

esteem, no matter how that vanity gets into the heart.

The Christian's safety lies in his feeling less than the least of all saints.

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### A Good Work.

The mission to Lumbermen under the care of the Rev. M. H. Scott, of Hull, embraced the wide field of the Synod of Montreal and Ottawa. This a purely Presbyterian Mission in its management, and has for its object the sending of good literature to the lumber camps in this wide field. The mission is generous in its contribution of literature to all who undertake this difficult work, and frequently extends its operations beyond the bounds of the Synod. The colporteurs of the Ottawa Bible Society are all supplied with books and tracts in French and English, which they deliver into the hands of the men in the remotest places. Many of our ministers undertake this work for a few weeks in the winter. Revs. N. McLaren and Jas. Taylor cover the Gattineau region each year. Mrs. Bowman, of Scotstown, reports that last year she supplied thirty-five shanties in the townships. Rev. Wm. Shearer, of Sherbrooke, reports that in addition to the work in the shanties, he has supplied some five mining camps. The last three of many contributions sent out were to the missionaries at Killaloe and Whitney, as also a box of 15 lbs to the Rev. Wm. Gribble, in the Parry Sound district. Mr. Gribble issued an appeal in the "Witness" for books for two or three S. Schools, as well as for lumber camps, to which we responded with great pleasure. The Rev. Geo. D. Armstrong, Methodist minister at Fort Coulonge, being desirous of visiting the camps on the Coulonge and Black rivers, was also freely supplied. A large amount of work is also done by this mission among the seamen of our great rivers. Rev. C. B. Ross, of Lachine, in his visit to Great Britain last summer made application on behalf of the crew of the S. S. "Lakonia," which was cheerfully granted. Mr. Ross wrote from Edinburgh, Scotland, as follows: "I desire to thank you very heartily for the box of books you sent me for distribution among the crew of the S. S. 'Lakonia.' I assure you that the books were much appreciated by both officers and men. I found that a great want of good reading exists on board these ships. Surely there is here a great field for work on the part of such Societies as yours."

It is evident that the wide field for this kind of work is everywhere, not only on land, but on the wide ocean.

Trusting for increased interest in the work, and renewed contributions, on behalf of the Synod's committee I send out these few details of the work.

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### A Message for the Mothers from the Good Book.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving make your requests known unto God, and the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your minds and hearts through Jesus Christ.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.

My God shall supply every need of yours.

### Literary Notes.

Table Talk for February contains, in addition to the usual menus and receipts which are so suggestive and helpful, articles on a variety of topics, including "Peppers and Spices," "A Model Household Nursery," and "Scarlet Fever—Proper Management of the Little Patients." Table Talk Publishing Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

The leading article in the February Cosmopolitan is "The Naval Strength of Nations," by Sir Charles W. Dilke. Then follows a well illustrated article on "Niagara—the Scene of Perilous Feats." Besides other articles, there are several stories, including one by I. Zangwill. The Cosmopolitan, Irvington, New York.

The Ladies' Magazine for February opens with an article by Julia W. Henshaw on "The Chinese Women of the West." The girl's club meets and discusses in a bright way the pleasures of a Canadian winter for young girls. "The Woman Who Talks Politics" is an up-to-date and interesting article as is Miss Florence Hamilton Randall's talk on "The Pros and Cons of Boarding." The Hugh C. McLean Co., Toronto.

The most valuable article in the February number of the MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD is that by Rev. Harlan P. Beach on the "Missionary Literature of the Nineteenth Century." "John Chinaman in America," is described and discussed by Dr. Ira M. Condit of San Francisco. Another important contribution is by Rev. Wm. M. Upcroft of China on "Unoccupied Fields in Western China." It clearly proves that there is still plenty of room for missionaries in China without overlapping. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2 50 a year.

The Harper's Bazar for March opens with an article on "The Management of Husbands" by Lilian Bell. Then follows one of Elizabeth G. Jordan's clever little stories, and the third chapter of "The Red House." Miss Ashmore's department of fashions for young and old is always helpful; and "Happenings in Paris," by Miss Katherine de Forest, is most interesting. Altogether this is an excellent number, one of the most attractive features being the frontispiece, the third in the series of Tragedies of Childhood, by F. Y. Cony. Harper & Brothers, New York.

CURRENT HISTORY for February presents a record of the world's events during December last and closes the eleventh volume of this valuable chronicle. A striking portrait of Secretary Hay is the frontispiece of this number, to accompany an opening article by Joseph Fitzgerald, entitled "The New Treaty and Secretary Hay." The contents in general deal with Congress and the President's message, the South African war, the United States in China's crisis, the Supreme Court decisions respecting the Philippines, the Pan-American Congress, South American matters, Lord Rosbury's Chesterfield speech, Marconi's triumph, etc. Price \$1 50 a year. Current History Co., Boston, Mass.

We are leaving the old year behind, but we are not leaving Christ in the dead year. We need not be afraid, therefore to go forward, if we go with him. We have not passed this new way heretofore and it is all strange to our inexperience; but Christ knows, and he will guide us, and all will be well if we put our hand in his.—J. R. Miller, D. D.

### Sparks From Other Anvils.

Presbyterian Standard: The songs of a church can have as much influence upon it as national songs, more potent than national laws, have upon the character of a people.

Presbyterian Record: The one who gets all he can from life, and gives as little as he can, is as truly a miser as he who hoards gold, and is as likely to die a moral pauper.

United Presbyterian: We are not simply subjects of the power of God sustaining life, but there is a vital relation between us and God, by which the currents of his life flow in us. Not simply by him, but in him, we live and move and have our being.

The Lutheran Observer: We ought to rejoice at the prosperity of good men, and pray God that more and more the money power may come into their hands, for it is upon the consecration of this power to him that the advancing redemption of the world waits.

Canadian Baptist: We should all ever be living carefully and prayerfully. But never is there more need of the lowly seeking for the quickening of the life within and the out go of the inner life in consistent conduct and earnest service than when we are hoping God may use us in saving others.

Christian Register: The history of civilization has run along parallel with the history of the Church. The Church has invented more ways of increasing human happiness, devised more plans for mutual benefit, and founded more institutions for the general good than all the other institutions put together.

North and West: Some people are afraid of the word "loyalty," as if that denotes some kind of bondage incompatible with a progressive spirit. But a person that is not loyal to the best he knows is a very weak sort of person. If we do not believe that the Presbyterian Church is the very best church for us, we owe it to ourselves to find some church to which we can be loyal. And if we believe it is the best Church for us, we owe it the heartiest loyalty.

Christian Observer: "Heresy-hunting" is often used as a term of reproach by latitudinarians in doctrine. Another parallel term would be "disease hunting." If the disease be contagious, the health officers receive only praise for their efforts to find and isolate or quarantine it. So if the heresy be infectious, likely to hurt a great many people, the officer is to be praised who prudently and judiciously hunts it out and makes it impotent to infect others. He is not to be reproached, but to be thanked. Of course the imprudent disturber is harmful.

Herald and Presbyter: Some people do not seem to understand how any one can be religious, and they call all people hypocrites who make profession of their faith. So some people do not seem to be able to realize that any one can get along without drinking intoxicating liquor, and they call all people hypocrites who claim to be total abstainers or who advocate prohibition. In either case it is a sad commentary on the character of the one who designates the others as hypocrites. If they were different, they could see that religion and temperance may be actual elements in the life and character. But they are not different.