

ful hold over the French people. The republicans, not caring to discriminate between Roman Catholicism and a purer faith, confound all expressions of religious belief as antagonistic to republicanism. Several of the ablest exponents of that political creed have been avowed atheists. The people have been taught that clericalism and religion being the same thing is hostile to the Republic. The few who care to be informed upon the subject may admire the sturdy independence of the Gallican Church, can understand and admire the position taken by Père Hyacinthe, but the multitude is largely made up of those who are hostile or indifferent.

French Protestants on the other hand have only a half-hearted sympathy with the modern representative of Gallicanism. He strives to bring about a reformation of abuses within the Church of Rome. He is excommunicated by the Pope but he has not renounced the papacy. He claims the right of the priesthood to marry. He has exercised that right. He is anxious that the people should possess the Scriptures, and that the mass be said in a living language, not in a dead and incomprehensible tongue. There are other reforms for which he contends but he is not prepared to break with the traditions of popery. His position is trying and peculiar. *Intussumis ibis* may in certain circumstances be a safe course for some, but it is no position for an ecclesiastical reformer. Had the monk of Wittenberg devided his regards between Romanism on the one hand and Protestantism on the other what would the fate of the Reformation have been? It would be unfair to say that Father Hyacinthe is halting between two opinions. He has advanced as far as the light of his conscience enables him. He is sincere and genuine as far as he goes. His life hitherto has been one of noble heroism and he has rendered what service the times and his own abilities have permitted. The fruit of his self-denying labours may be seen in a future age. The people of France like other people will weary of extremes. The religious leaders who can show that faith and freedom are true allies, will yet be recognized as the best friends of France.

PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS IN MANITOBA.

The following communication by Rev. Dr. Cochran, convener of the Home Mission Committee appears in the "Christian Leader" of the 29th ult. In reply to your correspondent, "Up and Doing," who asks regarding the demand for preachers in Manitoba and the North-West, permit me briefly to say. That the Presbyterian Church in Canada would gladly welcome able young preachers to occupy her vast mission field in the North-West Territories. While our own colleges are sending out every year thoroughly qualified probationers, many of whom cheerfully go to these distant fields, the supply is still far short of the demand, and this demand must continue for the next twenty-five years at least. Those wanted are either young men licensed already or near licensure, and who might, should they prefer it, complete their theological studies in Manitoba College; or young ministers of a few years' standing who desire to labour in the colonial field. In every case they should be approved and designated by the colonial committees of the churches sending them as suitable men for such a new and rapidly-advancing country. Ministers beyond middle age are not likely to adapt themselves to the conditions and requirements of the colonial field, and those who have not been successful in Scotland are not likely to be useful in Canada. The great North West is being populated by active, enterprising, and pushing settlers from Britain and every part of the world, who have in most cases been trained under able men, and know what evangelical, earnest preaching is. None but thoroughly educated, zealous, and devoted ministers, possessed of a large measure of grace and practical common sense, will meet the wants of such a class.

The salaries paid missionaries in Manitoba and the North-West Territories range from \$850 to \$950 per annum; this amount being made up by the individual congregations and the Home Mission committee until such time as the congregation becomes self-supporting, when it can give any salary it chooses. As I stated in my former communication many of them are rapidly coming up to the self-supporting platform. Certain of the churches in Britain are sending out young ministers, not only pay their expenses to Manitoba,

but guarantee a certain proportion of their salary for a term of years. In other cases they vote our committee an annual sum to aid us in carrying on our work.

Perhaps you will allow me to present a brief statement of the rapid development of our mission work in the North-West during the past ten years?

	1873	1883.
Self-sustaining congregations.....	1	10
Preaching stations.....	9	184
Ministers and missionaries.....	4	58
Families.....	198	2,948
Amount contributed for religious purposes..	\$2,195	\$56,641

The gain of 1883 over 1882 is represented by the following table:—

	1882.	1883.	Increase.
Families.....	1,555	1,709	254
Young men on homesteads.....	943	1,164	221
Communicants.....	1,355	1,988	622
Baptisms.....	123	388	265
Sabbath schools.....	15	36	21
Sabbath school attendance.....	619	1,201	582
Sabbath school teachers.....	76	153	77
Elders.....	31	58	27
Managers.....	187	263	55
Churches.....	18	29	11
Contributions for salary.....	\$9,717	\$14,598	\$4,881
Contributions for schemes.....	\$803	\$766	decrease \$37
Total contributions.....	\$15,501	\$29,968	\$14,467

I close by quoting from the report presented to the General Assembly in June last:—

The minister that will attract and hold these people must commend himself to them as a man and a Christian. With them the office and denomination will avail little, but personal character and pulpit power much. The lame in intellect, or the limping in education, will have a thin audience. The amount of travel requires men of youth and physical endurance.

Determined efforts should be put forth to direct the attention of the churches in Great Britain to the wants of the North-West. Tens of thousands of their people are flocking to Manitoba. Ought not the churches, from whose bosom these people come, to help to provide them with the means of grace? If the darkness of heathenism in India appeals so powerfully to the hearts of Christian people in Britain, the spiritual destitution of their acquaintances and relatives in Manitoba, should appeal to them with equal power. Assistance could be given for this work in men and means.

The next few years are to decide largely the religious future of this country. God is calling on us to go in and possess the land. The success vouchsafed to us in the past, the possibilities of the country, and the religious wants of its people should stimulate us—as patriots, as men, and Christians—to accomplish what God has given us to do. May God grant that we may discern the signs of the times, and in His strength go forward!

