

will be carried out as completely as the means at disposal will permit.

Great as is the encouragement and gratifying as are the successes of earnest missionary enterprise, not a little opposition has been encountered. The Buddhist priests, as might have been expected, are hostile to the religion of the Cross. In several places they succeeded for a time in organized resistance to the labours of the missionaries; but in few instances have they been able to retard the progress of the Gospel. There is a spirit of interested inquiry abroad, and a general willingness to hear the truth proclaimed. Years ago the friends of missions were gladdened with the wonderful triumph achieved by Christianity in the islands of the Pacific. No these triumphs are being still more marvellously repeated in the distant East. What an encouragement to greater zeal and earnestness in the work of giving the Gospel to the heathen; what an incentive to prayer and effort in obedience to her Lord's Commission on the part of the Christian Church.

MANITOBA COLLEGE.

MANITOBA College is dependent for efficient maintenance on the liberality of the Church. In many congregations the only provision made for contributing to this object is by special collection. In others, in the allocation of funds, a proportionate sum is voted for Manitoba College. The institution has the cordial sanction of the Church, and the General Assembly appoints a day for taking up the annual collection. This year the third Sabbath of the present month is the day designated for the purpose. It is sincerely hoped that no congregation this time will neglect an obvious duty. However small the contribution, it will always help. If weak congregations, are unable to give as much as they desire, let the strong make an extra effort in the direction of large-hearted generosity. Last year several congregations, of whom better things were expected, failed to respond to the appeal then made. Should the appointed day be inconvenient to some congregations, let that congregation fulfil its obligation as early as possible.

The following circular is addressed to the ministers of the Church by the Principal of Manitoba College. It contains a clear and concise statement of the requirements of the College and the good work it is accomplishing:

Permit me to remind you of the collection on behalf of Manitoba College, appointed by the General Assembly to be taken up on the third Sabbath of January, in those congregations in which an allocation is not made for the object from funds collected during the year.

The expenses to be provided for by means of the collection are the salaries of Professors Bryce and Hart, interest on debt, insurance, heating of building and repairs. The salaries of the tutors are nearly covered by the fees of students, and that of the Professor of Theology by individual and congregational contributions in Manitoba and the North-West Territories.

The sum required for the above objects during the present month is a little over \$6,000. To aid in raising this amount, the College will probably receive, as in former years, small grants from the Presbyterian Churches in Ireland and Scotland. For much the larger portion of it, however, it is dependent on the proceeds of the collection appointed to be taken up in January, or of the allocations substituted for the collection.

It is confidently expected that the response to the Assembly's appointment of a collection for this object will be more general than in any former year. After all, it is not a large amount which is required from any one congregation. Some congregations, both in city and country districts, will no doubt continue to make considerable appropriations for the College. A contribution of three cents per member from the rest of the Church will enable us to meet fully the expenditure of the year.

The need of the institution is more than ever apparent in the increasing difficulty experienced in securing suitable labourers for this part of the Church. The prospect of meeting this need through the institution is also encouraging. There must this year be at least twenty students attending the College who have the ministry in view; fourteen of these, including one preparing for the ministry in another branch of the Church, are in attendance in the theological classes. JOHN M. KING, Principal of Manitoba College.

Books and Magazines.

HARPER'S YOUNG PEOPLE. (New York: Harper & Brothers.)—This excellent magazine for young people goes on its prosperous way.

VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE. (Rochester, New York: James Vick.)—This useful and beautiful monthly in its January issue is combined with "Vick's Floral Guide." The coloured illustrations are exquisite in accuracy and finish.

OUR YOUNG FOLKS AND THE NURSERY. (Boston: The Russel Publishing Company.)—Old people look at this magazine with pleasure and you young people with delight.

ST. NICHOLAS. (New York: The Century Co.)—The January number is fully up to the high standard of excellence attained by this magazine for young readers.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE. (New York: Macmillan & Co.)—The *English Illustrated* is growing in value and attractiveness. Wilkie Collins has a characteristic short story in the January number.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE. (New York: Harper & Brothers.) Numerous and charming illustrations, papers on a variety of subjects, serial fiction and poetry by distinguished contributors make up a splendid number for January.

WORDS AND WEAPONS. Edited by George F. Pentecost, D.D. (New York: 119-121 Nassau Street.)—This new magazine, so useful to Christian workers, begins in neat and attractive form a new volume with the January number.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY. (Toronto: The Canada Educational Monthly Publishing Co.)—With the New Year this valuable educational magazine enters on a new volume. The January number gives promise of good things to come.

MANITOBA COLLEGE JOURNAL. (Winnipeg: James E. Steen.)—Constant pressure on our space is our apology for delay in acknowledging receipt of the first number of this latest aspirant for academic literary fame. We wish the new and promising venture cordial success.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs.)—The eleventh volume of this valuable publication begins with the January number. Its conductors spare no effort to make it as complete and helpful as it can be made. Several new features are introduced in this issue.

THE PULPIT OF TO-DAY. A monthly magazine of sermons. (Westfield, New York: Alfred E. Rose.)—This magazine began a new volume with the December number. It gives sermons and outlines of sermons by leading English and American preachers, and other reading matter suitable for the home circle.

