

of the "Nordisk Missions-tidsskrift," a magazine frequently noticed in the Talks, one of which contains the sad news of the death of an eminent servant of God, Provost Jens Vahl, rector of Noerre Alster in Denmark. This took place so far back as last April, but the news of it has only now reached Canada. After a comparatively slight illness of a fortnight, he succumbed to sudden heart failure. Provost Vahl was born in 1828, the son of the regimental surgeon of the Third Infantry. He graduated with honors in Theology in 1854, and, from that time till his death, filled many important positions in the Lutheran or National Evangelical Church of Denmark. His biographer, Pastor F. Munck, lovingly depicts the career of his learned, generous, many-sided, and laborious friend. The space assigned to the Talk will not allow the mention of the many literary, religious, missionary, and benevolent societies and publications in which he took a prominent part, but his services to the Evangelical Alliance must not be forgotten. The same is true of his many independent works, largely concerned with missionary enterprise. On this theme Provost Vahl was exceptionally well informed, his being, no doubt, the largest private library of a missionary character in the world. His influence on the religious life of Denmark has been very great and beneficial. Mr. Croil speaks of him as a fine genial man and an accomplished scholar, and that he was also a humble, devout follower of Jesus Christ, and a lover of his fellow men, all testify who knew him.

The Fleming H. Revell Company of Toronto sends "Reconciliation by Incarnation," by Principal D. W. Simon, D.D., of the Bradford Congregational College. It is an octavo of 387 well printed pages, published by T. and T. Clark, of Edinburgh. The book is well written, and its theme is illustrated by a good deal of philosophico-poetical quotation, but it is so ratiocinative as to be tiresome to all but a metaphysical mind. I have read it through more than once, but, like the Yorkshireman with the claret, "don't seem to be getting any forrarder." Its author is an evolutionist, who fails to solve the problem of primitive matter, but who regards all its forms, organic and inorganic, as developments of the