

ative, should not Christian work and religious and social questions stirring the mind of the people be subjects of deliberation? What deliverance has the Union ever pronounced on evangelistic work, the welfare of youth, Sunday schools, the scepticism of the day, the growing indifference of the masses to Churches and existing Church services, or on any of the social subjects or problems which the Church above all is called on to consider. Home missions work we have reached the threshold of, but silence prevails on all kindred subjects.

Congregationalism at first flourished largely because it was aggressive. The Churches were missionary Churches. In what sense are they so now? Has it now lost its distinctive features and are not other denominations advancing simply because they are so—occupying the fields which we have neglected and doing the work we have left undone?

THE CENTURY.—From a "Topic of the Time," in *The Century* for June, we quote as follows: "During the past two years from eight thousand five hundred to nine thousand manuscripts were annually submitted to *The Century* magazine for publication. This is an increase over previous years, and does not include the hundreds, perhaps thousands, of propositions submitted with regard to articles. As there has been an increase in the number of periodicals published in America of late years, and as the newspapers are publishing more contributions than ever by writers not on the regular staff, it is evident that there has been an increase in literary activity at least in proportion to the increase in population. Now out of nine thousand manuscripts a year *The Century* can only possibly print four hundred or less. The fact that a particular blossom is not gathered into the monthly bouquet does not prove that the editor regarded the blossom as a weed, and therefore passed it by. The 'rejected' or 'declined' are naturally prone to gibe at sympathetic or apologetic words from editorial sources, so we present the above simile with considerable diffidence. There is truth in it, nevertheless! And it would probably be much easier for editors to make up a number of bouquets from the flowers at their disposal, than to gather the single one for which alone they have room."

ST. NICHOLAS magazine for June is interesting to boys and girls. This issue is largely in the interest of the boys; and is full of fishing and ball playing. These are good for recitations—but the boys must not forget that play is not work; and is only of real value as it sets off and punctuates plenty of hard work. *The Century* Co., New York; \$3 a year.

THE TREASURY FOR PASTOR AND PEOPLE, June, 1890. Frontispiece, the Rev. Edward Braislin, D. D., Pastor of the Washington Ave. Baptist Church, Brooklyn, with a thoughtful and eloquent sermon by the same gentleman. The discourses for Decoration Day, Children's Day and Indepen-

dent Day are timely and very appropriate. President Raymond's article on "The Pulpit and Ethics," in the series, *Living Issues Discussed by College Presidents*, is of special interest. Yearly, \$2.50; clergymen \$2. Single copies 25 cents. E. B. TREAT, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

A SUMMER SCHOOL.

A funny old professor kept a school for little boys,
And he romped with them in playtime, and he wouldn't
mind their noise.

While in a little schoolroom, with its head against the
wall,

Was a bed of such proportions it was big enough for all.

"It's for tired little pupils," he explained, "for you will
find

How very wrong indeed it is to force a budding mind;
Whenever one grows sleepy and he can't hold up his
head,

I make him lay his primer down and send him off to bed.

"And sometimes it will happen on a warm and pleasant
day,

When the little birds upon the trees go tooral-loorallay,
When wide awake and studious its difficult to keep,
One by one they'll get a-nodding till the whole class is
asleep.

Then before they're all in dreamland and their funny
snores begin,

I close the shutters softly, so the sunlight can't come in;
After which I put the school-books in their order on the
shelf,

And, with nothing else to do, I take a little nap myself!"

—St. Nicholas.

WOMAN'S BOARD.

CORRECTION.—Mrs. Burton wishes to correct a mistake which crept into her report, owing to her sudden illness and consequent haste in preparing said report.

The total income of W. B. M. for year ending May 31st, was \$1,606.15; balance from last year's report, \$634.22; Currie fund, \$400.75; total, \$2,641.12; deducting all sums specially designated to Home and Foreign Missions, the Currie fund, the expenses, and Miss Lyman's salary, pledged, the sum remaining at the disposal of the Board, was \$298.90. H. W.

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