

Its plan: First floor, stores for Church book-sellers, etc. Second floor, the offices of the Board of Domestic and Foreign Missions. Here are also the Library, the Board room, the Woman's Auxiliary room, and connected with the Library by a folding door is the chapel, whose appointments are of the most complete and ecclesiastically correct. The top stories of the building are to be let for offices and artists' studios, etc. The most prominent figure in this new Church Mission House is undoubtedly the Rev. Dr. W. S. Langford, the energetic general secretary of the board, who occupies the chief office on the second floor, around which is a raised gallery for the accommodation of his numerous clerks. The amount of work that this gentleman has to go through in the course of the year is almost incredible. Besides attendance at board meetings, annual conventions, monthly missionary conferences, preparation of reports, missionary messages and missionary letters, there is the answering of correspondence, in itself a prodigious task. The Rev. Joshua Kimber acts as his associate in the secretaryship, whilst all the funds for both branches of the Church's work pass into the hands of Mr. George Bliss and his associate, Mr. Walter Roberts, the treasurer and assistant-treasurer of the board.

The Board of Missions, with the Right Rev. John Williams, LL.D., D.D., President, issues monthly a missionary magazine, which hitherto has been published at 22 Bible House, New York, called the *Spirit of Missions*. It is always full of helpful missionary matter of the greatest interest and up to date, and includes the regular proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Managers, held the second Tuesday of each month, at two o'clock in the afternoon. The circulation of this ably-conducted monthly reached, in December last, nearly eleven thousand copies, which, it must be confessed, is far below what it ought to be. Indeed, it is as true in the United States as with ourselves, that perhaps one of the most difficult matters to get the laity to take hold of with any enthusiasm is the Church magazine or parish paper, and to support the same intelligently. Is it too strong to put it in the language of the organ of the diocese of Fond du Lac, when, referring to the duty of subscribing to a Church paper, pertinently it says: "Take your choice, but do not say you are a Christian and a Churchman, and then remain ignorant of the life and work of God's kingdom." In order to meet the financial objection which is invariably forthcoming, that even the small sum of one dollar per annum is too much to contribute to this magazine (though the same amount would be spent many times everywhere in the States in the course of a week to provide amusement), a quarterly message is published, which gives a summary of the chief events of missionary in-

terest, and is, in fact, a "quarterly message for a quarter per year." I venture to throw out the hint that we might try something of this kind, and bring the contents of our message, as is done in the States, before our congregations in a digest either at a Sunday service or week day evening service once a quarter. It would seem that provision for the information of the Church's children could go no further, but, however, it does; for to supply that information where people are too indifferent, or too poor, even to pay this quarter per annum, a single leaflet is printed and distributed free, thus leaving the members of the Church wholly without excuse, should they plead ignorance of her work.

Another method we notice which has commended itself to our imitative wisdom is that of issuing of regular pastorals for adults, and annual Sunday-school Lenten pastorals. The latter are helpful both in the direction of imparting missionary information on a par with the comprehension of the children, and also in securing funds for carrying on the missionary work. Let me speak now from a knowledge of what took place last year. The circular letter asked for \$100,000; the response made was \$71,000. If the times had not been so hard, and the financial depression so universal, the full amount would probably have been attained. To sustain the interest of the children contributing, a finely lithographed picture of the Church Mission House (already described) was sent as a gift to each child contributing; and in a letter thanking the children for their contributions illustrations were given of many touching incidents of self-denial, and some rather amusing remarks of the children of different localities in connection with their contributions were recorded. One boy, like the youngster in Baring Gould's *child's story*, "My Prague Pig," said of his pyramid: "Ah! you little rascal of a pyramid! here I am fasting and denying myself, and the more I do it the fatter you grow. I fast and you stuff." A missionary in Western Michigan, sending \$7.59, wrote: "Our Sunday-school is small, and mainly poor children. I wish you could have seen the pile of pennies in the alms basin after the pyramids were emptied. It was a red pyramid. The children worked hard to get our little offering. Every one of them is richer for it, and the Church is richer for it. I do not mean by the money we send, but by the training they have so received in their young days to save, and give, and work for the Church." A rector in the diocese of Albany wrote to Dr. Langford as follows: "I was at the store surrounded by four little boys, not one of them over eight years old, who wanted to know if the \$100,000 had been raised. I told them I hoped so, as they had given a good lift. One of them had been holding his hand