

of age. He is now professor of Church History in the Western Theological Seminary, and is accounted an able man. He is also pastor of the Sixth Church at Pittsburg, where he began 14 years ago with but 37 members, and has now 450. He is not only an excellent preacher but has achieved quite a literary reputation, through his tercentenary oration on John Knox, delivered in Philadelphia in 1872.

We learn with much pleasure that our friend, the Rev. J. R. Thompson, is doing a noble work in Olympia, Washington Territory. Like all Western Cities, Olympia is largely frequented by fortune-hunters. They are, as a general rule, infidel, either by practice or profession, or both. Mr. Thompson comes into face-to-face contact with them. He is at present engaged in delivering a course of lectures on the specially-assailed doctrines of Christianity, and we are glad to see, by papers sent us, that his words are having their effect. From his dialectic power and skill, as well as by the numbers who flock to hear him, we are persuaded that much good is being done. Mr. Thompson is for the current year Moderator of the Presbytery of Oregon and Washington. It is a large and important Presbytery, as we see from the following statistics. It contains—Ministers, 21; licentiates, 2; churches, 25; membership, white 670, indian 525; funds collected, and for all purposes (within the Presbytery), \$19,577.

REFORM AT THE TABLE.—Madame Loyson, wife of Pere Hyacinthe, writes to the New York *Herald*, on the subject of temperance, offering her counsel and encouragement to the women engaged in the Temperance Crusade. In the course of her letter she says:—

“The great American malady is the malady of the stomach. Conscientious people become dyspeptics; non-conscientious people become drinkers. Bear in mind this fact, that the appetite for drink is not necessarily made by drinking, but in nine cases out of ten is created and cultivated at your tables—in your children—by the use of coffee, tea, pepper, pickles, mustard, spices, too much salt, hot bread and pastry, raw meat and grease, and, above all, by the use of

tobacco. The cry of a depraved appetite, an inflamed stomach, is always for something stronger. The use of sour milk, and salad, prepared with good oil, should be cultivated. In short, reform your tables if you would reform your drunkards and save your sons.”

Notices of Books.

“The Mysteries of Christianity” and “The Inspiration of Holy Scriptures,” the former by Professor Crawford of Edinburgh, and the latter by Dr. Jamieson of St. Paul’s, Glasgow, are two books which, from the reputation of the respective authors, we feel confident are well worth looking after. They are published by Blackwood & Sons, Edinburgh.

We take the following from *The Church of Scotland Home and Foreign Missionary Record*, as it is of interest to our readers. Adherents of the Church desiring to secure this very important Book, can do so by consulting their respective ministers:—

Preparing for publication. Minutes of the Sessions of the Westminster Assembly of Divines, from 18th November 1644 to 18th April 1648.

Since the publication of Lightfoot’s ‘Journal,’ and Gillespie’s ‘Notes of the Proceedings of the Westminster Assembly,’ full and trustworthy accounts of its debates on Church government and worship have been generally accessible. But neither from the journals of private members, nor from the books of the scribes of the Assembly, has any detailed account as yet been given to the public of the subsequent proceedings of the Assembly, while engaged in drawing up its Confession and Catechisms. To supply this *desideratum* the Messrs. Blackwood have, at the request of a Committee of the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, undertaken to publish the above-named Minutes from the careful transcripts made for the Committee of those originals, which are still preserved in Dr. William’s library in London, and are believed to be almost entirely in the handwriting of Adoniram Byfield, one of the scribes of the Assembly. The volume will take