

dred millions are yet without any knowledge whatever of the Lord Jesus Christ, and they are determined to concentrate their energies in carrying the light of the Gospel among them.

We ask you, one and all, brethren, to be loyal and generous in your gifts to the Church of England in Canada in aid of her efforts in your own parish, in your own diocese, and in the domestic and foreign fields. Each parish and every diocese have to provide for their own support. Our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society unites them all in their efforts on behalf of missions to our own people and the Indians and Chinese in Algoma and the Northwest, and to the heathen in foreign lands. Our D. & F. M. Society, as for the sake of brevity it is designated, is really the Church of England in Canada in her domestic and foreign missionary work. It is co-extensive with the Church of England in Canada. Every member of the Church, as such, and not by virtue of any subscription, is a member of the D. & F. M. Society. Every clergyman in his parish or mission is the representative and agent of the society, because he is the parson or representative of the Church. The bishops are all on the Board which manages its affairs, and each diocese elects two clergymen and two laymen to represent it on the Board. The society occupies a most favorable position for its work. It is in close touch with every congregation and its members. The views of all, both clergymen and laymen, are felt directly by the Board of Management, through its members, who are elected by each diocesan synod.

Surely our Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society ought to occupy a warm place in our hearts, a strong place in the life and work of our congregations, and a popular place in each of our dioceses and synods. Twice a year every clergyman reads to his congregation the appeal which the society presents for foreign missions at Epiphany, and for domestic missions at Ascensiontide. Should our dioceses and clergy and congregations be satisfied simply with their annual offerings in response to these two appeals? Should not efforts be made to secure annual subscriptions from all who may desire to become regular contributors in this way? When the opportunity of becoming an annual subscriber is not afforded because of the trouble and labor which the effort would demand, we fear that the free-will offerings in response to the appeals may possibly be affected by the same readiness to avoid self-denial and trouble which has in some degree possession of us all.

We leave our appeal with you, brethren, on this Sunday, before you join in the Church's joy in her Lord's ascension into heaven. You will bring your offering on Sunday next, when the triumph of the Lord's return to His glory with the Father will still be in our hearts and on our lips.

The exalted hopes and the enduring happiness which have been brought into our lives by Him who has gone into heaven to be our representative, our great High Priest and Advocate, with the Father, will make us cheerful givers to the Church's work. That work is to carry the same hopes and happiness into other hearts throughout our vast domestic mission field.

Books and Periodicals Department.

The Eclectic Magazine of Foreign Literature. New York, E. R. Pelton, publisher. \$5 a year.

This magazine comes to us as a welcome visitor. It is, as its name indicates, a collection of articles selected from various periodicals. In the May number there are twenty articles, taken from fourteen leading periodicals, as follows: *Blackwood* (2), *Westminster Review*, *Fortnightly* (2), *New Review* (3), *Temple Bar* (2, one of them a tale), *Nineteenth Century*, *Cornhill* (2, one a serial tale), *Contemporary Review*, *National Review*, *Longmans' Magazine*, *Leisure Hour*, *Chamber's Journal*, *The Spectator*, *The Argosy*. The articles are all well selected, and, though brimful of useful information, are not heavy. They have been selected rather with a view to sprightliness and attraction. Added to the treatises above enumerated are a few pages of miscellany, containing some shorter articles full of interest, and also a publishers' department. One can scarcely imagine a better collection of reading matter than that couched within this periodical. Its appearance also and typography are largely in its favor.

The Sunday at Home, *The Leisure Hour*, *The Boy's Own* and *Girl's Own Paper*, *Friendly Greetings*, etc. The Religious Tract Society, 36 Paternoster Row, London.

The Sunday at Home for May contains several interesting tales and other articles, some of them beautifully illustrated. That on "Sunday in Liverpool" has a very good picture of "Ian MacLaren," who is one of the Liverpool clergy. "Tarsus of To-day," by John F. Fraser, may be perhaps specially mentioned. *The Leisure Hour*, in an article on the British Museum, describes, with the help of numerous illustrations, the department of Egyptian and Assyrian antiquities. The frontispiece, "The Nursery," is a lovely little spring picture—some little pet lambs, brought up by hand, taking their breakfast out of a bottle. *The Girl's Own* begins a new serial called "A Child of Genius," by Lily Watson.

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

Professor Ramsay's article on "A Fixed Date in the Life of St. Paul," in the *Expositor* for May, is an interesting study in the movements of the great apostle by one who has followed those movements very closely. "The Ideal Preacher," by Prebendary B. Whiteford, presents a charming little picture of John the Baptist, both in his own actions and in the Saviour's estimate of him. *The Clergyman's Magazine* for May is full of suggestions and outlines for sermons and addresses, and has articles on "Lessons in Faith and Love" and the "Higher Biology."

The Missionary Review of the World. New York and Toronto (11 Richmond street west): Funk & Wagnall Co. \$2.50 a year.

The May number is full of good things, all bearing upon missionary subjects past and present. "Missions in Siam and Laos" are well described by Rev. Dr. Ellinwood; and