

hospitable disposition, her wide fund of information, gathered from an extensive course of reading, made her the idol and the admiration of the social circle.

But her sphere was rather in the moral than the social aspect of life. Her activity was largely that of benevolence and Christian work. In visiting the sick and in helping the needy, she spent much time while health and strength lasted. While in the work of her church, she took for many years an active part. She could always be depended upon to bear her share, and more than her share, of whatever needed to be done to further its interests.

From its organization till her end, she filled the position of president of the Collingwood Auxiliary of the Woman's Presbyterian Missionary Society, and for five years she was president of the Presbyterian Society of the County of Simcoe, a position which she filled with much ability, and great acceptance, and from which failing health compelled her to retire a short time ago. So much esteemed were her services in this office, that on her retirement the Society honoured her with life membership. Thus it was with everything that claimed her attention. She went into it with heart and soul, and her ability and earnestness at once opened up for her a career of usefulness and eminence.

Almost twenty-seven years ago, she was united in marriage with her now bereaved and sorrowing husband. Her family consisted of two sons, who died in infancy, and two daughters, Miss Madge Robertson, whose fame as a writer has already extended beyond this continent, and Miss Kate Robertson, who still resides at home.

The funeral took place yesterday, and was very largely attended by friends from a distance, and by townspeople of every class. The Masonic body, the Odd Fellows, and the Workmen, attended in a body. On the coffin lay a beautiful wreath, sent by Mizpah Lodge of the Daughters of Rebekah, one from the Presbyterian Society, one from the Masonic and Odd Fellows' Lodge, besides others from private friends. The funeral ceremony was conducted by Rev. Dr. McCrae, and the remains were laid at rest in the Presbyterian cemetery.—Collingwood Bulletin. (The Canada Presbyterian tenders to Mr. Robertson and family, heart-felt sympathy in their sore trial.)

The Established Church Synod of Orkney, Scotland, has resolved to express sympathy with the Presbyterian and other Protestant Churches in Ireland and to petition against the Home Rule Bill.

In connection with the jubilee of the Free Church of Scotland, it is interesting to note that at the time of its formation its present leader, Principal Rainy, was a student of medicine. He had adopted medicine, however, rather from being the son of the Glasgow Professor of Medical Jurisprudence than from his having a strong bent for it; and in the midst of the Disruption he turned his thoughts to the church. To this he was moved mainly by admiration for Dr. Chalmers; so that his having become Dr. Chalmers' successor seems peculiarly fitting.

For 1892 the total contributions in aid of the various schemes of the Church of Scotland amounted to £183,008 19s 8d, as compared with £187,486 9s 6d for the previous year, being a decrease of £4,477 9s 10d. There was an increase in three of the funds—namely, Education, £25,678 14s—decrease £601 14s; Small Livings, £12,148 0s 4d—decrease, £645 1s 4d. Women's Association for Foreign Missions, £10,739 11s 10d—decrease, £55 1s 8d. There was a decrease in the following eight schemes:—Foreign Missions, £35,556 4s 10d—decrease, £25 5s 10d; Home Missions, £9,009 19s—decrease, £2,724 2s 3d; Colonies (including Continental and Army and Navy Chaplaincies), £3,917 7s 9d—decrease, £2,792 0s 8d; Jewish Missions, £5,622 13s 4d—decrease, £1,014 5s 11d; Endowment Scheme, £61,756 9s 1d—decrease £99 5s 8d; Highlands and Islands, £1,757 14s 3d—decrease, £2,840 18s 2d; Patronage Compensation, £1,161 9s 9d—decrease, £35 5s 7d; Aged and Infirm Ministers, £5,495 6s 8d—decrease, £850 8s 11d.

A MEETING OF THE FOREIGN MISSION COMMITTEE. (W. D.)

The Foreign Mission Committee met in Toronto on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 23rd and 24th. Members present: Mr. Hamilton Cassels, (Convener), Dr. Moore, Principal MacVicar, Principal Grant, Dr. Wardrope, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Mungo Fraser, Dr. J. B. Fraser, Dr. McMullen; Messrs. Milligan, MacLeod, Burson, Jeffrey, Currie and MacKay.

Mr. Kenneth MacLennan, a graduate of Montreal College, and Miss Jessie Grier, a member of Westminster Church, Toronto, were appointed to India. Others were under consideration, but not yet decided upon.

It was agreed, that in the future, all candidates shall be required to submit to an examination, by some physician appointed by the Committee, as well as by the local family physician.

In answer to an enquiry from Miss Butler, who is to go to India as the wife of Mr. Jamieson, she was advised not to go, until she reaches at least twenty-three years of age; as in the majority of cases, they who go younger suffer in health.

