

The Annual Reports are ready, and have been forwarded to the Auxiliaries. Any who have not received them, or who would like a few additional copies, can have them by notifying the Secretary, 207 Bloor Street East, Toronto.

Official Notice.

WESTERN ASSOCIATION.—The Western Association of Congregational churches will meet in Scotland, on October 16th and 17th. A reception committee has been appointed, and no pains will be spared to entertain all who come. All those churches that have not already done so will please send the names of the delegates they expect to send, so that billets may be arranged for in good time. Address

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Literary Notices.

N. Y. "INDEPENDENT."—This is the grandest weekly that comes to our table. 32 large pages, more than double the size of our own—and often extended to 40 or more—with first-class correspondents, discussing all kinds of important subjects. Like the London *Christian World*, and the Montreal *Witness*, it is in the hands of Congregationalists, but does not call itself an "organ." A valuable peculiarity of the *Independent* is that of having frequent "symposia": the number before us (13th Sept.) has a symposium on "Municipal Government," in which fifteen writers give their views on many municipal problems. Among them are—Ex-Senators and "Honourables," 2, Editors, 2; officers of Reform Clubs and Citizens' Leagues, 5, etc. A vast amount of facts and wise suggestions are found in these *symposia*.

The *Independent* has always been strong on Sanitary and Scientific Research, and on Life and Business Assurance. These specialties, as well as the general excellence of its contents, and the high moral tone of all its articles, have secured to the *Independent* the large circulation and the high position it has attained. Of it can be said—and which can be said of but a very few periodicals in the world—"To read it is a liberal education!" It is now in its 46th year; and is cheap at \$3 a year; clubs of 5 at \$2. 130 Fulton St. New York.

HOMILETIC REVIEW.—September. Prof. Theo. W. Hunt, of Princeton, opens the Review Section with a forcible presentation of "The Mental Demands of the Ministry." Dr. C. B. Hulbert, of

Ohio, emphasizes the "Importance of Declaring all the Counsel of God," and of shunning a one-sided presentation of truth. "The Second Service," "The Imprecatory Psalms," "Who are the Hittites?" are leading papers. Some striking sermons will be found in the Sermonic Section, notably that of J. C. Jackson, D.D., on "The Demand of Human Nature for the Atonement;" that of W. S. Pryse, D.D., on "The Divine Guest," and that of J. Elliott Wright, D.D., on "God's Righteousness Like the Great Mountains." A comprehensive and scientific presentation of the subject "Panics and Hard Times," contributed by F. S. Hayden, D.D., is worth the price of the entire Review. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls Co., 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$3 per year.

THE PILGRIM TEACHER.—This is the monthly of the Congregational Sunday School and Publication Society of Boston, and supplied through the office of this magazine. 60c. a year; clubs of 6 for 50c. each. It contains 36 pages, double column, of closely printed matter, touching on everything connected with the Lessons. Some special features are worth mentioning: "Lesson Afterthoughts," full of good suggestions; first lines of appropriate Hymns; the *accenting* of all proper names in the Lessons; "Outside Studies," references to helpful works; "Eclectic Comments," gathered from many sources; "Bible Dictionary of the Lessons"; etc. We use it and highly commend it.

ONWARD.—Toronto, William Briggs, Methodist Publishing House, 60c. a year; 50c. in clubs. This is an exceedingly bright illustrated little weekly. 8 pages of four columns each, on good paper, and a dozen good pictures every week. Dr. Withrow, the editor, shows his skill and talent in every page. It is the special organ of the Epworth League; and while containing much news from these young people's organizations, is particularly strong as is also the Methodist Magazine under the same Editor—in descriptive illustrated articles.

Review.

TATIAN'S "DIALESSARON."*

This is one of the most remarkable books of the century. Tatian was an Assyrian, a pagan; travelled in many countries, and came to Rome about A.D. 150. Made the acquaintance of Justin Martyr, was converted, and probably began at Rome the preparation of his *Diatessaron*, or Harmony of the Four Gospels; [lit. "out of four"].

*The Earliest Life of Christ ever compiled from the Four Gospels, being the *Diatessaron* of Tatian, [circa A.D. 160]. Edinburgh, T. & T. Clark, 1894.