

copies printed for circulation. The committee on the superintendence of students reported, and their report was received and its recommendation adopted, to the effect that Mr. James A. Grant, the only student labouring in the bounds, be encouraged to prosecute his studies for the ministry. Mr. Charles Davidson reported progress by the Committee on Church Property in the prosecution of the business entrusted to them. Considerable time was spent on the report of a committee to whom it had been committed to consider the matter of supply of preaching at Preston, and the state of the church property there. As the committee had not been successful in procuring satisfactory information on the latter point, they were authorized to act under the advice of Mr. W. M. Clarke, of Toronto, solicitor in chancery. Intimation was made that Mr. McKay had declined the call from Knox Church, Guelph, and the call was set aside. In accordance with a petition from the same congregation, Mr. Torrance was authorized to moderate in another call at the earliest suitable season. At his own request Mr. S. C. Fraser was transferred to the jurisdiction and supervision of the Presbytery of Saugeen, to whose bounds he has removed. The clerk submitted a statement of the amount required for the Synod Fund, and he was directed to make application to each congregation for its proportion of the same. Reports were read from the congregations of Hawksville and Second Church, Garafraxa. Mr. Torrance informed the Presbytery of the steps being taken to complete the canvass of congregations for the Endowment Fund of Knox College.

PRESBYTERY OF KINGSTON.—The quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Kingston on the 17th and 18th days of September. The committee appointed to visit Seymour in the matter of a retiring allowance to Dr. Neil gave in an interim report. The exercises of several of the students within the bounds were examined and sustained. Mr. William Allan was examined, and certified as an entrant into the Divinity Hall of Queen's College. A committee was appointed to confer with the Presbyterians of Portsmouth with the view of ascertaining whether an organization there would be advisable or not. There was received a petition from the congregations of St. Columba, and St. Paul, Madoc, promising \$450 for the support of a minister, and asking for a supplement. The request was regarded favourably. The Presbytery was notified that their assessment for Synodical purposes would be \$18. A committee was appointed to levy a rate for the Presbytery Fund. Parties were appointed to look after the interests of the several schemes of the Church within the bounds—Mr. McLean to see after the Home Mission Fund, Mr. Gracey the Foreign Mission Fund, Mr. Coulthard the French Evangelization Fund, Mr. Gray the Widow's and Orphan's Fund, Mr. Craig the College Fund, and Mr. Cumberland the Assembly Fund. A very full and interesting report respecting mission operations within the bounds was given in by Mr. MacLean, convener of the Home Mission Committee. The committee were empowered to seek for two missionaries for North Hastings, one for Carlow, and the other for L'Amable. A committee was appointed to define the status that should be accorded to certain mission districts, etc. The name of Palmerston on the mission list was changed to Matawatchan. Committees were appointed to make inquiries respecting a re-arrangement of the Lansdowne field, and also of the mission stations on the line of the Kingston and Pembroke Railway. The list of supplements and mission grants was revised, and certain amounts recommended. Charges are to be urged to increase their contributions, so as to raise the salaries of their ministers up to the minimum standard. Sessions were enjoined to have a missionary sermon preached in each congregation before December, and if expedient a missionary meeting held shortly after. The Home Mission Committee were instructed to arrange for missionary sermons and meetings in all the stations at an early date. In the matter of the Assembly's deliverance relating to minimum stipend a committee was appointed to draft a plan for securing the object contemplated. Arrangements were made for holding a Presbyterial Missionary meeting at Belleville on the first evening of the next meeting. A Conference on the State of Religion was held on the second evening, addresses being delivered by Messrs. Gallaher, Shore, Maclean and McCuaig on subjects of an appropriate nature. An adjourned meeting is to be held in Brock Street Church, Kingston, on Thursday, October 4th, at three p.m.—THOMAS S. CHAMBERS, Pres. Clerk.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE CHILD'S GUIDE TO HEAVEN By Rev. F. Payson Hammond. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls.)—This little book contains a number of revival addresses delivered to children by Mr. Hammond. They are plain, striking, and impressive.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS. By the Rev. William Reid, M.A. (New York: Funk and Wagnalls.)—This is an American reprint of a well-known and widely circulated earnest and practical work, the reading of which has been blessed to thousands. The present edition contains a brief introduction to American readers by Mr. Hammond.

THE BROOKLYN TABERNACLE. (New York: George A. Sparks.)—The publisher has been authorized by Dr. Talmage to publish the sermons preached in the Brooklyn Tabernacle. This magazine, containing Dr. Talmage's discourses is to appear quarterly. The first two issues are now before us. One of the numbers contains sermons on stirring occasions. Like most of the utterances of the Brooklyn divine they are orthodox, picturesque, pungent, and telling. They are sure to obtain a wide circle of readers.

A PRAYER AND PROMISE FOR DAYS OF HOLY COMMUNION. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—This is another of those exquisite *byou* books of devotion for the publication of which the Messrs. Randolph are famous. It is based on the patristic saying: In prayer we speak to God, in preaching God speaks to us, but in the Sacred Supper there is a mutual intercourse and a reciprocal approach. The little book contains on each page the voice of the disciple and the voice of the Lord in the language of Scripture.

THE INTERWORDIAN MAGAZINE. (Toronto: Hunter, Rose & Co.)—This is a specimen number of a projected magazine, the nature and object of which will be best indicated by the following extract from its pages:

Should this Magazine be established as a regular monthly publication, it will be founded upon a recognition of the divinity of the literal sense of the Word of God, which exists from its internal life, which is from the Lord, the Creator of spiritual life, thus entering the lives of men as they receive and obey it.

