

research and earnest and vigorous thought for seven years.

Dr. Edersheim's "Life of Jesus the Messiah" deserves to rank among the foremost contributions to the theological literature of the day. The intelligent reader will derive great benefit from its perusal, and the Christian minister will find his life and ministry enriched by its possession.

YOUNG PEOPLES' ASSOCIATIONS.

THE esteemed President of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association accuses us of writing a former article on the above topic under a misapprehension. This is a mistake. Instead of modifying a single expression in the article referred to, Mr. Wallace's explanation, unintentionally no doubt, strengthens a conviction, not based on theory, but on the varied experience and observation of years, that these associations properly conducted are valuable aids to Christian life and usefulness.

We ask our readers to go over Mr. Wallace's letter carefully and judge for themselves. It will be seen that he has made no attempt whatever to meet a single point formerly advanced by us. The only colourable pretext for the left handed tolerance for societies having "merely literary and social interests" in view is that misguided youths have occasionally made injudicious selections in their entertainment programmes. They have put pastors and elders to the blush, and for that matter, right thinking people generally. That is a serious abuse certainly. Is there no cure but the suppression of all such associations? With all deference we propose the reform of abuses, not the extinction of what properly directed might be made of incalculable benefit.

The good President of the Presbyterian Ministerial Association has entirely overlooked a suggestion respectfully offered in the previous article. He says that it takes too much of the pastor's precious time to be present at the meetings of these associations. That was just what in effect we said. However desirable it may be for the minister to grace these gatherings with his presence it is absolutely necessary that he should? We have not a particle of sympathy with the idea that ministers' time hangs heavy on their hands. They are literally overburdened with work. If they were able to dispense with sleep, they could, other things being equal, fill up every hour of the twenty-four. Mr. Wallace is one of the hardest, and withal one of the most cheerful, workers in the city, yet in connection with his own congregation there is an excellent association where good work is done. It is well-managed by those who take a self-denying interest in the promotion of its objects. The same may with equal truth be said of many congregations both in the city and country. However untiring and however willing the most devoted pastor may be, he cannot do everything himself. Generally, however, good workers inspire others to work, and they work in harmony. Between sessions and associations there might be—there ought to be—a thoroughly good understanding; as a general thing young people would not be froward, nor their elders ashamed.

We are in thorough accord with the unanimous opinion that "any association under the auspices of the Christian Church should be the promotion of the Divine glory by work done for the spirit. I benefit of each other and the community." But it is just going a little too far when it is attempted to crush us beneath an overwhelming weight of authority "of the leading minds of the Church— including the professors of Knox College," etc., etc. It is a sure sign of weakness when shelter is sought behind the shadow of great names. It is generally the case, however, that leading minds and professors are the most liberal, the most tolerant of differences of opinion, and the last to think of stifling independent conviction.

The unfortunate resolution is again unanimously affirmed, with what reasoning we see. Again, we emphatically say it is a mistake—a serious mistake to make in these days. Without adding more at present we lapse into silence by respectfully proposing the following amendment:

"That in the opinion of this Association, all organizations connected with the Church should have distinctly Christian objects in view; and that the promotion of literary and social interests, important in themselves, justifies the existence of such organizations, which are cordially commended to the sympathy and support of congregations."

ROMISH INTOLERANCE IN MONTREAL.

How intolerent some people in the Province of Quebec are! Mr. Chiniquy while in the Romish community was famous from Gaspé to Amerherburg. Having received more light as to the meaning of Gospel truth, he is now an object of bitter execration to the lawless roughs of Quebec and Montreal. It is well known that attempts to take his life have been frequently made. He cannot now hold service and preach the Gospel in either of those cities without being attacked, his life endangered, and the church in which he speaks injured by unjustifiable rufianism. Brute force is not a form of argument recognized by logicians, but the rowdies of the sister province have not yet learned this very obvious truth.

What is more astonishing still, as will be seen by the Montreal correspondence in the present issue, is that the authorities responsible for the good order of the city truckle abjectly to the lawless element of the community. Do these civic dignitaries know that the people possess the right of free speech? The deputation who waited upon him did well to tell Mayor Beaudry that he was not appointed to dictate to the Presbyterian, or any other body, who should and who should not conduct worship in their respective churches. People who dissent from Mr. Chiniquy's preaching have perfect liberty to refuse to hear him. They have perfect liberty to reply to him if they choose, and the law should see that in replying they were not violently interfered with. It is high time that the civic authorities of Montreal should know that freedom of opinion and freedom of speech are matters beyond their interference and that it is their duty to protect the people in the exercise of their rights.

Here in Ontario Romish clergymen, from the Archbishop to the humblest priest, enjoy perfect toleration in the expression their opinion. What would our fellow-citizens in Montreal or Quebec think if Toronto roughs were to surround St. Michael's Cathedral, smash its finely stained windows, waylay the venerable Archbishop and pelt him with stones when he leaves the sacred edifice after one of his specious defences of the dogmas of his church. Again what would be thought of our municipal authorities if our Mayor paltered and trimmed for the encouragement of disturbers of the peace, and our Chief of Police ostentatiously permitted his command to be made a laughing stock on account of their inactivity in the presence of rioters? All good citizens of Toronto, whether Protestant or Catholic, would insist that under no circumstances could disorder be connived at, and were any rascal foolhardy enough to throw a stone at Archbishop Lynch, the offender would receive the summary punishment he deserves. It is high time that disgraceful intolerance was repressed, and the right of free speech in this free Canada guaranteed from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

Books and Magazines.

CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. (Toronto: Gage & Co.)—The latest issue of the *Journal* contains a number of short and varied articles bearing directly on educational work. There are the usual departments of special value to teachers and advanced pupils. In addition there are a number of interesting educational news items. An announcement is made that it is intended to issue the *Journal* weekly in improved form.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY. (Toronto: Canada Educational Monthly Publishing Co.)—The last issue of this excellent magazine, devoted to the interests of education, contains a number of excellent papers relating to theories of education and modes of teaching. A feature in the present issue is the compact and pithy notes by "The Public School Editor." Care and attention have been bestowed on university and school work, the subjects being in thoroughly competent hands. The brief editorials are characterized by their wonted precision, clearness of view and classical purity of expression.

THE HOMILETIC MONTHLY. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs.)—This suggestive and useful magazine keeps up its well-earned reputation. Among the contributors to the sermonic department in the November number are to be found Drs. S. V. Leitch, Alexander MacLaren, R. S. Storrs and others. Dr. Philip Schaff writes on the "New Testament Canon," and Ram Chandra Bose on "Missionary Work and Prospects in India." The Sym-

posium began in this number is on the Epistle to the Romans. It is opened by Henry Ward Beecher, to whom Dr. Godet will reply in the following number. There is much in addition that the readers will find valuable in this issue of the *Homiletic Monthly*.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—The principal articles in the last issue of this first-class theological quarterly are "Spencer's Philosophy and Theism," by Oscar Craig; "Modern Science and the Religious Instinct," by Rev. George Matheson, D.D.; "The Mutual Relations of the Synoptical Gospels," by Professor Alexander Balmain Bruce; "The Transitions in English Poetry from Pope to Burns," by Professor T. W. Hunt, Ph.D.; "The Principles of Puritanism," by Professor C. A. Briggs, D.D., and "The Social Idea in the Church—the True and the False," by the Rev. O. A. Kingsbury. In addition to the usual Notes and Notices there is a comprehensive review of "the more noteworthy books in theological and general literature that have recently made their appearance."

KNOX COLLEGE MONTHLY. (Toronto.)—We cordially welcome the re-appearance of this one of the best—if not the very best—representative of Canadian academic literature. It has brightness and sparkle, and also much that is solid and valuable in its table of contents. The first issue of the new volume may be called a missionary number as interesting papers on this most important subject predominate. We wish our young friends all success in their laudable endeavours. They might, however, take a hint— not unkindly offered. In the construction of "inspired" paragraphs it is well not to indicate too obviously their source. It is also well to be sure that facts are as they are represented. The members of the editorial staff are perhaps too young in the ways of journalism to know all the wiles of this wicked world. Are there any courses of voluntary human action in which principles "of honour and religion" are not involved?

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—The November *Atlantic* is noteworthy as containing a very interesting instalment of the autobiography of the late Henry James under the title "Stephen Dewhurst's Autobiography." Brooks Adams contributes an instructive political paper on "The Embryo of a Commonwealth." Maurice Thompson has an engaging essay, "In the Haunts of the Mocking-Bird," the scene being laid in the South. Valuable literary articles are "Mistral's Nerto," by Harriet Waters Preston; "Crude Science in Aryan Cults," by Prof. E. P. Evans; "The Last Stand of the Italian Bourbons," by William Chauncey Langdon; and "De Senectute," by F. Sheldon. A very important article is "The Negro Problem," by N. S. Shaler, who is intimately acquainted with the subject. Another delightful travel sketch, "The Lakes of Upper Italy," is given. J. M. Hillyar contributes a paper on "Malta." There is a fine poem by Mr. Whittier, another by Paul Hayne, and a capital variety of brief essays in the Contributors' Club.

VOICES FROM THE ORIENT. By the Rev. George Burnfield, M.A., B.D. (Toronto: C. Blackett Robinson.)—Most readers are familiar with the records of Eastern travel. A narrative of a journey to the seats of the older civilizations and the Holy Land must possess special merit to entitle it to general attention. It is right, however, to remember that most people have a strong desire to see Palestine, to visit the scenes of sacred history. Comparatively few can realize that desire, and the next best thing is to read trustworthy and faithful accounts by those who have made the pilgrimage. Mr. Burnfield has proved himself a keen and intelligent observer of men and things in the course of his Oriental wanderings. What he has seen and felt he has transferred in vivid form to his pages. His style is lively and graphic. He has looked upon the scenes and people of the East with Canadian eyes, and viewed them through the influences of his national training. The reader will find that the interest grows with the progress of the narrative. The book is printed in good clear type on excellent paper, and the binding is artistic. It is also embellished by a number of engravings. We wish for it, as it deserves, a wide circle of readers.

AMONG the several attractive articles in last number of the *Canadian Methodist Magazine* is "Up Vesuvius," a racy sketch of Italian travel by Mr. John Cameron, editor-in-chief of the *Toronto Globe*.

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