

Northern, on the 4th inst. For one hour and three quarters the friends were held in rapt attention by the skilful word-painting of such men as Dr. Raffles, John A. James, Thomas Binney, Samuel Martin and others. Mr. Cuthbertson gives the closing lecture at the college, and returning, lectures for our friends in the Western, Toronto. His health appears to be restored.

We have had the pleasure of a visit from Mr. and Mrs. Saer, of St. John, N.B. Mrs. Saer, *nee* Smith, is from Halifax, and her parents' house was for many years the home for Congregational visitors to that city. Mr. Saer preached with acceptance in the North Toronto Church on the 3rd inst., and left this city homeward-bound the following day, expecting to spend a few days in Montreal. Happiness and prosperity to the friends in their new relation! The editor throws his old slipper, with blessings, after them.

Official Notices.

The Western Association meeting has been delayed until the 19th and 20th inst., at Listowel. A full attendance is urged.

Literary Notices.

THE HOMILETIC REVIEW for April (Funk & Wagnalls, 18 and 20 Astor Place, New York, \$3.00 per year; 30 cents per single number) opens with an exceedingly sensible article on the use of the MS. in the Pulpit by Dr. Wm. M. Taylor. Dr. Pentecost has a characteristic paper on the burning question, "How Shall our Cities be Evangelized?" to which we direct attention. The number is on a par with the preceding numbers of this year, and that is saying a good deal.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.—The numbers of the *Living Age* for March 5 and 12 contain the usual amount of wisely selected articles. This publication supplies the cream of the monthlies, and deserves ever increasing patronage. For fifty-two numbers of sixty-four large pages each (or more than 3,300 pages a year) the subscription price (\$8) is low; while for \$10.50 the publishers offer to send any of the American \$4 monthlies or weeklies with the *Living Age* for a year, both postpaid. Littell & Co., Boston, are the publishers.

THE PULPIT TREASURY for April closes the fourth yearly volume of this exceedingly rich, varied and suggestive magazine which has attained a sworn circulation of over 9,000 copies. There are two Canadian preachers in this number. An Easter Sermon by Prof. J. Scrimger, and an Exegetical Comment by Dr. S. H. Kellogg are articles of great and timely importance. Yearly, \$2.50. Clergymen, \$2.00. Single copies, 25 cents. E. B. Treat, publisher, 771 Broadway, New York.

TALKS FOR THE TIMES. By Rev. J. Wild, D.D. (Selby & Co., Toronto.)—This is a volume of eighteen sermons in the well known style of the Bond Street

Church, of this city. With Dr. Wild's theories we have no sympathy whatever; hence shall attempt no criticism of the book. Having said this, we are free to add that the sermons abound in practical truths and telling sentences; they afford interesting reading.

MEMOIRS AND REMAINS OF REV. WALTER INGLIS (Williamson & Co., Toronto.)—Among the early missionaries of the London Missionary Society in South Africa was the late Walter Inglis, pastor of one of the Presbyterian Churches in Ayr, Ontario. He was one of the band that had Moffatt in their number, and to whom Livingstone was afterwards joined. With his coadjutor, Mr. R. Edwards, he was driven by the Boers from the mission field for nobly defending the rights of the natives, and truth compels us to say that these friends were virtually driven from the mission work by the refusal of the directors of the London Missionary Society to investigate a scandal that had risen in the mission circle. Mr. Inglis was one of those rare characters to whose nature policy was utterly abhorrent. His mother was a stern Anti-Burgher, with an "element of incipient persecution in her nature." To a poor weaver who had wandered somewhat from orthodoxy, she said: "Ah man, if I had the power I wad mak your feet fast." (i.e., in the stocks.) Mr. Inglis was one of the most genial of men, overflowing with good sense, humour and Christian gentleness, firm as a rock where principle demanded. These memoirs are collected by Dr. W. Cochrane, of Brantford, and give a graphic picture of one who in the highest sense was "an honest man."

MR. SPURGEON'S is now one of some 3,000 British churches in which unfermented wine is used at the Lord's supper.

REV. DR. MEREDITH has notified his church in Boston that he has decided to accept the call to the Tompkins Ave. Church in Brooklyn, but will remain in his present position some months longer.

It will surprise many to learn that compulsory church rates are still levied in 131 English parishes. There are places in which loans had been borrowed on the security of the rates, and were outstanding at the time of the passing of the Act of 1868. The *Liberator* says the amount compulsorily raised in these parishes in the year ending Lady Day, 1885, was £9,468, and that loans were still outstanding to the amount of £18,645.

It is something to say that the Year-Book for 1887 of our sister churches in the United States reports a larger number of additions on confession to the Congregational Churches of the country than ever before, the total for the year being 27,166. The largest previous figures were 25,202 in 1859, and 24,138 in 1877. It is gratifying to be able to add that, from the table "of annual changes" in the Year-Book, the *net* gain of membership during the last year was 17,815; which is 10,221 above the average gain of the previous twenty-five years.