

For the Mission Field.

On Monday the 7th inst. Miss D. G. Robb and Minnie A. Pyke will leave this city en route for Honan, north China, under appointment from the Foreign Mission Committee of the Presbyterian Church in Canada. They will sail from Vancouver on the 14th inst. per C. P. R. S.S. "Empress of China," the same vessel by which Li Hung Chang is expected to cross the Pacific.

The work amongst women in the Honan Mission has been developing so rapidly that the Presbytery appealed to the Church for additional lady missionaries, and the young ladies named, having offered their services, are being sent out in response to this request.

Miss Robb is a daughter of Mr. George O. Robb of this city, Chief Engineer of the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co. One of her brothers is engaged in mission work in Central Africa, having gone out to that field about two years ago.

Miss Pyke's home is near Brantford, but during the past season she has had charge of the senior grades in the Victoria-street Public School in Toronto.

Both young ladies are well qualified in every respect for the important and onerous work to which they have devoted themselves. The Church will not fail to invoke God's blessing upon them in their journeying, and in their labors in their chosen sphere of work.

A service of designation in connection with Miss Pyke's appointment was held in Zion Church, Brantford, on the evening of Monday the 31st August. A report of the interesting service came to hand too late to be published this week.

Miss Pyke who has been for some time a member of St. James Square Church, Toronto, will be tendered a farewell, at a meeting to be held on Thursday evening September 3rd in the parlor of the Church.

Miss Robb's designation service will take place in the Bloor-street Presbyterian Church on the evening of Friday the 4th inst. at 8 p. m., when many of our readers will have an opportunity of bidding God speed to the Missionary designate.

Looks into Books.

THROUGH THE DOLOMITES from Venice to Toblach by Alexander Robertson D.D., with forty two illustrations and map. London. George Allen 1896.

This book is intended to be a supplementary volume to Hare's "Cities of Northern Italy" and deals with the great highway through the mountain district to the north of Venice. It contains full information as to distances modes of conveyance etc., and the travellers wants have been anticipated and provided for as far as possible. The region itself seems to be about as unique among highland districts as Venice is among cities, and is associated with Titian besides other Italian artists scarcely less famous. The style in which the volume is got out is worthy of the subject and it ought to be indispensable to every tourist who seeks to make acquaintance with the district.

Messrs. Dodd, Mead and Company have just received from Mr. Clifton Johnston the first batch of photographic views of Drumtochty life and character, to be used in the illustrated editions of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush" and "The Days of Auld Lang Syne," now in preparation. These have proved to be much more interesting than was even anticipated. Mr. Johnston's work in the edition of White's "Selborne," published by the Messrs. Appleton last Christmas, proved him to be no mere photographer, and in the series of pictures which he is now taking he shows fine eclectic and artistic tastes. To be sure, he has fallen upon a most picturesque subject, but it takes the eye of the artist to arrange and combine the points of view.—From "Chronicle and Comment," in *The Bookman*.

NEW TESTAMENT CONVERSIONS, by Rev. William Chas. Roberts, D.D., LL.D., Presbyterian Board of Publication, N. T. Wilson, Toronto. Cloth 75c.

An attempted answer to that most important question of the anxious soul "Am I His or am I not?"

Dr. Roberts in a terse and pleasant style endeavors to show enquirers that one thing proven inferentially in the New Testament record of conversions is "that men are not all converted in the same way." He might also have said in reference to outward manifestation, no two men are converted alike.

The volume is an excellent analysis of the different conversions recorded in the New Testament, showing clearly that every one must be converted, rich and poor—the intelligent Paul as well as the timid woman whose faith bordered on superstition: the courtly Prime Minister as well as the tax collector: the authoritative

Roman Soldier, with the disreputable woman of Samaria—all alike must be converted if they would enter the kingdom.

The volume will be a valuable aid to pastors in dealing with enquirers, and like an old volume of somewhat different type—Spencer's "Pastors Sketches"—prove suggestive of ways out of difficulties on the part of those who want some actual case like their own before they will trust the Divine power.

MUSIC, Music Magazine Publishing Co., Chicago.

In the August issue are eleven contributed articles, with such titles as Berlioz, Woman in Music, and Photographed v'vo Production. It is now in its 10th vol. and of a pocket size and printed in the best style.

THE STRAND MUSICAL MAGAZINE, 8 and 10 Southampton-street, Strand, London, Eng.

In the August number is a full page picture of Mozart and a biographical article, followed by other interesting subjects. The music is a liberal supply and by Fred. H. Cowen, E. Lasser, Kjerulf, etc., 15c a copy.

THE ETUDE, Theo. Pressor, 1708 Chestnut-street, Philadelphia, Pa. Price \$1.50 a year.

Space will not permit us to give the long list of subjects in this large musical monthly. The composers of August music are Spindeler, Heine, Chopin's Funeral March, Engelmann, etc.

THE ART BIBLE. Parts one to ten. London, Eng. George Newnes. Price per part 6d.

The issuance of the Bible in parts is not new, but for convenience of form and excellence of workmanship, beauty and variety of illustrations the work before us certainly is a peer. The publishers at the commencement announced it as their desire to introduce in their illustrations something of the antiquities, scenery, natural history, manners, customs and ceremonies without forgetting to give some striking realizations of important portions of the Bible narrative. This they certainly have more than accomplished and it is only to be wondered at that such a valuable work can be purchased for so little money. The advantage of an illustrated Bible particularly in interesting the younger members of the household, is well known to those who have much to do in the work among the little people whether in the home or in the Sunday School, and one can readily imagine the interest that will be aroused in the minds of those who will follow page by page the Bible narrative. It is a pity that this work is not better known in the Dominion and we can only recommend our readers to send a postcard to the publishers for particulars.

THE MANIFOLD MINISTRY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, by Rev. A. W. Pitzei, D.D. Presbyterian Board of Publication, N. T. Wilson, Toronto. 25 cents.

A very useful little booklet stating in short manual form the different phases of the work of the Holy Spirit—

In *Creation: Providence: To the Mediator: To the writers of Holy Scripture: To individual Believers: to the Church of Christ: and to the World.* To any one desirous of a very concise statement of the Spirit's work this booklet will afford a handy reference

September Magazines.

ARTICLES YOU SHOULD READ THEREIN.

"A Summer Among Cliff Dwellings," by T. M. Prudden, in "Harpers Magazine."

"The New Olympian Games," by Rufus B. Richardson, in "Scribners."

"The Most Famous of Spanish Manuscripts," by A. M. Huntington, in "The Bookman."

"Confucianism in Korea," by a Korean Christian, in "Missionary Review of the World."

"Personal Side of Dickens," by Stephen Fieke, in the "Ladies Home Journal."

"Out of the Way Corners in Westminster Abby," by Max B. Thrasher, in "St. Nicholas."

"A Century of Painting," by Will H. Low, in "McClure."

"The Potter's Art Among Native Americans," by Alice D. Le Plongeon, in "Appletons' Popular Science Monthly."

"Prehistoric Quadrupeds of the Rockies," by Henry Fairfield Osborne, in "The Century."

"The Outlook upon the Agrarian Propaganda in the West," by Newell Dwight Hillis, in "Review of Reviews."