Upon all questions of love to the neighbour—on the growth of spiritual life—on holiness of purpose—upon questions of public and private evils—against intemperance, impurity, vice and immorality of all kinds which undermine spiritual and moral life, its utterances will declare the truth positively from the internal principles which are revealed within the Word of God, and those evils will be attacked which hinder the progress of regeneration, and which obscure the entrance of light from the Word, but always in the spirit of charity, by leading to self-inspection concerning these evils as they are found in the hereditary nature of all men.

THE MEISTERSCHAFT SYSTEM. By Dr. Richard S. Rosenthal. (Boston: Estes and Lauriat.)—The acquisition of a foreign language is sometimes a difficult but by no means uncommon achievement. Many possess and obtain sufficient knowledge of foreign languages to enable them to read these with considerable facility. They may, moreover, possess considerable critical knowledge of the structure and idioms of different languages and yet be unable to converse with any degree of fluency. The principal object of the Meisterschaft system is to remove this difficulty and to present to the student of modern languages a method by which he may not only gain a knowledge, but also the practical and facile use of a foreign tongue in a comparatively short time. The system has been received with much favour and has proved eminently successful. The present number is the first of fifteen parts devoted to "a short and practical method of acquiring complete fluency of speech in the Spanish Language." Dr. Rosenthal is an experienced exponent of the Meisterschaft system, whose merits are so obvious that the mere announcement of this new publication is all that is required to insure its success.

THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY. (Toronto: The Educational Monthly Publishing Co.)—The September number of this magazine, specially designed for the promotion of education and addressed to the teaching profession, contains several useful and instructive articles on subjects that teachers and advanced pupils will find pleasure in reading. The able and excellent address delivered before the Ontario Teachers' Association by the retiring President, Mr. A. MacMurchy, M.A., is the opening contri-

bution. It is followed by the calm, temperate, and comprehensive paper read by Mr. J. E. Bryant, M.A., before the same association, on "The Administration of Our Educational Affairs." Mr. D. F. H. Wilkins, B.A., contributes a short but most interesting paper, "Only a Clod," written in a style of great beauty and fine literary finish. Dudley Errington's incisive paper on "Fashionable English" is completed in the present number, and Dr. Scadding's "A Boy's Books, Then and Now" is continued. University and School Work receive due attention. The editorial notes have a special interest this time, containing, as they do, the announcement of a change in the editorial management of the "Educational Monthly." Mr. G. Mercer Adam, under whose able editorial care it has been from the commencement, addresses a characteristic and graceful valedictory to his readers. The intimation is made that Mr. George H. Robinson, M.A., late Principal of Whitby Collegiate Institute, assumes the editorial management of the magazine. In Mr. Adam's departure Canada has lost the services of one who was devoted to the cause of education and a distinctively Canadian literature. His many friends wish him success and happiness in his new sphere of labour. The "Educational Monthly" has been fortunate in securing the services of a gentleman who, from his special qualifications and long practical experience in the teaching profession, is admirably fitted to continue the work so successfully carried on by Mr. Adam. Mr. Robinson has been classical editor of the "Monthly" since its beginning, and has had considerable experience in connection with the press.

RECEIVED—"The Sidereal Messenger," conducted by William Payne, director of Carleton College Observatory—a magazine devoted to astronomical and mathematical sciences. "Liquordom in New York City," by Robert Graham, secretary of C. T. P. (New York: 47 Lafayette Place.)

RELATIVES of Martin Luther are being discovered in great numbers. Among the earliest found are a book-keeper in a circulating library, a policeman, and a registrar in the Ministry of Public Works, all in Berlin. They are direct descendants of the Reformer's younger brother, Jacob. Some descendants of Martin Luther's youngest daughter, Margaretha, are living in Denmark and bear the name of Wagner. A descendant of Martin Luther was pastor a few years ago of a Reformed church congregation in Rotterdam, whose son Martin Luther, was appointed to a position in the Dutch civil service in Java.

MEN who make sacrifices do not talk of them. Those are true sacrifices which have been done alone and hidden. The world knows too much of what we feel and what we loose.—F. W. Robertson.

THERE is nothing more to be esteemed than a manly firmness and decision of character. I like a person who knows his own mind and sticks to it; who sees at once what is to be done in given circumstances and does it.—Wm Hazlitt.

THE heroic chapters of the Christian annals are those in which emperors and parliaments are on one side, and the disciples of Jesus on the other; when the only endowment is a chariot of fire, the only patronage a gaol, and the only promotion a stake.—Edwin H. Nevins.

BE cheerful: do not tread over fond hopes unrealized until a chain, link after link, is fastened on each thought and wound around the heart. Nature intended you to be the fountain spring of cheerfulness and social life, and not the travelling monument of despair and melancholy.—Arthur Helps.

THE man was dust, refined, but the woman was dust double refined: one remove farther from the earth. The woman was made of a rib out of the side of Adam: not made out of his head to top him, nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him, but out of his side to be equal with him, under his arm to be protected, and near his heart to be beloved.—Matthew Henry.

IT is only the nature of their education which puts women at such disadvantages, and keeps up the notion that they are out interiors in ability. What would a man be without his profession or business which compels him to learn something every day? The best sources of knowledge are shut off from women, and the surprise is that they manage to keep so nearly abreast of us as they do.—Judge Story.