

will be a good opportunity for our friends to extend the circulation of this Magazine.

Since the above was written a sore bereavement has befallen the writer in the death of his much-loved mother. After a stroke of paralysis and a few days' illness, she passed peacefully away. A consistent Christian life for many years gave assurance of her readiness for her departure when the summons came. Full of years, and feeling in bodily infirmity their weight, her exchange of life's burden for heaven's rest was a happy release. It was the writer's privilege to minister to the needs of her latter days, and to repay, in part, the debt of a life-long unwearying love and care. But private griefs must not obtrude upon public

sympathy. This bereavement projects its shadow over the future, but does not furnish ground for the abrogation of a previous purpose. Thus, in the march of life, one after another falls from the ranks, but still the column moves for ever on. May all life's partings the better prepare us for the great gathering at the marriage supper of the Lamb, when those that enter in go out no more forever.

We trust that our friends whose subscriptions expire with this number will favour us with their prompt renewal, as the rules of the office require renewal of the order to secure the continuance of the Magazine. We do not wish to part with one of our old friends, and hope to receive large accessions to our list.

BOOK NOTICES.

The Life of the Rev. Thomas M. Eddy, D.D. By the REV. CHAS. N. SIMS, D.D. With Introduction by the REV. BISHOP SIMPSON, D.D., LL.D. 12mo. pp. 392 New York: Nelson & Phillips. Toronto, Montreal & Halifax: Methodist Book Rooms.

Dr. Eddy was a minister of more than ordinary ability in the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a son of one of the pioneers of the West. At an early age he became a member of the Church of his father, and when only nineteen years of age, he might be seen mounting his steed, his saddle bags packed with his wardrobe and books, as he went forth to call sinners to repentance. His circuits were extensive, embracing whole counties, which required him to be from home for several weeks together; but he was even then a zealous Methodist preacher, for at the close of his first year he says, "I have preached about three hundred times. There have been more than three hundred conversions

on the circuit and as many accessions to the Church. The year has been a good one. My receipts for salary have amounted to *sixty dollars!*"

From the commencement of his itinerancy he was popular. At camp meetings and other great gatherings his services were always in great demand. He was fluent in speech, his style was racy, and he always preached with power. His youthful appearance secured him sympathy with the audience, while his sprightly conversation and occasionally amusing anecdotes made him a great favourite in the social circle. His biographer, who knew him from his youth, says he was strictly pious and spent much time in devotional exercises. This was characteristic of him through life. When a resident in Chicago and New York, he was seldom absent from the weekly services of the church which his family were accustomed to attend.

While on probation, he was led to