

ected in such studies. Mr. Robertson by his own careful researches, and by calling in the aid of others, has produced a work which will be enjoyed by every lover of missions, and which will always be a mine of information upon "The Martyr Isle."

THE CRITIC'S CORNER.

A Great Career. XIII.

Recently death has caused many vacancies in the high places of the Christian Church. In our own Church several prominent ministers, "men of light and leading," have been taken from us. In England the Free Churches suffered heavily in the closing days of the year through the removal of Hugh Price Hughes and Dr. Parker. And now the Church of England mourns the loss of its ecclesiastical chief, Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, "Primate of all England." The Pope continues upon the scene a marvel, if not of vigour, at least, of remarkable vitality, and we trust that he will have a peaceful New Year. The able men whom we have lost all died in harness, clinging to their work to the very last. They teach us that the strongest and the noblest must go; but they also show that high places and great influence in the true Catholic Church can only be gained by great, noble and self-sacrificing toil. These men did not belong merely to their own Churches; they had made themselves part of the larger life of humanity.

Dr. Temple climbed steadily upward as a hard working student, an able teacher, a faithful minister, a wise bishop until he reached the noblest position; and we believe through it all he lived in the spirit of the words, "He that is greatest among you let him be your minister (servant)." He was a fine scholar, a keen thinker, a wise administrator, a man who would have been a credit to any community and an ornament to any Church. I cannot attempt a complete biography or an elaborate eulogium; just a few words from my own recollection, that is all. I remember the "E-says and Reviews," and the stir that the book created, the panic in certain orthodox circles, the sharp replies, the "Aids to Faith" that were called forth. It was not that Dr. Temple's contribution was so alarming but he was condemned because of the company that he kept. The world does move a little; and the same book would hardly make the same sensation now. That noble essay on "The Education of the World" was a delight to my youthful mind, and it certainly was a fine embodiment of the modern spirit, the spirit that has moved great poets and thinkers since the days of Lessing. It is said that the writer became more conservative as he grew older. That may be: it is quite natural, but the man who wrote that essay could only cherish a conservatism of a noble kind, he could never be an obscurantist.

I remember that Dr. Temple, then, I believe, Bishop of Exeter, took an interest in the Temperance cause and at a meeting was pelted with bags of flour, small ones I presume, by the fueds of liquor; but he was not the man to be bothered by trifles of that kind. Rotten eggs or handfuls of flour may be less convenient than floral offerings but their weight as argument is very light; they simply show that selfish interests and vicious men are disturbed. Dr. Temple was a gentleman according to St. Paul's standard, ready to become all things to all men to win some; but ready, also, to face the fiercest opposition in his efforts to save the lost. A man of culture and courage, he was worthy

of promotion and it came.

With regard to the cause in which he spent the last of his strength that remained, the Church side of the Education question. We may differ from him and yet admire the courage and conviction that kept him to the last moment at his post.

I never heard the great bishop preach; but I have read many of his deliverances and admired his clearness of thought and his fine sense of justice, as he sought to bind the varied sections of his own Church into a living unity. We honour ourselves in recognising the worth of such a man.

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There is something very solemn, as well as humbling to men, in the constant onflow of time, ceaseless, resistless for even a moment, sweeping onward in its march, every human being alike prince and peasant, philosopher and fool, rich and poor, the aged and the infant in days. And this is deepened by the absolute ignorance of all as to what the future may have in store for them. As to how we shall meet it, there is no option; all must walk by faith, not by sight. Happy they who strong in faith, can set their face to the way they have not travelled heretofore, singing as they go, "I will trust and not be afraid."

The General Assembly's Teacher Training Course has met with so much favor throughout the church that the demand for the October issue of the Teachers' Monthly containing the opening lessons of this course in the departments Scripture and Doctrine has completely exhausted the supply. It will be looked upon as a favor, if any who have copies of this issue, and do not wish to keep them, will send them to the Secretary of the Sabbath School Committee on Teacher Training Course, Rev. J. M. Duncan, Confederation Life Building, Toronto.

