

we have to-day in the Presbyterian Church. They have done a good work, but it has been almost entirely local. The church at large has never seen them nor heard them preach.

"The limited pastorate means a life of work and not a work of ease to the preacher, but it is a work that yields the largest amount of fruit, and one that ends only with death or physical inability. I believe

if the proposition for a limited pastorate were submitted to a vote of the laity in the Presbyterian Church, it would secure the vote of nine-tenths of the people, though it would find unanimous opposition on the part of the ministers. I am certain such a change in our policy would remove a root of bitterness and would lend a wonderful impulse to the life and progress of the Church."

Book Notices.

The Old Missionary. By SIR WILLIAM W. HUNTER, K.C.S.I., M.A., LL.D. Twenty-third thousand. Illustrations by MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHARLES D'O'LY, Bart. London: Henry Frowde. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 90c.

This book gives a vivid picture of Indian life by one who knew it well. Sir William Hunter is the author of fifteen separate works on India, one of them running to twenty-two volumes and another to fourteen volumes. The popularity of this book is shown by its having reached its twenty-third thousand. The old missionary, whose story is told, spent his youth as a midshipman in the British navy and saw Nelson's signal run up at Trafalgar, hence his nickname, "Trafalgar Douglas." Becoming a missionary, he was ordained by the Bishop of Calcutta, but would take no pay, and built a church and school at his own expense. One of his fancies was never to take a ride in a world over which his Master has journeyed on foot. The story of his devotion to the service of his dusky disciples and of his heroic life and death is of fascinating interest. This is an *édition de luxe*, with wide margins and illustrations.

Faithful Unto Death. A Story of the Missionary Life in Madagascar of William and Lucy S. Johnson. With Illustrations. Edited by P. DONCASTER. London: Headley Bros. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.75.

The history of missions in Madagascar has more than the fascination of romance. The spread of the Gospel under bitter persecution, the conversion of the royal family and their fidelity to the faith, the recent disaster which has followed the conquest of the country by the French, all give intense interest to this latest volume on the subject, issued last December. While much has been accom-

plished for the evangelization of the people, yet a very large part is still in heathen darkness. The missionaries whose faithful career is here described were members of that energetic missionary organization, the Society of Friends. So great is the interest of this volume that we shall make it the subject of a special missionary article in the near future.

Soldiers of Fortune. By RICHARD HARDING DAVIS. With illustrations by C. D. GINSON. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company Limited. Pp. 364.

This is a cleverly-written account of one of those periodical South American revolutions which so frequently occur, clearing the political atmosphere as the cyclone clears the sultry air. Robert Clay, an American engineer, is charged by Mr. Langham, a New York millionaire, with the development of the rich mines of the Republic of Valencia, a place one will not find on the map. The Langham family, including two young ladies, come down to Valencia just in the nick of time to take a very active part in the political outbreak which overthrows the Government and leads to some very interesting social relations of the chief actors in the story. A brave British officer plays an heroic part, with the forfeiting of his life. The value of the book consists chiefly in the verisimilitude of its incidents to the facts of South American public life.

Life and Work of D. J. Macdonnell, Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Toronto, With a Selection of Sermons and Prayers. Edited by PROF. J. F. McCURDY, Ph.D., LL.D. With portraits and illustrations. Toronto: William Briggs.

The life of a good man is the heritage of all churches. Dr. Macdonnell was a man of most attractive character, of