

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

We have received from Mr. S. R. Briggs, Toronto, two sets of beautiful illuminated cards. One bears the title of "Twelve Golden Words from the Book of Life"; the other, "Bible Truths," twelve well-selected Scripture texts.

AN AMERICAN DICTIONARY OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE. By Noah Webster, LL.D. (Springfield, Mass.: G. & C. Merriam & Co.)—A new edition of this standard Dictionary has just been published. It has several improvements, a supplement containing a number of additional words, and a new biographical Dictionary. The work is an indispensable necessity. It may also be stated that its use is facilitated by an ingenious yet simple device, by which the word sought for may be found at a glance.

THE SCOTTISH PSALTER. (Toronto: James Campbell & Son).—In accordance with a long-felt desire an excellent collection of tunes adapted to the devout expression of Rouse's version of the Psalms has at length made its appearance. It has been prepared with great care by competent hands. The selection, not too cumbersome, includes a rich variety of tunes, many of them familiar to Presbyterian worshippers from childhood, others, the recent productions of modern composers, all of them specially adapted for the sacred service of song in the House of God. The variety is sufficiently great to suit differences of musical taste. The harmonies have undergone careful revision by Dr. Hopkins. Before us is the Tonic-sol-fa edition which will be found very serviceable to a large class. The book is cut-leaved, affording opportunities for varied selection of tunes, the names of those best suited being printed at the beginning of each psalm. It contains the metrical version of the Psalms, the paraphrases, and a selection of prose psalms with appropriate chants. The shading, to give appropriate expression to the meaning and sentiment of the words in singing, is clearly and carefully indicated. In binding and typography the book is all that could be desired, but—we regret there is a but—it seems desirable that before another edition appears that a special title-page will be prepared for the Canadian Church.

GOSPEL WORK.

FOLLOWING UP AT MILDMA, LONDON—BY A WORKER.

It has been my privilege during the past few weeks to visit in their own homes a large number of those who were impressed at the Conference Hall by Dr. Pentecost's wonderfully clear expositions of the Gospel during his four weeks' mission at Mildmay. May I take a few of your readers round with me in imagination to visit some of these inquirers? Dr. Pentecost's promised gift of a book will open the way for us.

Let us come down S— road, where very many have received a blessing. Introducing ourselves by means of the book, we find a ready welcome. Mrs. A. B. has had a double blessing, for she tells us, with soul-lit face, that she and her husband have both stepped into God's marvellous light. "We are both determined to live as Christians, God helping us, and we have no doubt whatever as to the forgiveness of our sins. Oh, ma'am, neither my husband nor I will ever forget to praise God that we went to hear Dr. Pentecost. I went one night and he went the next, as the little ones need some one to stay with them. We have always had such a happy married life; but 'twas nothing, we are doubly happy now. My husband says, 'Dr. Pentecost chops up a subject into pieces, and builds it up again, so one knows not only the whole erection, but each piece and what it stands on.'" Can one doubt on hearing such a testimony, quietly and earnestly given, of the reality of the work at his home? Urging Mrs. B. to join a church or chapel, we joyfully go on thanking the Lord and Giver of all for the full blessing granted to that family.

And yet at the next house we feel a greater thankfulness, for the Spirit's work has been wrought on one well on in years. C. D. is a dear woman, of the old-fashioned type, who would seem more in keeping with a well-to-do farm-house in the country than in dusty, noisy, London. She had been drawn to hear Dr. Pentecost because of his nationality, all her friends having emigrated to America. "It seemed to bring me nigh to them to hear one from those parts." She is so clear and happy. "I could not understand things, Miss, but the Doctor has made all so clear and plain. I've no doubts now. Oh, I'm so happy, so very, very

happy! You'll thank the Doctor for me for all he has done for me, and for the little book." And there have been many such in their old age stepping into the light and joy of salvation. "So happy! so happy!" only regretting the few years that are left them to serve their Master.

