

Literary Notices.

MEMOIR OF THE REV. JAMES MCGREGOR D. D., Missionary of the General Associate Synod, to Pictou, Nova Scotia, with notices of the colonization of the social and religious condition of the early settlers. By the Rev. George Patterson, D. D., pp. 533
 REMAINS OF THE REV. JAMES MCGREGOR D. D. Edited by the Rev. George Patterson' D. D. pp. 274.

Copies of both will be sent postpaid, to any person sending one dollar (half the original price) to the author, New Glasgow; or they may be had through any bookseller.

Scribner's Magazine for January opens with a most interesting and valuable illustrated article on "Water storage in the West" showing how the almost rainless plains, and hill, and valleys, of the far West are irrigated and made habitable for man. "Notes and Impression of the Paris Exposition" occupy several pages.—The first of a series of African Studies, profusely illustrated gives a picture of life in Barbary:—The Beauty of Spanish women" is illustrated by sketches from actual life and by pictures from the old masters. "Electricity in the household," with drawings, is one of a series on electricity showing the increasing part that this subtle power is taking in the work of life, while several stories complete the bill of fare.

We have received from the Presbyterian Book Room, Toronto, a copy of the "Rules and Forms of Procedure in the Church Courts of the Presbyterian Church in Canada," as adopted by the General Assembly of 1869. It is a complete hand-book, prepared and printed in such a way as to facilitate the readiest reference. The index is wonderfully full and accurate. In its present shape the Book of Forms is indispensable to ministers and other office-bearers, and to everybody who wishes to know what are the most recent authorized rules and forms of procedure in the Church courts. It will doubtless have a very wide circulation. The committee has done its part well, the book being a fine specimen of lucid statement and methodical arrangement. It ought to be mentioned that although the Book of Forms in former editions contained 96 pages and was sold for 50 cents, the present contains 144 pages and retails for 40 cents.

A LOST LIFE.

A young man was converted during an illness which proved fatal, though this was not apprehended when he seemed to give his heart to Christ. When his physician announced an unfavorable change in his condition, he expressed entire resignation; and requested his friends to sing a hymn expressive of that feeling. An hour or two after, in the silence of the room, he was heard to say, "Lost, *lost* LOST !

This surprised his mother, and caused the immediate inquiry: "My son, are your hopes feeble?"

"No, mother; but oh, my lost lifetime! I am twenty-four; and, until a few weeks since, nothing has been done for Christ, and everything for myself and my pleasures. My companions will think I've made a profession in fear of death. Oh, that I could live to meet this remark, and do something to show my sincerity, and to redeem my lost, *lost*, LOST, life!"

A TENDER CONSCIENCE.

A tender conscience is like the apple of a man's eye, the least dust that gathers into it affects it. There is no surer and better way to know whether our consciences are dead and stupid, than to observe what impressions small sins (as they are properly named) make upon them. If we are not very careful to avoid all appearance of evil, and to shun whatever looks like sin; if we are not so much troubled at the vanity of our thoughts and words, at the rising up of sinful emotions and desires in us, as we have been formerly, we may then conclude that our hearts are hardened and our conscience will no more allow of so-called small sins than of great sins.—*Sed.*

The mischief of cigarette smoking is becoming more widely and fully realized. The Central Presbyterian says that "The Cigarette Bill recently passed by the Georgia Legislature has been signed by Gov. Gordon and is a law. It declares that "it shall be unlawful for any person or persons, either by himself or themselves, to furnish, give or provide any minor with cigarettes, tobacco, or cigarette paper, or any substitute therefor."