

surrounding the town. Among the beneficial results mentioned by him were the promotion of Christian conversation, and family worship, and family religion in the homes; valuable spiritual and social work done by the visitors; large increase in the attendance at the Sunday-school, the prayer-meeting and the preaching services. Such appears to be the almost invariable testimony of those who have given the scheme a fair trial, and who have succeeded in securing an efficient corps of visitors.

"Methodist Magazine and Review" for February.

The Methodist Magazine and Review maintains its up-to-date character by its vigorous treatment of recent events. Its initial article is a finely illustrated one on the Austro-Hungarian Question. The second article is one copiously illustrated on the recent exploration of the Barren Lands of Canada, by the Brothers Tyrrell, a story of stirring incident and adventure. Another is a character-study of the reigning Emperor of Germany, and an account of his remarkable career, by the Rev. J. C. Seymour. A life-sketch is given of the late Cyrus W. Field and of his achievement in linking two hemispheres by the Atlantic telegraph cable. The Industrial Farms of Canada, by the distinguished Russian, Prince Kropotkin, is of special interest; he describes them as among the best in the world. The Rev. W. L. Watkinson, President of the Wesleyan Conference, England, a strongly-marked personality, is sketched, with portrait, by the Rev. W. Harrison. "How Christ Came to Nanaimo" is a stirring story by the Rev. Arthur Browning. The Rev. V. C. Hart, Superintendent of Canadian Methodist Missions in China, contributes an appreciative article on "Missionary Problems in China." "White Man's Africa" and "Rome Restored" are also strikingly illustrated papers. Lighter articles of fiction are given, and a resume of the World's Progress in Religion, Politics, and Literature is presented.

Toronto: William Briggs. Montreal: C. W. Coates. Halifax: S. F. Huestis. \$2.00 a year; \$1.00 for six months.

Home Department in St. John's, Newfoundland.

The George Street Home Department has been in existence over three years.

There are in all 136 members and 9 workers, and the members are steadily increasing.

Old members are occasionally lost by removal from the visitors' districts, and by death, but rarely from any other cause. Indeed, when once a person becomes a Home Department member, he begins to wonder how he managed to do without the Sunday-school lesson so long. The visitors find the work very interesting and are well received by all upon whom they call.

Systematic and conscientious visiting they have proved to be the great means of obtaining, increasing and retaining the members.

Numerous testimonies have been gladly given by the readers of the International Lessons, to their usefulness, and to the benefits derived from the perusal of them.

One Home Department member says: "I have become much enlightened by the reading."

Another, "The readings have been a great blessing to my family."

Another, "I feel sorry I hadn't the papers long ago."

Many, too, in the congregation, who perhaps might consider themselves unnoticed by their fellow-members, are cheered and comforted by the frequent visit, smiling face and courteous manner of the Home Department visitor.

"Midst few discouragements, and much to cheer, the Home Department workers renew their 'labour of love' another year, assured of God's blessing and believing that "in watering others," they are themselves "watered," and that, in scattering broadcast God's truth, a rich harvest awaits, sooner or later, the reaper's sickle.

"O Word of God incarnate,

O Wisdom from on high,

O Truth unchanged, unchanging,

O light of our dark sky;

We praise thee for the radiance

That from the hallowed page,

A lantern to our footsteps,

Shines on from age to age."

—The Bulletin.