

foot of a great tree, leaning against it for support and rest; some have got the luxury of forms or benches, as we call them, but without backs; many are on the grass and many stand. Every one of these simple pictures is eloquent with the memories of a stirring and glorious time.

We turn over. Very different is this outside page from the other, and yet in its way equally suggestive of a feature of Scottish character and of what has made Presbyterianism the sturdy growth it is. It is wholly occupied with schools and colleges, every one of them almost costly, magnificent, noble-looking, worthy and lasting monuments to the liberality of those who for Scotland's spiritual King and Covenant stood firm, and in the day of trial witnessed a good confession. Pictures annihilate distance much more than even electricity. Now, for instance, you are looking on Duff's College, Calcutta; in an instant you are in the Lovedale Institution, S. Africa; one moment you are in the College of Madras, the next in the Free Church College, Glasgow; again, you are admiring the Wilson College, Bombay, and in less than a twinkling your eye rests upon the noble pile of the New College, Edinburgh. Hard by are the college and training school in Aberdeen, Glasgow Normal School, Inverness Assembly Hall; and Moray House School, Edinburgh, complete the illustrations given on this page.

Inside we come upon a gallery of portraits, with faces and heads so brainy, so intellectual, so bright looking, with names so famous that any one might well be proud of the country which has given them birth, and which by their deeds they have made illustrious. On one side of this page are the Moderators of the Free Church during the past fifty years. Dr. Chalmers holds the place of honour in the centre, and around him are grouped all the forty-nine, every one of whom we doubt not would say that they owed no little to the force and genius and character of that great Scotchman. On the other side are fifty-two more Scots worthies, many of whom were not a whit inferior to those whose names have been associated with the Moderator's chair. How could one begin out of that hundred and two to pick out and dwell upon individual names! Volumes have already been written in memory of not a few of them. It is a remarkable collection of remarkable men. Three women have a place among them, Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Barbour and the Duchess of Gordon.

In looking over the picture and into the faces the thought comes unbidden but with emphatic weight, of all these how few survive! The page itself seems to speak and say, "There is no abiding." One cannot help also casting one's thoughts into the picture and asking, what will be the history during the next fifty years, of that great religious movement inaugurated by these men, and in which they have been the moving spirits? No one can tell. But this abides; God is faithful. The Head of the Church, of which the greatest of these men rejoiced to be the humble members, still lives and shall forever live; all power is given to Him in Heaven and in earth; under Him her destiny is safe; and must redound when His purposes with her are accomplished only in good to the human family, and in added glory and honour to His great name.

Rev. Dr. Boyd, of St. Andrews, says he has worked in harmony with the best men of the Free and United Presbyterian communions, but if Disestablishment is to be carried there can be no more of that, for he will co-operate with no active enemy of the Church, so help him God. A day of humiliation, he says, was unnecessary except for the Church's enemies. Well, what of it? The Free Church and the United Presbyterian Church will most likely survive the shock of the withdrawal from them of the light of the countenance, and the co-operation, never at any time, we suspect, very great or hearty, of Dr. Boyd.

#### DEATH OF MRS. MACKENZIE.

Profound sympathy will be felt with Rev. J. W. Mackenzie, our missionary at Erakor, Etate. He is left lonely and desolate, far from friends and home—bereaved of one who had proved a faithful helpmeet for long years of toil, suffering and peril. Patiently, courageously, the missionaries grappled with their work for over twenty years. They learned together a strange, new language. Together they led to Christ many men, women and children whom they had found sitting in the densest darkness of heathenism. Mrs. Mackenzie shared all her husband's trials and triumphs in the field of their labour. She was his constant counsellor and faithful helper. Heathen lands are strewn with martyr graves. Our sons and daughters have fallen in the high places of the field and wherever their dust is slumbering—that is sacred ground, dear alike to Christ and His Church. We have now in the New Hebrides the precious dust of the Gordons, the Mathesons, of the Johnstons, and now of Mrs. Mackenzie.

Mrs. Mackenzie was Miss Bruce, of Musquodoboit, a lady of excellent abilities and attainments and admirably fitted for the onerous position which she was called to occupy. In that position she never failed. Her career has been worthy of missionary's wife—for she was herself, heart and soul, consecrated to the cause.

