

So far, indeed, from being unjust towards the Mission churches, this plan would be beneficial to them on the principle well-known to those who have anything to do with church work that the more people give the more they are inclined to give and that the less they give, the less they will desire to give.

I think therefore that this plan would be not only just but mutually beneficial, and I hope to see it adopted at least to some extent in this University. Yours truly,
X. Y. Z.

NOTE.—A theological college in Montreal has lately published the following two rules:

"1. That on and after this date any student of this College, supplying any pulpit in this city on Sunday, shall receive not less than the sum of \$5 per service.

"2. For supplying any pulpit outside of the city he shall receive \$3 per service, over and above his expenses. No amount, under this item, to exceed \$6 and expenses."

PERSONAL.

THE Rev. E. C. Trenholme visited Trinity during the last few days.

It is reported that Messrs. Seagar and O'Reilly were gracious enough to favour Mr. Henry Irving with their active assistance when that distinguished actor produced "The Merchant of Venice" in Toronto on the 21st inst.

We have received a letter for publication from a correspondent who signs himself "Reform." As the writer did not give his name, the letter cannot be published. We refer "Reform" to the notices preceding "Editorial Topics."

Mr. E. B. Robinson, B.A., paid the REVIEW a visit a few days ago. Mr. Robinson is studying law in Markham, and will, we hope, meet with the same success in this department as was his lot while a student in Arts of this College in the department of Philosophy.

OUR heartiest congratulations to THE REVEREND Frank Du Moulin, B.A. His ordination took place at St. James' Cathedral on Sunday, Feb. 18th. A large delegation of Trinity men were there. The sermon was preached by the Rev. G. C. Mackenzie, of Brantford. We must also congratulate the Church of the Holy Trinity, Toronto, on having a curate who will carry into the parish an energy, earnestness and organizing power, the loss of which College Institutions will feel for many a long day.

THE EARLIEST LIFE OF CHRIST.*

THIS book puts English readers in possession of Tatian's famous harmony of the four Gospels. Tatian's work was written about 160 A.D. It is preserved in Arabic of which this work is a translation.

The critical value of this work can hardly be over-estimated. It gives the deathblow to the theory of Baur and other extreme critics regarding the late date of the fourth Gospel; and it practically proves that our four Gospels were regularly read in churches along with the O. T. Scriptures as early as the time of Justin Martyr.

Tatian's work is interesting on its own account, being the earliest extant harmony of the Gospels. The work is well edited and furnished with a good introduction and elaborate and useful appendices. We heartily agree with the concluding words of the introduction: "It is no small privilege to be permitted to be the first to present to English readers

a full and literal translation of this great work, which has been a subject of interest to Christians of every age since it was first written, around which so many controversies have revolved, which has been in its entirety so singularly recovered in our own day, which throws so much light upon the information possessed by Christians of the second century, and which at the same time possesses a national interest." We may add that the publishers have spared no pains: the book is a model of good workmanship.

Missionary and Theological Society

THE REVIEW AND THE SOCIETY.

Now that the Theological and Missionary Society has formally ratified the agreement made in its behalf with the editors of THE REVIEW, by the executive committee, we are in a position to offer a few remarks on the subject, which would have been out of place in our last issue.

It is now settled that in return for a stated grant per annum, we are to have the right to fill four pages in six of the nine issues which appear during the year.

Many good results ought to follow from this step.

In the first place, an opportunity will be given for past and present members to keep in touch with one another and to inform themselves of each other's doings. It is a common thing for the clergy to ask: "What is the Theological and Missionary Society doing?" and we have more than once heard the question raised by men in college: "What are our clerical graduates doing in the mission field?" Both these questions can be answered satisfactorily and in these columns an opportunity is given to all who are concerned to gratify this very laudable desire for information.

But it is not only *missionary* information that is required for these pages, our society is also a theological one, though of late the fact has been almost entirely overlooked, and it is hoped to make this department of our work a reality.

Thirdly, and perhaps most important of all, there are many practical questions of wide interest both to the clergy and to Divinity students which might with advantage be freely discussed from time to time. It is surely not unreasonable to hope that those who are disposed to charge the Society with inactivity, will avail themselves of this opportunity to suggest improvements, in return for which kindness, we may sometimes have occasion to respectfully submit to the clergy and other Church workers, ideas which may have occurred to us.

To conclude then, we want the co-operation of our friends to enable us to carry out this new venture successfully and profitably, and we want this help to be of three kinds:—

(1) Active literary assistance—short, pithy articles or letters from the clergy and others, especially from those amongst our own graduates who may feel that their experience would be of service to others who are preparing for Holy Orders.

(2) We would take the liberty of reminding many members of the Theological and Missionary Society that their subscriptions, (the modest sum of 50 cents) are very much overdue and our annual disbursements, though not so heavy as we should like them to be, are not sufficiently light to be payable without funds.

(3) We venture to express a hope that this new departure may obtain for THE REVIEW many fresh subscribers. The grant that we are making to the editors, though all that we can afford, will, it is hardly necessary to state, be totally

*The earliest life of Christ: being the Diatessaron of Tatian; edited by J. Hamlyn Hill, B.D. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark; Toronto: Willard Tract Depository.