

(which is undertaken almost entirely by the W.A.), the board receives no accession to its funds for the support of its own direct work in Japan. Yet the board lives on and works on, hoping for better things to come, hoping for the time when the sons and daughters of the Church of England in Canada will take a livelier interest in what ought to be considered—for it certainly is such—the greatest work on earth, viz., the conversion of the heathen to that religion which we know brings happiness and peace to the soul of man.

Books and Periodicals Department.

(1) *Missionary Heroines in Eastern Lands.* By Mrs. E. R. Pitman. (2) *Through Prison Bars.* By William H. Render. (3) *Light on Life's Duties.* By F. B. Meyer. The Willard Tract Depository (Fleming H. Revell Company), Yonge street, Toronto. Price each, 50 cents.

Mrs. Pitman has put together an interesting little book on woman's work among the homes and zenanas of the East. It would form good and appropriate reading for meetings of Woman's Auxiliary branches. It is almost a revelation to find out how many and great things noble-hearted women have endured for the sake of their suffering sisters in the East. Mr. Render's book is also a tale of suffering, though widely different from the woes of Eastern women. The tale of prison reform necessitates a description of the condition of prisoners before the reform was effected, and this is terrible. The lives and labors of John Howard and Elizabeth Fry, as told in the book, bring the whole dark tale to light. Prisons are palaces now compared with what they used to be. These two books are nicely illustrated. Mr. Meyer's book, "Light on Life's Duties," consists of ten readings on spiritual matters in keeping with its title.

(1) *The Expositor* (one shilling); (2) *The Clergyman's Magazine* (sixpence). London: Hodder & Stoughton, 27 Paternoster Row.

A glimpse is given in *The Expositor* of some early Christian literature in "An Ancient Homily of Gregory Thaumaturgus." It is a curious document concerning the Virgin Mary, and is an Armenian manuscript now for the first time translated. The translator is F. C. Conybeare, M.A., Oxford. Prof. Ramsay has a fine article on "St. Paul and the Jewish Christians," and Dr. Dale some suggestive and comforting thoughts regarding the "Elect Race." Some of the striking characteristics of St. Luke's gospel are well brought out by Prof. Bruce in his "Jesus Mirrored in Matthew, Mark, and Luke." Among a large number of sermon notes and outlines, Dr. Moule speaks wisely on "Lessons in Faith and Love, being chapters on the Epistle to the Philippians," and the editor has an interesting paper on the late Bishop Thomas Valpy French—"St. Thomas of Lahore."

The Sunday at Home; The Leisure Hour; The Boy's Own and The Girl's Own Papers, etc. The Religious Tract Society, 56 Paternoster Row, London.

The Sunday at Home continues Dr. Adrian's vivid and distressing tale of religious persecution. A good idea is given by pen and pencil of Johannesberg and its president. "Sunday in Liverpool" gives a good sketch of the busy city in the repose of the Lord's day, with some portraits of the clergy. *The Leisure Hour* has another instalment of "The Dreams of Dania," the Irish tale, which becomes quite thrilling, and many excellent articles; among them, one on "Homes and Clubs for Women in Paris," in which a capital portrait of Mrs. Lewis (late Miss Leigh) is given,

together with an interesting reference to her work. *The Cottager and Artisan* is a beautifully printed publication. *The Boy's Own* and *The Girl's Own* are well up to the mark.

The Review of Reviews. 13 Astor Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

The March number presents, in compact form, the most valuable material yet available concerning the new process of photography by cathode rays. A translation of Professor Roentgen's own account of his discovery is given, together with a portrait, a reproduction of a photograph of a living hand taken with the "X" rays at Hamburg, Germany, and other illustrations. A large portion of the magazine is devoted to Canadian affairs, and Mr. Cecil Rhodes the "Napoleon of Africa."

The Missionary Review of the World. Funk & Wagnalls Co., New York; Toronto, 11 Richmond street west. \$2.50 per year.

Articles on Turkey, Mexico, Armenia, the Indians of Central America, the "Attitude of the Turkish Empire Toward Christians," a "Missionary Cruise in the Pacific," are to be found in the March number of this excellent missionary magazine, together with a large amount of information regarding missionary work of all kinds and from all parts of the world.

The American Church Sunday School Magazine. Philadelphia.

An interesting article on "Ur of the Chaldees," and a Lenten meditation on the "Yoke and Burden of Christ," are the chief characteristics of the March number of this magazine. The Sunday-school instruction part is valuable.

The Babe of Bethlehem. H. L. Hastings, Boston, Mass. Price 25 cents.

This is the story of the birth of Jesus put into rhyme for children. It does not improve the good old story, but, perhaps, it might be found useful for children in the way of memorizing it.

TREASURER'S STATEMENT.

The following are the amounts received to date by the Secretary-Treasurer since February 14th, 1896:

	Domestic.	Foreign.
Niagara W.A., for—		
Algoma General.....	\$ 2 00	\$
To Indian Homes.....	2 00	
Saskatchewan and Calgary Blood Reserve.....	75	
Saskatchewan and Calgary, St. Barnabas' Home.....	30 00	
Athabasca Education Fund.....	200 00	
Mackenzie River.....	5 25	
Rev. I. O. Stringer's and Mr. Marsh's work.....	10 00	
Qu'Appelle, Saltcoats.....	2 00	
" " ".....	1 00	
Rupert's Land, General.....	2 00	
" " ".....	25	
" " Indian Mission Fund.....	19 00	
" " General.....	3 00	
" " Church at Somerset..	5 50	
" " Washakie.....	2 00	
" " Stamford.....	2 00	
" " A Friend.....	1 00	
Saskatchewan and Calgary, salary, lady teacher.....	17 00	
Saskatchewan and Calgary, St. Barnabas' Home.....	75 00	