Brantford, Ont., Nov. 7, 1883.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE HOMILETIC MAGAZINE. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—The sermon in full with which the Homiletic Monthly for November opens is by Dr. Eugene Bersier, of Paris, on "Humility." The other contents are varied and valuable and fully up to the high standard of excellence maintained by this useful Magazine.

DIO LEWIS MONTHLY. (New York: Frank Seaman.)—The issue of the "Monthly" for December is the fifth number of this candidate for popular favour. An excellent feature of this magazine is: that the papers are all short. They do not weary the reader with prolixity. Dio Lewis being a life long sanitary reformer is entitled to speak with authority on many of the subjects treated in the "Monthly." It has its specialities, but is at the same time sufficiently varied to afford excellent reading for the family circle.

THE CATHOLIC PRESBYTERIAN. Edited by W. G. Blaikie, D.D., LL.D. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—The November number opens with an admirable paper by Rev. T. C. Edwards, M.A., Principal of University College, Aberystwith. Mrs. Ford, Edinburgh, writes on "The Waldenses of Calabria." There are two papers on "Luther"; one by Horatius Bonar, D.D., and the other by Rev. R. W. Barbour. The editor has a paper "Our Lord's Farewell to His Disciples." The customary departments of "The Catholic Presbyterian" are interesting and well sustained.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE. (New York: MacMillan & Co.) The December number of this new popular favourite shows decided improvement on the two previous issues, especially as regards artistic excellency. The frontispiece is a fine engraving of Lucas Cranach's portrait of Luther in the Pinacothek at Munich. James Syme contributes a paper

on "Luther" finely illustrated. Another interesting paper on an artistic subject is by Walter Armstrong, on "Some Forgotten Etchers," and Grant Allen writes with his accustomed attractiveness on "Corn Cockles," Charlotte M. Yonge's serial story advances in interest.

SOURCES OF HISTORY IN THE PENTATEUCH. By Samuel C. Bartlett, D.D., LL.D. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.) The President of Dartmouth College has written a very readable little volume on a subject of great interest to every student of the Bible. Its publication is timely. It makes no display of learning but presents results of thought and research in a most interesting and popular style. The subjects discussed are—"The Earliest Cosmogony," "Early Men," "Early Arts," "The Early Consanguinities," "The Early Movements of the Nations," "The Early Documents." Dr. Bartlett's is a good book, well worth reading.

THE TEN THEOPHANIES. By the Rev. William M. Baker. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—The supplemented title of this work, "The Appearances of our Lord to Men before His Birth in Bethlehem," indicates more clearly the nature of its contents. Readers of "The New Timothy" and "His Majesty Myself," do not need to be told that the late Mr. Baker was a writer of great originality and force. In this book his theme is the revelation of Jesus Christ, which he treats in a loving, earnest, and thoughtful spirit. The book is richly suggestive. Not the least of its attractions is the introductory sketch by Dr. F. N. Zabriskie.

OUR CHRISTMAS IN A PALACE. By Edward Everett Hale. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs.)—Issued in the cheap and convenient Standard Library, this book, as its title denotes, is a seasonable one. It consists of a collection of short stories, which are supposed to be told by a party of passengers in the Pullman Palace car of a snow-bound train. Mr. Hale is well known as a writer of tales, and the stories contained in this little volume are very excellent. They are full of freshness and originality, and of a quiet humour remarkable alike for its purity and its power. Their spirit, too, is truly religious. We can confidently and heartily recommend this book to those who desire the best Christmas reading.

COMPANION CHARACTERS. A series of studies in Bible Biography. By Rev. O. A. Hills, D.D. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.; Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—Dr. Hills, the author of this work, is minister of the First Presbyterian Church of San Francisco. He was formerly pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati. He has struck out a new path in the study of Bible biography, as the titles of the chapters will show. "Cain and Abel," "Jacob and Esau," "Moses and Aaron," "Balak and Balaam," "Caleb and Joshua," "Orpah and Ruth," "Samuel and Saul," "David and Jonathan," "Elijah and Elisha," "Jehoiada and Joash," "Haman and Mordecai," "Ezra and Nehemiah," "Peter and John," "Martha and Mary," "Paul and Barnabas." This grouping affords opportunity for impressive teaching in the light of strongly contrasted character. The book will attract and instruct readers.

MEMORIES OF CANADA AND SCOTLAND. By the Right Hon. the Marquis of Lorne, K.T., G.C.M.G., etc. (Montreal: Dawson Brothers.)—The late Governor-General has an unaffected liking for Canada. As a *souvenir* of his residence in the Dominion he has collected a number of his poems and speeches in a handsome little volume. The varied scenery of Canada and lingering Indian legends have appealed to his imagination and the result is a considerable collection of poems which he offers under the modest designation of verses. They possess quiet beauty, tenderness and finish. The same can be said of the Scottish and other poems in the book. The speeches are characteristic, being direct manly and appropriate in their expression. Most of them are in response to addresses presented and consequently do not afford scope for massive oratorical display. Altogether Lord Lorne's latest book is a graceful and appropriate memorial of his stay in Canada. The publishers are to be congratulated on issuing an artistically excellent volume.

DR. WARDROPE acknowledges with thanks the receipt from "M. O. B.," Ottawa, of \$100, being \$75 special for Formosa and \$25 for salary of native teachers in Eromanga.