A long and valuable report from Dr. Webster was read. It was agreed to have it published in the Report in full; and on account of the large number of Societies working in Palestine, Dr. Webster was recommended, before definitely deciding upon any point in Palestine, to visit Aleppo, in North Syria, and Cairo, in Egypt.

Mr. Newmark, who has been employed in Montreal amongst the Jews, is now in Toronto, making enquiries as to the number and condition of the Jews in this city. He was encouraged to prosecute his work, and report at the next meeting of the Committee.

A request from the Presbytery of Calgary, that work should be undertaken amongst the Mormons, within the bounds of that Presbytery, was not entertained as the proper work of this Committee.

The reports from India are satisfactory. There are applications for money, for the erection of buildings needed for the prosecution of their work, which the revenue does not enable the Committee to grant, although it is believed the need for such buildings is very great. Mr. Wilkie has baptized eighteen Mangs recently—all heads of families, thus representing a large number of people. The hope is entertained that many Mangs will be received soon, as great numbers are seeking for baptism. Hence the importance of more labourers, as already the work has outgrown the strength of the missionaries in the field.

Dr. MacKay and family are to come from Formosa to Canada this year. His report is full and encouraging—he leaves Mr. Gauld in charge of the work, with entire confidence. There are now 56 stations, ministered to by native preachers.

The work in Honan is hopeful, although the iniquitous Geary Exclusion Act is causing a good deal of uneasiness, as to the possible action of the Chinese with respect to our Missionaries. American Societies have already taken steps to make it possible for their missionaries to leave the country whenever they may find it necessary to do so. That a Christian Government should invite, and make apparently justifiable, retaliation on the part of a heathen government is deplorable.

In Alberni Mr. McDonald is working with great energy and hopefulness; and he is ably supported by other helpers. A grant was given him to enable him to extend the work.

Mr. Winchester is working away amid discouragements, in Victoria.

The Committee expressed its appreciation of the Y. P. S. C. E., that are undertaking the support of native helpers.

The Committee adjourned to meet on the 13th of June, in Zion Church, Brantford, at 3 o'clock p. m.

The Presbytery of Hamilton met at St. Catharines on the 16th inst. An expression of condolence and sympathy with Dr. Laidlaw, in view of the death of his wife, and his own serious illness, was adopted. The doctor's health is improving; but he will not resume work for some time. The call of the Home Mission Committee from Sapperton, B.C., was accepted by Rev. E. B. Chestnut and his present relation terminates on June 1st. A call from Drummondville and Chippawa was accepted by Mr. James Wilson, and the induction will take place at Drummondville on the 1st day of June at two o'clock. Mr. Muir obtained leave of absence for three months, that he may revisit Scotland. Mr. Duncan Robertson, of Knox College, was licensed to preach the Gospel. Mr. Mitchell reported the reorganization of a Session at Thorold, by the induction of four elders. Mr. Abraham was appointed Convener of the Sabbath School Committee in place of Mr. Chestnut.—John Laing, Pres. Clerk.

Books and Magazines

STORIES FROM INDIAN WIGWAMS AND NORTHERN CAMP-FIRES. By Eger-ton R. Young. Toronto: William Briggs.

This work is sure to have a large number of readers. The "Stories" are well told; much information is given in an entertaining way about various portions of our great North-west; the transforming influence of missionary work among the Indians, as told by Mr. Young, will be found most encouraging; while the numerous illustrations serve to lend added interest to pages already most attractive, without the aid of artist and engraver. A good book to take on a holiday outing.

The Mother's Nursery Guide for June contains a lot of useful information. This valuable little publication should be in the hands of every mother. The Baby-hood Publishing Co., 5 Beetham St., New York. \$2.00 per year.

Harper's Bazar continues to occupy a foremost place among publications intended for the fair sex. The publishers announce that the first number for June will be especially attractive. No lady can afford to be without the Bazar.

Recent issues of Littell's Living Age, now in its fiftieth year, present the same interesting variety of historic, literary and scientific matter that has characterized its contents from the beginning. The reader is always sure to find in each weekly issue articles on subjects of the greatest present interest, and which are at the same time of permanent value. Boston: Littell & Co.

With the June number of the Homiletic Review, Vol. XXV. comes to its close. It is rich in the material which it offers to its readers. The value of the Homiletic Review to ministers can not be overstated. As a help in the preparation of sermons for all classes of hearers, it is simply indispensable. Published monthly by the Funk & Wagnalls Company, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, at \$3.00 per year.

The May number of The Pulpit contains no fewer than ten sermons by leading preachers of this country, the United States and Europe. Dr. Geo. C. Lorimer, of Boston, leads with an excellent discourse on "Supreme Moments in Human Life," and is followed by Prof. McNaughton, of Queen's College, Kingston, on "The Limits of Repentance;" Dr. A. E. Kittredge, on "Individual Responsibility;" Archdeacon Farrar, on "The Power and the Glory;" Rev. W. L. Watkinson, on "Christ and Life" and others. Single copies, 15 cents. Subscription price reduced to \$1.50. Edwin Rose, Publisher, Buffalo, New York.

