

gift and of keen power of analysis. The very titles of the chapters wake one up—The College, The Principal, The Ecclesiastic, The Dogmatist, The Preacher, The Educationist. One of the finest chapters in the book is on Principal MacVicar's championship of Father Chiniquy in the famous Montreal riots, which is part of a full account of his great services to the cause of French Evangelization. With equal zeal he served for more than a score of years on the Protestant School Board of Montreal, fifteen of them as its chairman. For forty years he taught a Bible class in Côté St. (afterwards Crescent St.) Church, and was a pioneer in the training of theological students and Sabbath School teachers in pedagogics. One of his very last pieces of work was a Lesson for **THE TEACHERS MONTHLY**.

It need only be said further that the characteristic portraits at different periods of his career, and the capital pen and ink initials add interest to the volume.

Christianity has ever had its opponents. The objections against it have, many of them, a plausible look, and are urged with great confidence. Amid the strife of tongues the simple believer grows confused and puzzled. He may not know that the argument is all on his side. It is to make him aware of this that Dr. Robert J. Drummond has written **Faith's Perplexities** (Hodder & Stoughton, London; the Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto, 312 pages, \$1.00). In a plain, straightaway style, he shows to loyal and trustful, albeit at times perplexed and troubled, hearts, that their faith rests on a sure

foundation. An excellent book this, to give to a young man who is in danger of being carried away by a shallow scepticism far more credulous than the belief it attacks.

It is a singularly complete life which is described in **Principal Grant**: By W. L. Grant, M.A., and Frederick Hamilton, M.A. (Geo. N. Morang & Co., Toronto, \$3.50). To an uncommon degree it impresses the reader as being all of one piece. The Pictou County lad, whose irrepressible spirits, unflinching pluck, tireless energy and boundless enthusiasm made him a leader in the studies and sports of his boyhood, through the same qualities won his way to the front as a student in Glasgow, as a minister in the capital of his native Province, and for a quarter of a century as a University Principal. Beginning with Confederation in 1867, it would be difficult to find in Canadian history any great movement in his church or in the state, in which the influence of Principal Grant was not a force to be reckoned with. The Queen's University of to-day is the best monument to his memory. It was largely he who made it what it is. But his sympathies were wider than the interests of any single institution. In his earlier days he had been an urgent advocate of confederation of the various Provinces of the Dominion. He was prominent in the negotiations preceding the Union of the Presbyterian Churches in 1875. In his book "Ocean to Ocean," he was one of the earliest to proclaim his faith in the greatness of Canada's resources and destiny. One can almost

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