

Book Reviews.

BRADFORD'S MONTHLY MAGAZINE. Toronto: Bellford Bros. Terms: \$3 a year, in advance. 30 cents a number.

The number for March contains three more chapters of Dr. Holland's excellent story, "Nicholas Mintum," accompanied by a very good illustration which serves as a frontispiece to the magazine. There is also a learned, but very readable article headed "The Tantalizing Talmud" by Jas. Carmichael. The short piece entitled "Life," by our own Canadian poet, Charles Sangster, is like his former pieces, replete with imagery, true in sentiment, and polished in expression. Alfred Tennyson's new poem, "Harold," is concluded in the present number. The remainder of the matter is varied and interesting.

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. Columbia S. C.: Presbyterian Publishing House.

The January number of this able quarterly contains much that is very interesting to thoughtful people. The article on "The Recent Origin of Man" is well calculated to correct the errors into which many persons have been led by the "premature announcements" of such scientific leaders as Huxley, Lyell, and Spencer. The tone of the article on "The Colored Man of the South" indicates that there Negro slavery is still regarded as a most beneficent institution even by some of the most intelligent men; and that its abolition is much regretted.

The other subjects dealt with in the number are: "John Knox as the English and as the Scottish Reformer;" "The One Visible Church and the many Denominations;" "Perfect Sanctification;" "Reason and Understanding;" "The Impeccability of Christ." The critical notices of new books are very full and valuable.

THE CANADIAN MONTHLY. Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.

The March number introduces a new feature. Under the heading "Round the Table," contributors and any others who may care to join them are invited to "ventilate, briefly and pleasantly, and with something of the ease and freedom of friendly converse, any ideas which may occur to them, on topics of social, literary, aesthetic or popularly scientific character—with this proviso however, that the host is in no sense to be held responsible for the opinions expressed by his guests." Notwithstanding this proviso, we venture to warn the "host" that his readers will hold him to a great extent responsible, for the columns of a high-class monthly are not generally considered to be quite so open as those of a daily or weekly newspaper. However from the tone of the company assembled "round the table" in the present number, we do not anticipate any great danger. The article headed "The House of Commons in Session" conveys a great deal of parliamentary information in a pleasant manner. The articles of lighter order are fully as attractive as usual.

Intelligence of Female Missions.

LADIES' WORK FOR INDIA.

The Corresponding Secretary of the Kingston Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, has received a letter from Mrs. Drury at Madras, acknowledging the receipt of the native dresses, dolls, etc., sent out in the box kindly taken charge of by the Rev. J. Fraser Campbell, and contributed to by ladies in various places. Mrs. Drury says—

"Very many thanks on behalf of my little friends in the Caste schools, (who number now just 400), to all the kind friends who have made and sent them such pretty neat jackets and skirts. Your kindly added contribution to that already sent from Edinburgh, will enable each child to be supplied. The prettiest will go to those who have been very regular in attendance, and neat in person during the year. This plan of getting kind friends to work during the year at these dresses, to be "sent out" and given to girls, who have been regular in attendance, clean, and neat in person, during the year, seems likely to work well, I am happy to say; for the difference in appearance generally of the little rough-headed creatures I first encountered, has been very marked for several months. I shall with pleasure write you an account of the "giving away," and I think I shall put the pretty dolls you have sent on a christmas tree for the best scholars among the infants. The dolls will be the only "prizes" given in addition to the skirts, etc., as pretty boxes are really a waste of mission money at present upon native girls, except in a few rare instances, while clothing and dolls for the little ones are appreciated, and in addition, rewards of two or three rupees each, for the girls who pass best in examination in Scripture history, geography, grammar, arithmetic, reading, writing, and plain sewing, in each school, to be given.

This year God has blessed us abundantly in opening up to us thirty houses of high caste adult females for Bible teaching. And a young lady, thoroughly conversant with the vernacular is about to join us for this special branch of work—the work from which I hope much, as a means of bringing India's daughters to a loving Saviour. I have already had much blessing in home-to-home visitation, but I have had so very much else to do that I have not been able as I wished, to give sufficient time to conquering the difficulties of the language, so different colloquially from

what it is in reading. Now, with assistance given, I hope to give more time to it, for, while schools, of course, are good to a certain point, still I must say, I hope greater things from gaining the ear—then by God's blessing the heart—of the older secluded women for the acceptance of the "Old, Old Story."—Very sincerely yours, MARION DRURY.

Madras, Dec. 30th, 1876.

A second box for India,—destined probably for Calcutta—will be sent from Kingston via Montreal, about May. Contributions are requested to be sent in during April.

Births, Marriages and Deaths.

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DIED.

On the 10th inst., at her late residence, near Williamstown (Glengarry County), Sarah McDonald, wife of the late John McDonald, tailor, aged 73 years.—Also, on the 15th inst., from the infirmities of advanced years, at the above place, John McDonald, tailor, husband of the above, in the 86th year of his age. Another of the veterans of 1812-15 is thus laid to his rest. "Requiescat in pace." The above are the parents of Rev. K. McDonald, Presbyterian minister of Indian Lands.

Official Announcements.

MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES

PARIS.—At Ingersoll, on 18th March, at 11 o'clock a.m.

BROOKVILLE.—In the Presbyterian Church, Kemptville, on Tuesday, 20th March, at seven p.m.

PARIS.—In Erskine Church, Ingersoll, on the 2nd Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m.

HALIFAX.—In Central Church, Hamilton, on third Tuesday of March, at 11 a.m. General Assembly delegates will then be appointed.

PETERBORO.—At Warsaw, on Wednesday, 21st February, at 11 a.m.; and in the First Presbyterian Church, Port Hope, on the last Wednesday of March, at 1.30 p.m.

BRUCE.—At Paisley, on the last Tuesday of March, at 2 o'clock, p.m.

KINGSTON.—In John Street Church, Belleville, on the second Tuesday of April, at 7.30 p.m.

LONDON.—The First Presbyterian Church, London, on the third Tuesday of March, at two p.m. Remits will be considered, elders' commission will be called for, and delegates appointed to the General Assembly.

OTTAWA.—Adjourned meeting in St. John's Church, Almonte, on the 13th March, at 2 p.m. Next Presbytery meeting in Knox Church, Ottawa, on Monday, 7th May, at 3 o'clock p.m.

CHATHAM.—In the Wellington Street Church, Chatham, on 27th March, at 11 a.m.

WHITBY.—In St. Andrew's Church, Whitby, on the 2nd Tuesday of March.

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