With the number for June Harper's Magazine enters upon the forty-fourth year of its publication. The contents are varied and readable. Among the most notable papers are the following: An Artist's Summer Vacation, by John Gilmer Speed; The Empress of Austria, by One of the Ladies of Her Court; New France under British Rule, by Henry Loomis Nelson; Vivisection and Brain Surgery, by W. W. Keen, M.D. LL.D. All the foregoing are illustrated. The Handsome Humes, a novel, by William Black, is commenced; and The Refugees, a Tale of Two Continents, is completed. The Editor's Study and The Editor's Drawer contain much valuable reading.

With the June number Worthington's Illustrated Magazine completes its first volume under the most favorable auspices. Its Table of Contents shows a remarkable variety of timely topics, most of which will be of more than temporary value, and the names of contributors are such as would do credit to any magazine ten times its age. The June number is rich in well-written leading articles of timely interest, in short stories, essays and poems, while the charming illustra-

tions, beautifully reproduced, and the fine press work renders it as satisfactory to the eye as it is refreshing and stimulating to the mind. It is, in fact, to our mind, the best number of a Magazine that has been exceptionally attractive and interesting from the start. A. D. Worthington & Co., Hartford, Conn. \$2.50 per year.

The June Arena is a mammoth number. It is probably the largest magazine ever published as a monthly issue of a review, containing one hundred and sixty-four pages, of which one hundred and forty-four are in the body of the magazine, and twenty pages of carefully written book reviews by such well-known critics as Rev. W. H. Thomas, D.D., of Chicago, Helen Campbell, Hattie C. Flower, Hamlin Garland, and the editor of the Arena. Among the leading papers in this notable anniversary issue are: Insanity and Genius, by Arthur McDonald; Arsenic versus Cholera, by R. B. Leach, M.D., is interesting and timely; Islam, Past and Present, by Prof. W. F. Sanders, one of the most scholarly religious essays of recent times, and should be read by all interested in obtaining a correct idea of what Mohammedanism is; Union for Practical Progress, by the editor, a strong plea for the union of progressive and reformative impulses for educational and practical work. Altogether this is a most notable issue of this great progressive review, and no readers of magazines should pass it by.

If there is one subject more than another in which Canadian girls and women are interested during the summer months, it is lawn tennis, and no one more competent to discuss the subject can be found than Miss Mabel Esmonde Cahill, the lady champion of the United States, who contributes a valuable article on "The Art of Playing Good Tennis" to the June Ladies' Home Journal. Mr. Willard Spenser adds attractiveness to the number by an exquisite song, "A Dream of Love," the first composition which he has given to the public since his successful comic opera of "The Little Tycoon." Mr. Arthur Warren writes entertainingly of the Empress of Germany in her home, his article being profusely illustrated from original photographs. Three beautiful pages of "Needle-work for Idle Summer Days" are followed by "The Story of the Roses," by H. H. Battles. Mr. Howells' charming study of girl-life, "The Coast of Bohemia," gains in interest as it proceeds, and Mr. Herben's interesting story, "Before Two Altars," is brought to a dramatic conclusion. The Editor writes earnestly on the seriousness of leaving the male members of the family alone in the city houses during the summer season. The summer traveller and the Chicago Exposition receive attention in "If you go to the Fair," by Mrs. M. P. Handy; "Some Smart Travelling Suits," by Mrs. Mallon and "The Art of Travelling Easily," by Ruth Ashmore. Other articles are Miss Hooper's "Remodelling Last Year's Gowns," "The Summer's New Hat," by Mrs. Mallon. "Planning a Home Wedding," by Helen Jay, "Sketching from Nature," by Maude Haywood, and "Life in the Invalid's Room," by Elizabeth Robinson Scovil. Mrs. Lyman Abbott, Mrs. Botome and Eben E. Rexford all add attractiveness which goes out to its hundreds of thousands of readers in a dainty cover, exquisitely illustrated by W. Hamilton Gibson. Published by the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia for ten cents per number.

Duffield Osborne will contribute a story entitled "The First of June" to Harper's Bazar for May 27th. The same number will contain a Decoration Day poem by Margaret E. Sangster, illustrated by Frank Small.

The early publication of "Campaign Echoes" is announced by William Briggs. This volume will be the autobiography of Mrs. Letitia Youmans, the pioneer of the White Ribbon movement in Canada, and is sure to prove intensely interesting. It will contain 300 pp., will be illustrated, and the price has been fixed at one dollar.