THE CENTURY. (New York: The Century Co.)—Eminent success has not made the conductors of the *Century* indifferent. The enterprise displayed in bringing this favourite magazine up to its present high standard is directed to maintaining and advancing its excellence in all departments. The January number is unsurpassed.

THE CANADIAN INDEPENDENT. (Toronto: The Congregational Publishing Co.)—Published in the interests of our Congregational brethren, this good old friend enters on its thirty-second year. It comes out in neat new form, and instead of appearing monthly it now becomes a semi-monthly. It is bright, breezy and Christian in tone. Under the editorial care of the Rev. John Burton, B.D., it cannot fail to continue.

THE NEW PRINCETON REVIEW. (New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son.)—The *Princeton Review* for sixty years had a useful and an honourable career. Those connected with it in former years, recognizing the tendencies and necessities of the times, resolved on a new departure. The scope of the new enterprise is wider and more comprehensive than that of the theological review which has served its day. It aspires to be an organ for the publication of high literary work of original thought in all departments of philosophy and science, and of constructive criticism; its principal aim being to promote high morality and religion. The first number is fitted to satisfy the high expectations its promise awakened. Among the contributors to this number we find such well-known and distinguished names as Charles Dudley Warner, James McCosh, C. H. Parkhurst, C. A. Young and John Bach McMaster. Their respective papers justify their reputations. President McCosh's contribution, from which an extract appears on another page, will be read with attention and satisfaction by all who take an interest in Mental Philosophy. The paper on "The Christian Conception of Property" is somewhat paradoxical, but it contains much truth tersely, even startlingly, put. The *New Princeton* is to be published bi-monthly, and will prove an invaluable boon to all intelligent readers. We trust that the efforts of its projectors will be crowned with complete success.

THE MISSIONARY WORLD.

DEVOTED MISSIONARIES.

An hospital for lepers was established in South Africa, and in connection with it a large piece of ground enclosed by a wall, and containing fields which the lepers cultivated. There was only one entrance, and those who entered by that gate were not allowed to go out. Inside there were multitudes of lepers in all stages of their loathsome disease. Two Moravian missionaries, filled with heavenly love, and anxious to carry the tidings of joy to those in such misery, chose the leper-house as their field of labour. They entered it never to come out again; and when they died there were other missionaries ready to take their places. Surely these men followed Him who died for us while yet sinners.

A MISSIONARY ORGAN.

In a letter from Neemuch, dated November 30th, Mrs. Wilson writes:

The organ sent me by St. James Square Mission Band arrived last week. It was used yesterday at our service in the camp bazaar. We put it in quite a small box and took it with us in the gari (carriage). It is both sweet and powerful in tone. I played while the people were gathering. They all listened very quietly and seemed greatly interested. We sang some hymns, too, to native tunes, one to the tune of "Here we suffer grief and pain."

MR. GOLD CALLED OUT.

The North American Indians have remarkable power as orators. At a meeting on behalf of missions an Indian preacher wound up his speech as follows:

There is a very fine gentleman in this house, but a very modest one. He does not like to show himself at these meetings. I do not know how long it is since I have seen him, he comes out so little. I am very much afraid that he sleeps a good deal of his time when he ought to be out doing good. His name is Mr. Gold. Mr. Gold, are you here to-night, or are you sleeping in your iron chest? Come out, Mr. Gold! Come out and help to do this great work of preaching the Gospel to every creature. Ah! Mr. Gold, you ought to be ashamed of yourself to sleep so much in your iron chest. Look at your white brother, Mr. Silver, who does a great deal of good while you are sleeping. Come out, Mr. Gold! Look, too, at your little brother, Mr. Copper; he is everywhere. Your little brown brother is running about, doing all that he can to help. Why don't you come out, Mr. Gold? Well, if you won't show yourself, send us your shirt—that is to say, a bank note. That is all I have to say.—*Christian Leader*.

The *Mission Field* tells of the establishment by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel of a mission to the inhabitants of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands. This is the first attempt to preach the Gospel to the Andamanese. In the Nicobar heathenism has thrice beaten back the Christian Church—the efforts made by the Roman Catholics in 1711, the Moravians in 1768, and the Roman Catholics again in 1807, having all ended in failure. The story of the work of the Moravians in the Nicobars is one of the saddest and noblest in the history of missions. "For nineteen years—to 1787—they bravely held their ground through trials and sufferings innumerable. During that comparatively short time no less than twenty-four of these noble men laid down their lives in the cause of the Gospel. Finally, in 1787, when the devoted band had, as on several occasions before, been reduced by death to one, it was determined to abandon the mission." Let us trust that where these martyrs have sown, other men who now enter into their labours will be permitted to reap an abundant harvest.

The *Church Missionary Gleaner* reports that several notable conversions from Mohammedanism have occurred within the past year; one a famous preacher against Christianity at Calcutta; another, a medical man in Punjab; third, a medical man from Bombay; fourth, a hitherto bigoted Afghan lad at Peshawar; a fifth from Madras; three in Kashmere. These are only the prominent converts among many others. The statement, so often repeated, that no converts are made from Mohammedanism is a thing of the past. The coming years are to witness their reception into the Christian Church in increasing numbers.