

of the Young Ladies College, spoke on behalf of the Women's Foreign Missionary Society.

Rev. E. R. Hutt, of Ingersoll, gave the address to the people, and spoke well, the impressive proceedings closing with the touching hymn, "God be with you till we meet again," and the benediction.

On Thursday evening the W.F.M.S. in connection with St. James' Square church, gave in the parlors of the church an informal farewell reception to the two lady missionaries leaving for China Miss Pyke and Miss Robb, Miss Pyke being a member of the Society. The chair was occupied by the President, Mrs. Cowan, who made a feeling address wishing Godspeed to the young ladies in their new and untried field of labor. She was followed by Mrs. Ewart and Mrs. Robert Grant. Short and appropriate responses were made by both ladies. At nine o'clock the pastor, Rev. L. H. Jordan, arrived and gave a short address.

A farewell reception was given on Friday evening in the Bloor street church to Miss Divina Robb, daughter of Mr. George C. Robb, of this city, who is leaving for the China mission field. The church was well filled. The Rev. L. H. Jordan conducted the opening services.

The chairman, Mr. Hamilton Cassels, expressed in well-chosen language the regret of the congregation at the departure of Miss Robb, who was known as one of the most energetic workers in the Church and Sabbath school work. He enlarged upon the grandeur of the work to which Miss Robb had been called in the China mission field, and upon her fitness for the work.

The Rev. Professor McLaren, of Knox College, also spoke of the devotion to Christian work of Miss Robb in entering upon the arduous career of a missionary in far China.

After Professor McLaren's address, Mrs. Gray, on behalf of the Woman's Missionary Society, presented Miss Robb with a beautiful Bible, and Mr. R. J. Hunter, on behalf of the Sabbath school, presented her with a very complete traveling case.

Miss Robb replied, thanking her friends for their kind thoughtfulness. She regretted the breaking of old ties, and more especially was she sorry to discontinue the work in the Sunday school and church in which she had been engaged. She hoped that she would not prove unworthy of the office to which she was about to devote herself.

Rev. Principle Caven then offered up prayer, and the Rev. W. G. Wallace, the pastor of the church, addressed the gathering, paying a high tribute to Miss Robb's zeal and personal worth.

Mr. J. O. Anderson and the Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Cook's church, also wished the departing young lady every success in the life to which she has devoted her energies.

Miss Robb has been a member of the church since childhood, and is a teacher in the Sabbath school. Her father, Mr. George C. Robb, is an elder in the church. The young lady will be missed in many circles in this city. She will work in the Honan Mission field.

On Saturday night there was an enthusiastic reunion at the Cherry street mission, when Miss Robb and Miss Pyke, the two missionaries for China, bade farewell to the mission where they had laboured for several years past. Mr. J. O. Anderson presided, and among those present were Rev. Mr. Stephens, secretary of the China Inland Mission; Rev. Mr. Scott, of St. John's church; and Mr. and Mrs. Geo. C. Robb, the parents of Miss Robb. A solemn communion service took place, and a purse of gold was presented to the two young ladies to expend on their mission cause as they thought best. The number of missionaries who have gone out from the Cherry street mission to China, India, and Central Africa will number eight. The last was Robert Jaffray.

Looks into Books.

THE *Pulpit* for August contains six complete sermons, above the average quality, on practical live subjects. We would commend especially that by Dr. Leavell on "The Christian position of woman" as containing good strong common sense. The one by Dr. Hillis, of Chicago, on "The Influence of Jesus Christ in Civilization," is sadly defective in ignoring the real secret of the power of Christ in the world—the atoning value of His death on the cross. G. Holzappel, Frederickburg, Pa. Price \$1.25 per annum.

The *North American Review* for September opens with a most interesting paper by His Excellency, Sir Alfred Moloney, Governor of British Honduras, entitled "From a Silver to a

Gold Standard in British Honduras," wherein is described a financial transaction unique in the history of currency, and the material benefits derived from an establishment of a country upon a gold basis.

MODERN SUBSTITUTES FOR CHRISTIANITY: A Consideration of the Claims of Theosophy, Christian Science, Spiritualism, Socialism and Agnosticism. By Geo. W. Shinn, D.D. 12mo, paper 25 cts.; cloth 50 cts. Thomas Whittaker, Publisher, 2 and 3 Bible House, New York.

The contents of this book were delivered originally as a course of lectures in and around Boston, where new fashions in religion are so likely to be favored. It gives in simple popular language the outstanding features of these various systems so that any one may make the comparison for himself with Christianity. It ought to be helpful to those who have neither the time nor the inclination to study more learned works.

THE ART Bible PARTS 11 to 14. London, Eng. Geo. Newnes, Southampton St., Strand. Price 6d. per part. Complete in 14 parts.

With part 11 the Old Testament is concluded, and the New Testament begun. This part contains some of the most beautiful illustrations that have yet appeared, and a map of Palestine by George Armstrong. Number 14 concludes the volume and contains a copious list of illustrations. In this number the Publishers express their thanks to the artists who have co-operated with them in the illustration of the work and certainly the thanks is well deserved. It is pleasing to note that this beautiful addition of the Bible is also being issued in German and French, and the Publishers sincerely hope that these two will have a large circulation. In glancing over the work as now completed, one cannot but reiterate the statement that it is the most complete illustrated Bible for home use yet published.

THOUGHTS BY THE WAY.

AIMS IN LIFE.—Though we seem grieved at the shortness of life in general, we are wishing every period of it at an end. The minor longs to be of age, then to be a man of business, then to make up an estate, then to arrive at honours, then to retire.

A BUSY LIFE WORTH LIVING.—The wise prove, and the foolish confess, by their conduct, that a life of employment is the only life worth living.

CHANGE IN LIFE.—As the rose tree is composed of the sweetest flowers and the sharpest thorns; as the heavens are sometimes fair and sometimes overcast, alternately tempestuous and serene; so is the life of man intermingled with hopes and fears, with joys and sorrow, with pleasures and with pains.

LIFE IN CHILD AND MAN.—Hope writes the poetry of the boy, but memory that of the man.

LIFE, CONSECRATED.—Come, let us live while we live! Let us serve God to the utmost stretch of our manhood. Let us ask the Lord to brace our nerves, to string our sinews and make us true crusaders, knights of the blood-red Cross, consecrated men and women, who for the love we bear Christ's name will count labour to be ease, and suffering to be joy, and reproach to be honour, and loss to be gain.

LIFE AN EXAMPLE.—Slow by your life that you live, move, and have your being in the sunny element of God's love.

LIFE FRITTERING AWAY.—It is a degrading thing to enjoy husks till there is no man to give them. It is a base thing to resolve to give to God as little as possible, and not to serve Him till you must.

MORAL AS TO THE END OF LIFE.—Philip, King of Macedon, as he was wrestling at the Olympic games, fell down in the sand, and when he rose again, observing the print of his body in the sand, cried out, "How little a parcel of earth will hold us when we are dead, who are ambitiously seeking after the whole world whilst we are living!"

KINDNESS.—The grass of the field is better than the cedars of Lebanon. It feeds more, and it rests the eye better; that thymy daisy-eyed carpet, making earth fair, and sweet and homelike.

Kindness begets kindness, and trust will bear a rich harvest of truth and trust. There are many trivial acts of kindness which teach us more about a man's character than many vague phrases.