Perhaps one of the most striking features of the Spirit's work, through his servant, has been the number of children who are now rejoicing in their Saviour. One little mite, who seemed to me almost too young to grasp the deep meanings of salvation, said, in answer to my rather doubting queries: "Oh, I know I am Jesus' own child!" "But how do you know?" "Because He won't lie, and He said: 'Whosoever will confess Me before men, him will I confess before My Father, which is in heaven,' and I stood up and took Him at His word." One dear child of nine or ten years was unconsciously influencing the whole house. Her testimony came full and clear, and her face was simply beaming. Her mother, a quiet-looking woman, was greatly touched, and is now earnestly seeking her little daughter's Saviour; nor did the influence of the little Christian stop there, but I gathered from the mother's conversation that the other dwellers in the house had been touched by the child's acceptance of salvation. I was greatly moved, and learnt a lesson from Alice and her unconscious power.

"But are all the converts women?" you ask. Oh, no; I could tell of young workhouse men testifying in the midst of their companions in a crowded shop; of workmen turning right round in the stream of life, and beating up against the tide, giving up bad companions and drink, and casting aside hindrances of all kinds, with a steadfastness of purpose which testifies to the in-dwelling of a Power greater than their old selves.

Many praying fathers and mothers and praying wives have had their prayers answered. One young lad of fourteen, whose Christian parents were much distressed by his forming low acquaintances who lured him to evil ways, has been led to accept Christ as his Saviour in answer to their continued prayers. "Many ways were fruitlessly tried to reclaim him, and nothing was left," said his mother, "but just to keep on bringing him to God. Father and I have prayed on, and we knew it would be all right in the Lord's good time. His master, who is a Christian, gave him a ticket for Dr. Pentecost's meetings, and Fred not only went, but took one of his bad associates with him. Not knowing he was at the Conference Hall, I went in, and, strange to say, sat down beside my boy inadvertently. As the Doctor preached, he seemed impressed, but I—I never heard a word throughout the whole meeting. I never ceased praying for him. Imagine my joy and surprise—faithless woman that I am—when, notwithstanding my presence and that of his companion, he stood up for prayer. It must have been a hard struggle. I said, 'Will you go into the inquiry-room?' 'I intend to do so, and settle this matter,' he did, Miss. He is a changed lad, Miss. We (father and I) are just praising God for His goodness to us."

Persons of all classes have been reached; many Christian men and women have had stumbling-blocks removed from their path; godless commercial men are godless no longer; thoughtless young men are now thoughtful; servants are doing their work, 'not with eye service,' but to their Master in heaven; young girls in shops are studying their Bibles after 9.30 p.m. to know more of their King; factory girls see new prospects of the life beyond—"beyond the frost-chain and the fever;" to old men and women, death is robbed of his terrors; young ladies are seeking a fuller salvation, having tasted, gladly of the first salvation. "Dr. Pentecost was so simple, so easily understood," has been the remark on all sides. "There has not been a difficult doctrinal stumbling-block but Dr. Pentecost has successfully tackled it," said a thinking man.

Mildmay has indeed been blessed. Truly a rich blessing has descended upon the neighbourhood, beginning on Easter Sunday. "Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree; and it shall be to the Lord for a name, for an everlasting sign that it shall not be cut off."

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received the following contributions for schemes of the Church, viz.: A Friend, Toronto, for new Hebrides Mission steamer, \$2; a Friend, Charlotteville, for Foreign Missions, \$1; French Evangelization, \$1; a Friend, Fergus, for Aged and Infirm Ministers' fund, \$100. There was a typographical error last week. *Northern Advocate*, *Simcoe County* should have been *Northern Advocate*, *Simcoe County*, \$4 for Foreign Missions.

NEW HEBRIDES MISSION STEAMER.

In addition to contributions already acknowledged for the New Hebrides Mission steamer, the following have since been received.