The New Hebrides must ever continue dear to the Presbyterian Church in Canada; for there it was that we won our first trophies from heathendom; there it was where John Geddie for years single-handed, fought a battle as brave as was ever waged—a most successful battle, too, in which he unfurled a banner that continues to wave over an island then wholly cannibal, but now wholly Christian. John Geddie never turned his back upon a foe—never fled from danger, and the spirit of our pioneer has inspired all his successors, women as well as men. One of the loveliest women that ever lived among the heathen was Mrs. Matheson, who died in her early prime. Mrs. Gordon was a quietly heroic woman who for weeks in succession lived alone among the cannibal Erromangans—her husband exploring elsewhere. Mrs. Johnston, afterwards Mrs. Copeland, was a faithful, fearless and true woman—faithful unto death. Mrs. Donald Morrison was a like spirited, saintly, heroic woman, worthy of her husband, Donald Morrison, one of the best men that ever left us to labour among the heathen—a man of the Samuel Rutherford spirit. Mrs. Geddie, thank God, is still living, the "Mother" of the mission, as true as gold tried in the fire, as arduous a worker as ever grappled with the degradations and horrors of heathenism—a woman who made a record which inspired and directed all who entered the field after her. Long may it be ere we need to pronounce her eulogy! And now of this good and godly array, Mrs. Mackenzie was not the least worthy. Her name will rank in the grateful and affectionate remembrance of the Church with the holiest and best who have gone before. She has borne well and meekly the honorable and most arduous toils of a missionary career. And now she sleeps in Jesus, that sleep "whose waking is supremely blest." God comfort those who were dear to her and whose hearts will now ache to breaking for loss of her.—Presbyterian Witness, Halifax.

#### FRENCH EVANGELIZATION.

The following circular has been issued by the Board of Sabbath School Superintendents and Teachers:

We have the pleasure of sending you herewith a copy of the last Annual Report of the Board of French Evangelization.

We hope that you will find in it much that will be helpful in deepening the interest of your scholars in this department of the Church's missionary work. As will be seen, the work among the young in the mission day schools and at Pointe

aux Trembles has been greatly blessed of God and is very encouraging. Is not this a call to the Sabbath school scholars of our Church to put forth greater efforts to help give the Gospel to their compatriots of French origin and of their own generation?

Sixteen dollars a month will support a teacher in a mission school. Are there not Sabbath schools that will undertake this? Fifty dollars will maintain a pupil in the Pointe aux Trembles schools. Are there not many more Sabbath schools that will undertake this? Will not schools, for which the above would be too much, undertake the partial support of a teacher or pupil? Will not every school make at least a generous contribution?

Relying upon your hearty co-operation, we commend to your sympathy and prayers this important matter. Yours sincerely, D. H. MacVicar, D.D., LL.D., Chairman; S. J. Taylor, Secretary.

Contributions to be addressed to the Treasurer, the Rev. Robt. H. Warden, D.D., Box 1839, Post Office, Montreal.

#### SCHOOL FOR CHRISTIAN WORKERS.

This is a training school for young men and women for several kinds of Christian work and who cannot take a full college course. The course of instruction includes training for S.S. workers, pastors' assistants, home and foreign missionaries. There is also a correspondence department for S.S. superintendents, instruction is also given in music and physical culture. Sixty students were in attendance last year, including both sexes. The prospects for the coming year are good. More than seventy calls have been received at the school during the year for helpers of the kind which the school aims to provide. The seat of the school is at Springfield, Mass.

#### Books and Magazines

The full and neatly got up nineteenth calendar of Brantford Ladies' College for the year 1893-94 gives full information about the college.

The twentieth annual report of Toronto Y.W.C.A. tells of another year of progress and blessing in its beneficent work. Mrs. J. C. Gilmer is Honorary President.

The Treasury, now in its eleventh volume, well sustains its character. Under each of the sections into which it is divided will be found much instructive and helpful reading. E. B. Treat, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

The report of the Minister of Education for the year 1892 is as usual filled with interesting tables and other matter bearing upon the work of the department and school work in the Province of Ontario during the year.

The Homiletic Review by the same publishers, begins with an article to be continued on the higher criticism, followed by other papers and sermons in full or in brief, all helpful to the preacher. Its other departments are well sustained.

