

opportunity of giving our readers a more extended biographical notice.

A MODERN APOSTLE, ALEXANDER N. SOMERVILLE, DD., by Rev. Dr. George Smith; London, John Murray; pp. 423; price \$2.00. Dr. Smith is one of those writers of whom it may be said appropriately, *nihil tetigit quod non ornavit*, and in the person of Dr. Somerville he has found a study in which his brilliant pen has full scope. We have already, in a recent number of the *Record*, given an outline of Dr. Somerville's remarkable career as an evangelist, but those who would discover the springs of action which impelled and sustained him in his unique enterprise will be glad to have this most instructive biography.

IN DARKEST ENGLAND AND THE WAY OUT, by General Booth; Funk and Wagnalls, New York; Wm. Drysdale & Co., Montreal; pp. 316; price \$1.25. In these pages are to be found ample proof of the distressing condition of the lapsed masses in England and details of the most gigantic scheme that has ever been propounded for the alleviation of human misery. The plain statement of the case, and the way by which these wretched ones may be rescued from sin and shame to a higher and happier life, is a subject that should commend itself to every heart in which there is a trace of the milk-of-human-kindness, and it is gratifying to learn that the project has already commended itself to the Christian public of all denominations in such a practical way as justifies the conviction that General Booth's plan should have a fair and adequate trial.

FORMS OF SERVICE FOR SPECIAL OCCASIONS IN THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, by Rev. Duncan Morrison, DD., of Owen Sound, Ont.; The Presbyterian Printing & Publishing Co., Toronto; Wm. Drysdale & Co., Montreal; pp. 193; price 75 cts. This is not a liturgy, but a compendium of suggestive forms that will be found useful in time of need to many an over-burdened pastor in his daily round of duty; e.g., at the dedicating of churches, the ordination of ministers and elders, the dispensation of the sacraments, the solemnization of marriage, the burial of the dead, &c.

ARCHBISHOP LYNCH'S "ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS AND OBJECTIONS CONCERNING CATHOLIC DOCTRINE AND PRACTICES," by Rev. Thomas Fenwick, of Elder's Mills, Ont.; Toronto, The Presbyterian Printing & Publishing Co.; Wm. Drysdale & Co., Montreal; pp. 232; price \$1.00. Mr. Fenwick's object in this work is "not to discuss everything pertaining to the Roman controversy, but simply review certain statements of the deceased prelate." This he does in a free-lance style, which at least relieves the argument from dullness, though it might, perhaps, have carried greater weight had the author been more economical of his good-natured "banter."

BUSINESS TIPS, A MERCANTILE DICTIONARY OF TECHNICAL TERMS, BUSINESS FORMS AND OFFICE WORK, compiled by Alice Thomson. Montreal: Wm. Drysdale & Co.; pp. 92; price \$1.50. Though intended mainly for young men entering upon a commercial career, there is a great deal of practical utility in this Dictionary for those of maturer years who have not enjoyed the advantages of a thorough training for mercantile pursuits.

G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS, New York, have sent us through Messrs. Foster, Brown & Co., Montreal, TABULAR VIEWS OF UNIVERSAL HISTORY, \$1.75, and GUSTAVUS ADOLPHUS AND THE STRUGGLE OF PROTESTANTISM FOR EXISTENCE, \$1.50, which we have only room to name; but all of Putnam's books are good.

PELOUBET'S SELECT NOTES on the International S.S. Lessons for 1891 is one of the best handbooks of the kind published. The volume for this year is larger by fifty pages than formerly: W. Drysdale & Co., Montreal; price \$1.25.

MR. CLEANNDS' HISTORY OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN IRELAND, noticed last month, should have been priced \$1.25 instead of \$1.00.

ONE THOUSAND MEN in the next five years is the call for China. Of course, one thousand men will mean nearly if not quite two thousand workers; for many of the men will bring their wives, and a good wife doubles the power for good of a missionary in the field; and unmarried ladies in increasing numbers are volunteering from time to time.

THE DEATH OF DR. WILLIAMSON, U. P. missionary in China, is a very serious calamity to mission work in that vast country. His death occurred at Chefoo on the 2nd September. He was the leading spirit in the Shanghai Conference, and his project of an annotated Bible—one Bible—for China, was cordially adopted by all. He was 61 years of age, over 25 of which he spent in China in circulating the Holy Scriptures. He traversed China from the Great Wall to the Yangtse—carried the Gospel to Mongolia, and traversed again and again the great province of Manchuria.

## Official Notices.

### TO CLERKS OF PRESBYTERIES.

The Rev. Dr. Torrance wishes to inform Presbytery Clerks that, in the end of November he mailed to them the slips for collecting the Statistics of Congregations and Stations; and, on the 6th of December, sheets for engrossing the returns when received, for the use of the General Assembly's Committee on Statistics. He has, also, mailed a circular to each Clerk for other information than that asked from congregations, which he desires to have filled up and returned at the same time with the sheet for Presbytery Reports. The names and addresses of Clerks, with the exception of Chatham, have been taken from the Rolls of Presbyteries in the Appendix to the minutes of the General Assembly.

Surplus papers have been included in each parcel, but if the number is not sufficient, or if there is any change of address, he would feel obliged for advice of the same as soon as possible.

The Returns should be forwarded to him at Guelph, Ont.

### MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERIES.

Montreal, College Hall, 13th Jan., 10. a.m.  
Peterboro, St. Paul's Ch., 20th Jan., 9.30 a.m.  
Minnedosa, Gladstone, 9th Mar., 3. p.m.  
Stratford, St. Mary's, 20th Jan., 10.30 a.m.  
Guelph, St. Andrew's Ch., 20th Jan., 10.30 a.m.  
Barrie, Barrie, 27th Jan., 11. a.m.  
Stratford, St. Mary's, 30th Jan., 10.30 a.m.  
Lindsay, Beaverton, 25th Feb., 10.30 a.m.  
Huron, Clinton, 22nd Jan., 10.30 a.m.  
Quebec, Morrin College, 25th Feb.  
Ottawa, St. Andrew's Ch., 3rd Feb., 10. a.m.  
Whitby, Whitby, 20th Jan., 10.30 a.m.  
Toronto, St. Andrew's Ch., 6th Jan., 10 a.m.  
Lan. & Renfrew, Pembroke, 23rd Feb., 7.30 a.m.