Previously received, \$656.46.—Rev. A. Ross, Presbyterian congregation, Woodville, \$35; Rev. A. Ross, Presbyterian Sunday school, Woodville, \$5; Rev. Mr. Patterson, Knox Church, Beaverton, \$23; Anonymous, \$1; Knox Church Sunday school, Toronto, per J. Wanless, jr., \$10; Knox Church Sunday school Bible class, Toronto, per Rev. Mr. Parsons, \$25; total, \$765.46.

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE.—The regular quarterly meeting of this Presbytery was held at Southampton, on the 8th inst. Rev. John Mordy, M.A., was elected Moderator, for the next six months. Elders' Commissions were read and received from the various sessions within the bounds. Rev. Mr. Galloway, of the Methodist Church, and Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Kingsbury, Quebec, being present, were asked to sit and correspond. Mr. Duncan presented the report of the committee appointed to visit Tara, Allenford and Elsinore. Owing to the severe illness of Mr. Blain, no action was taken on the reports. A resolution expressive of sympathy with Mr. Blain, was passed to the following effect: "The Presbytery would place on record their high esteem of their brother, Mr. Blain, and hereby tender to him in his affliction their warmest sympathy, expressing the hope and desire that God in His good providence, may be pleased to spare his life, and so restore him to health as to enable him to resume his life work in the Christian ministry. Mr. Gourlay, Clerk of Presbytery, asked and received leave of absence for three months that he might visit Europe, and Mr. Ferguson was appointed interim clerk. Messrs. Anderson, Greig and McFarlane were appointed a committee to nominate standing committees. Mr. Eadie reported that he had moderated in a call to St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, in favour of Mr. A. Beamer, of Wardsville, London Presbytery. The call was signed by forty-one members, and thirty-five adherents—the salary promised \$1,000. After Commissions were heard in its support, on motion of Mr. Duncan, the call was sustained and ordered to be forwarded to the London Presbytery. Mr. Eadie was appointed to prosecute the call before said Presbytery. Arrangements were made for the induction in the event of the translation being granted. The report of the Committee appointed to nominate standing Committees was presented and adopted as follows: Finance—Mr. Eadie, Dr. Moffat, and Mr. Rowland. State of Religion—Dr. Scott, Messrs. Ferguson and Wardrope. Home Missions—Messrs. Wardrope, Mordy and Johnstone. Temperance—Messrs. Mordy, Currie, Patterson, Lenman and Ferguson. Statistics—Messrs. Gourlay, MacKenzie, and Rowland. Superintendence of Students—Messrs. Duncan, Greig, Tolmie and Ferguson. A conference was held on the subject of the Scott Act, when, as a result, the following resolution was passed unanimously: "Whereas there is a general desire for the submission of the Scott Act to the electors of the County of Bruce for its adoption, and whereas this Presbytery approves of the principle of the Act as the best present available means for the suppression of intemperance by legislative enactment, be it resolved that the Presbytery recommends the Sessions and Congregations within its bounds to use all fit and proper means to secure the adoption of the Act. Mr. Gallagher's resignation was considered, and parties were cited to appear at next meeting for their interests. A petition from Mr. Angus McDonald was taken up, and after due consideration it was agreed to appoint a deputation consisting of Messrs. McLennan, Duncan, Eadie, McFarlane and Johnstone to visit the field interested and report at next meeting of the Presbytery. Mr. Tolmie presented the Home Mission report, which was received and adopted. It was agreed to recommend Mr. McLennan, labouring on the mission field at Thessalon, to the care of the college authorities without the necessity of appearing before Presbytery. On motion of Mr. Tolmie it was resolved: "That the Committee on Temperance should meet immediately after the close of the meeting of Presbytery to make arrangements for holding meetings in favour of the adoption of the Scott Act in all the congregations of the Presbytery, and to submit such recommendations on the subject to sessions as in their judgment present circumstances may require. The next meeting of the Presbytery was appointed to be held in Knox Church, Paisley, on the 16th of September, at 2 p.m. —JOHN FERGUSON, Pres. Clerk.