuted among the Icelanders in Selkirk and Winnipeg. Two missionaries are laboring among the Hungarians south of Yorkton, and a third missionary began work recently among those north and south of Whitewood. In the Qu'Appelle Valley there is a colony of Bohemians, and a student in theology, of their own people, was laboring among them last summer, and another the previous summer. In the neighborhood of Regina a German missionary is at work, and another near Edmonton. In the districts near Wetaskiwin and Leduc a good deal has been done among the Swedes, and for years a Swedish missionary labored north east of Round Lake.

There is great rejoicing over the defeat of the Tammany rule in New York. But the Tammany Tiger has nine lives, and though the overthrow seems effective, the recuperating powers of the machine must be taken into account, and eternal vigilance alone will ensure good government. That is true of more cities than New York.

MISSIONARY MEETINGS.

Sub-committees representing the Assembly's Home Mission and Augmentation Committees are arranging for a series of meetings in the interest of the two Funds, to be held throughout the church. The following arrangements have already been made, and meetings will be held accordingly:-

Quebec,	Sabbath, 10th November
Montreal,	Sabbath, 10th November
Rockville,	Monday, 11th "
Pontreake,	Tuesday, 12th "
Renfrew,	Wednesday, 13th "
Almonte,	Thursday, 14th "
Carleton Place,	Friday, 15th "
Smith's Falls,	Sabbath, 17th "
Perth,	Sabbath, 17th "
Ottawa,	Monday, 18th "
Kingston,	Sabbath, 19th "
Belleville,	Tuesday, 19th "
Peterborough,	Wednesday, 20th "

The deputation appointed to take part in these meetings consists of the Rev. Dr. Robertson, Superintendent of Missions, the Rev. J. A. Macdonald of Toronto and John Penman, Esq., of Paris.

Intimation has already been sent to the ministers of the respective congregations interested, and the cordial co-operation of the brethren has been pledged to make these meetings a success. The members of the deputations will address congregations on the Sabbath named, in churches already arranged for. The meetings on week days are all to be held in the evening.

Literary Notes.

The Ladies' Magazine for November opens with an excellent article on "The Woman Who Writes for the Papers" by a woman journalist. Then comes the report of the meeting of the Club, the inauguration of which was described last month. This time the girls talk of going away to boarding school. An illustrated article on "The Flower of November" tells many interesting facts about the Chrysanthemum. "The Weddings of the Month," including pictures of the bride and groom as well as descriptions of the weddings, is a notable feature of the Magazine each month. We are able to mention only a few of the good things in this number.—The Hugh C. McLean Company, Toronto.

The November Cosmopolitan has a timely article in "The Story of Theodore Roosevelt's Life," by John Brishen Walker. In the same number Edmund Gosse writes of "The Isolation of the Anglo-Saxon Mind"; Gustav Kobbé has an illustrated article on "The Music of a Woman's Face"; and A. F. Winnington Ingram, Lord Bishop of London, discusses "Overcrowding and the Remedies for it". These are only a few of the articles, while Crockett has a story, "Elsie's Dance for Her Life", and Thomas A. Janvier gives the first half of a story, "Forfeit to the Gods." The fourth of the old French romances chosen by Richard Le Gallienne is "The Tale of King Custans", which is a very pretty piece of writing. The Cosmopolitan, Irvington, New York.

Naaman, the Syrian Soldier, by the Rev. W. Lyon Riach, M. A. This book contains a series of discourses and the volume is "dedicated to the dear people to whom they were primarily addressed." The following passage will indicate the preacher's standpoint and his style: "We believe that every portion of the Word of God is equally true, and it is all written under the supernatural influence called inspiration. But this does not require us to say, nor will we say, that all the contents of the Bible are equally attractive or equally precious. There are degrees here as there are in all God's work-

manship. All flowers are not equally beautiful, all trees are not equally picturesque, all mountains are not equally sublime. In this respect the Word of God resembles the work of His hands we see around us and speak of as the works of Nature." The subject is treated under such headings as the following: His Past Career and Present Condition; The Hebrew Maid; His Presumptuous Spirit; A Petulant Question, etc. The interesting story is told in a clear, intelligent manner and practical lessons and evangelical truths are drawn from it.—Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Minister's Life and Work, by J. S. Wilson, D. D. Twenty years ago Dr. Wilson was appointed by the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland and as a result at that time published a book on "The Life-education and Wider Culture of the Christian Ministry." Once more he has received a similar appointment and after delivering his lectures to the students of the four Universities he again sends forth a book full of good advice and helpful counsel. The present volume deals with the minister's call and office, his preaching, his conduct of religious services, his intercourse with his own people and his relation to the Church at large. These lectures are not the work of a great genius like Beecher, but they are a piece of solid, conscientious workmanship. We note on page 157 the following sad testimony: "You will not be a minister for a single week, or even a single day, before you discover that a very large part of your work will be to combat the forces and repair the ravages of drunkenness. You will scarcely enter a single house or make the acquaintance of a single household in which you will not come upon some traces of its blight. Realize that all your ministerial life will have to be one long struggle against that cruel enemy, and that you must reckon with fierce resistance from that quarter at every step." We commend the earnest discussion of the minister's duties especially to those who are looking forward to or have recently entered this sacred calling.—Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh, Scotland.

The Nineteenth Century and After for October has the usual varied program of articles, mostly of the up to date character. Politics, economics, literature, education, all receive a fair share of attention, and South Africa although it does not bulk so largely is not altogether neglected. The Rev. Dr. Henry R. Purcell has an article on "The Body of Christ an Epoch-making Book." He says: "We are told that there are or have been epoch making books, but personally I gravely doubt whether any such book ever appeared. Epochs are usually, if not universally, made by words and deeds not by books. Even the Koran did not make an epoch, nor did the gospel of the Blessed Saviour. Be this, however, as it may, though I suppose no one would for an instant suggest that Canon Core's new book, "The Body of Christ", was epoch-making, the object of this paper is to show that it is in the very highest degree epoch-making." "It marks an epoch which cannot fail to be of the greatest importance to the Church of England, namely, the coming together again of what threatened to be two separate factions of the historic high church party of the Anglican communion." So it would seem that the Church of England is the center of the world and the sacramentarian controversy more epoch-making than the institution of the Christian Church.—The Leonard Scott Publishing Company, New York.