

PERSONALS.

Mr. W. H. Ness paid a visit to his friends at Knox College last week.

We congratulate Mr. T. McKenzie, B.A., on his elevation to the Biological Fellowship.

Mr. McMillan is at present confined to bed. We trust that his sickness will be brief.

Their friends will be glad to learn that Mr. MacGillivray and Mr. Needham are regaining their health.

Mr. W. J. Logie, B.A., teacher at Aylmer; Mr. D. J. MacGillivray, B.A., at Brantford; Mr. R. Haddow, B.A., at Cayuga; Mr. J. W. Mustard, B.A., at Walkerton.

Rev. J. Neil, B.A., has lately been inducted into the charge of Campbellville and Nassagaweya; Rev. A. G. MacLachlin, B.A., at Leaskdale; Rev. D. B. MacDonald, at Mount Albert.

Rev. J. W. Cameron, B.A., and Rev. W. McKinley, and Mr. E. A. Macdonald, B.A., have of late broken the bonds of bachelorhood. We congratulate the gentlemen. The rush in this direction should be an example to the backward.

LITERARY NOTICES.

Expository Bible Readings on Golden Texts, by Rev. J. A. R. Dickson. Published by C. Blackett Robinson. Price 25 cents.

The golden texts are well chosen. They hold the pith of the passage. This topic is then made the centre of references. Whatever plan would lessen the care expended on each clause and sentence of the passage is open to obvious objection. The scholar must learn to love the Bible: and to do so, he must enter into the minutiae of the text. These readings are not properly *exegetical*: and they are therefore of more value to the parent than to the teacher. The teacher

may glean quotations that are very apt. But if the parent should follow up the teacher, and should compress what the teacher said in the class, he would do what is seldom done. We commend the Readings to the teacher: we specially commend them to the parents.

Early Days. Golden Hours for the Young. The Sabbath School Presbyterian. By C. Blackett Robinson.

Three very interesting papers. We arranged them according to their fullness. The first is capital for the younger classes; the second for the higher classes; the third for the Bible classes. All would be of profit in any house. They contain an exposition of the Sunday School Lessons.

The Temperance Battle Field, by Rev. James C. Seymour. Published by Mr. Briggs.

The object of the author is mainly to reach the young. We predict his success. Several pictures enliven the pages; some of them are not exactly to the point. The style is racy and spicy. The stories, true or not, are, as a rule, pertinent to the discussion. The purpose of the author precluded a dry list of figures: here and there however, "round numbers" are given. To pass from the style, the tone is capital. The argument is to abstain altogether. "Taste not" is the motto. This rule is the hope of the battle. The chapter entitled "The best of Swords" is rather lame. If the object was to show that Scripture forbade the use of wine, his success is, to say the least, very dubious. This much we say, that the texts are admirably arranged. The two closing chapters point to the divine part in the struggle. On the whole, the work is lively, popular, vigorous. He who takes it up will be slow to put it down.