The report of the Canadian Archivist, 1892, by Douglas Brymner, Archivist, is a bulky blue book filled with important information on a great variety of subjects, and will prove of great service to all interested in the early history of the country.

Wives and Daughters, tasteful and pleasing to the eye in its mechanical make-up, is, in a literary point of view, bright, racy, fresh and spicy, and ought to be a welcome visitor in our homes. Wives and Daughters, 48 Richmond street, London, and 42 Yonge street, Toronto.

The Missionary Review of the World for August is stimulating and inspiring to all interested in the great work of

missions, and fitted to awaken interest in those who as yet have felt none. Every department is packed with interesting matter. Funk & Wagnalls, New York, 18 and 20, Astor Place.

The July number of Woman's Work for Woman is largely taken up with China and the Chinese, as this people are among those who are special subjects of prayer, along with Indians and Japanese in America. Among letters from the front we find one each from India, Persia, Turkey, China, Corea, Japan, and Syria. These followed by two articles in the Home Department, fill up the magazine.

The Ladies' Home Journal for July comes bright and varied, full and useful as usual, with its pretty illustrations. Paper, type, and general get up make it pleasing to the eye, which is always a help also to being readable. Ladies, old and young, will alike find much in its pages most readable and useful, both in their every-day domestic and social life, and for their inner spiritual life as well, the latter under the head of "King's Daughters."

The Treasury of Religious Thought for July is full of good things. The Rev. W. F. Markwick, of the Congregational Church, Ansonia, Conn., is given the first place, and his portrait, biographical sketch, sermon, and view of church edifice are accorded the usual prominence. Following these is an excellent sermon by the Moravian pastor, Rev. C. E. Eberman, and also one on A Lazy Church, by a Baptist pastor, Rev. F. M. Goodchild. Leading Thoughts of Sermons, are by the noted preachers, Dr. A. Maclaren and Dr. G. Lorimer. Attacks on the Bible, is the Question of the Day, which is treated with great ability. There are several excellent articles helpful in Pastoral Work. All other departments are well filled. E. B. Treat, Publisher, 5 Cooper Union, New York.

Fleming H. Revell & Co. also sends us The First Book of Kings, by Archdeacon Farrar. This is one of the volumes of the Expositor's Bible. This book is not expository in the usual sense, that is, in the sense in which Dean Alford, or Bishop Ellicott, is expository, but if to give the reader a broad and comprehensive view of the scope of the whole book, and its historical place and surroundings, and so enable him to read it in the most intelligent manner and with the highest degree of profit, be the work of an expositor, then it is exposition of a high order. The book is marked by all the well-known characteristics of Archdeacon Farrar, which have made his writings among the most popular of the present day. To commend, it would be a work of supererogation.

The Reformed and Presbyterian Review, July number, is like the periodicals of which it is the successor, for those who love strong meat. It is solid, able, scholarly. Among the principal and weightier articles, are The Trial of Servetus, by Charles W. Shields; Theological Thought among French Protestants in 1892, by A. Grellat; Homiletical Aspects of the Fatherhood of God, by Charles A. Salmond; Failure of the Papal Assumptions of Boniface VIII, by Alan D. Campbell; and How Were the Four Gospels Composed, by William S. T. Shedd. Full space is given to Reviews of Recent Theological and Historical Literature, by men so competent for their task, as always to make this a valuable part of an able and valuable quarterly. Published by MacCulla and Co., Dock Street, Philadelphia, Pa.

How to Begin to Live Forever. This little book is by the Rev. Jos. Merlin Anderson. It is upon the whole well written and calculated to be profitable, chiefly by showing that we begin to live forever by beginning now and keeping on living here on earth under the power and influence of those divine principles taught in the Word of God, illustrated in the life of Christ, and which reign supremely in heaven. Fleming H. Revell & Co., Toronto, formerly Willard Tract Depository.

We have also to acknowledge from the same company, "Christ and Criticism, or Thoughts Concerning the Relation of Christian Faith to Biblical Criticism," by Charles Marsh Mead, Ph.D., D.D., Professor in Hartford Theological Seminary. This is pre-eminently a book for the times, and will repay an attentive perusal. His style is clear, and the logic by which he shows that faith in Christ is inseparably bound up with the authenticity and the testimony to Christ given in the Scriptures is most helpful in these days and convincing. We can cordially commend the work to the attention of thoughtful readers.