Literary Notes.

The opening article in the January Cosmopolitan is "Pierpont Morgan, His Advisers and His Organization," by the editor. Then follow: "Paris, City of Beautiful Women"; "The Music of Nature"; "Roman Games" and other interesting articles, in addition to several short stories and the continuation of Merriman's story, "Barlasch of the Guard." The Cosmopolitan, Irvington, N. Y.

To any one unable to subscribe for several reviews or periodicals, "The Living Age," published every week, its contents made up from the world's choicest, current literature, offers an opportunity of getting a marvellously useful publication, in handsome form, at a moderate price. For full particulars see advertisement on last page of this paper; and take advantage of the liberal offer made therein.

Mr. MacKenzie Bell's religious lyric, "Lord, teach us to Pray," which is set to music as an anthem by Herr Georg Liebling, has been translated into German verse by the Rev. Professor Carl Giebe, of Boeheme, Westphalia, for use throughout Germany. The second edition of the anthem, just published in London, by Dr. Charles Vincent, has both the English and the German words.

The Missionary Statistics of the World for the year 1907 appear in the January number of this *Monthly Review of the World*.

These show the grand totals and all the principal Societies working in heathen lands and are in themselves a conclusive argument for the efficiency of Foreign Missions. In the General Missionary Intelligence are items of great interest. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2 50 a year.

ST. MARGARET'S CHRONICLE is decidedly the best publication we have ever seen issued by a Ladies' School. It is bright and newsy, and there is no nonsense about it. Typographically also it does credit to the College, being well printed and exceedingly neat in form. The Christmas number contains many interesting contributions from pupils and ex-pupils, and a large number of illustrations add value to the issue.

In the January number of the Ladies' Magazine is published the first picture of a series of "Canadian Girls" "The Debutante". Each month a different type of Canadian girl is to appear in the Magazine. "The Transformation of Miss Philura" is a remarkably good short story, and there are two or three other stories as well as a number of excellent articles on a variety of subjects. Under "Keystone of Style" we find many helpful suggestions. The Dyas Publishing Co., Toronto.

The January number of Harper's Monthly Magazine contains several articles with illustrations in tint, including "Arctic Whaling of To-day," "Chinese and Western Civilization," and "In the Tuscan Maremma." Other articles of special interest are "London's Oldest Art Club," "Bequerel Rays" and "The Coinage of Words." There are short stories by Roy Rolfe Gilson, Marie Van Vorst and several other clever writers, while Amelie Rives' story is concluded and Mrs. Humphrey Ward's is continued. Harper and Brothers, New York.

A CANNY COUNTRYSIDE by John Home. (Oliphant Anderson, and Ferrier, 30 St. Mary Street, Edinburgh. To use the cant of the London Reviewers we may say that this book belongs to the "Kail Yard" school of literature; but that term, originally one of contempt, has now become a title of honour. When all fair criticisms are made it is now evident that Barrie, Crockett and Ian MacLaren, have made real contributions to the literature of their country which have been welcomed and appreciated all around the world. This is the second edition of *A Canny Countryside*, and it is worthy of a cordial reception. It is printed in clear, bold type, and is in a neat strong binding. Those who desire a readable series of sketches, racy of auld Scotia's soil, will do well to order it through the nearest bookseller. If the writer has not the subtlety of Barrie, nor the generous idealism of Ian MacLaren, he has a quality of his own; his characters stand out in a clear, dry light, they are etched by a few sharp strokes. A brief quotation cannot do justice to a book of this kind, so next week we hope to reproduce a chapter for the benefit of our readers who may thus be led to procure the others for themselves.

Alderman Urquhart, a pronounced temperance man, and possessed of advanced opinions on many municipal questions, has been elected mayor of Toronto by a substantial majority. The *Globe*, *World* and *Star* supported Alderman Lamb's who took a third part.