

Literary Notices.

We have just received the Twenty-fifth Annual Report of our mission vessel "Dayspring" a neat pamphlet of twenty pages. The report of the "Daysprings work, which occupies but a very small part of it, we give on another page. "The work of the native teachers" we also copy. Besides these there are statistics and reports of the work in nearly all the stations of the Mission. There are now sixteen missionaries stationed in the New Hebrides, viz. three from our own Church, two from the Free Church of Scotland, and eleven from the Presbyterian Churches in Australasia. These latter, which are rapidly growing in wealth and numbers, have been increasing their staff there until now more than two thirds of the whole mission staff are theirs and there will likely soon be more to follow, and the prospect is that ere long these churches will occupy the whole of the group.

THE ANNUAL REPORT OF ERSKINE CHURCH, MONTREAL for 1888 of which Rev. L. H. Jordan formerly of Halifax, is pastor, is before us, a goodly 8 vo. pamphlet (almost a volume) of 80 pages filled with the fullest information with regard to the working of a thoroughly organized and active congregation. One feature of their work during the past year is that one of the people, an elder has undertaken the support of a missionary to the heathen, while some members of the congregation have undertaken the support of another, making two new missionaries from one congregation in one year. The pastor in an introductory letter prefacing the report gives a sum in proportion for the consideration of the congregation. It is as follows, "If one man can afford to send out a missionary to the heathen, and if a few persons combined can afford to send out a second missionary, how many missionaries might not a congregation of some 260 families send to their perishing brethren."

SCRIBNER'S MAGAZINE for APRIL, contains the following articles, "Climbing Mt. St. Elias," with illustrations and Photographs.

"The Prevention of Railroad Strikes" "The Building of an Ocean Greyhound" with illustrations and engravings showing the various stages of progress, and a full

description of the building of those fleet footed monsters of the deep.

"A Second Shelf of Old Books" with illustrations.

"The Anatomy of the Contortionist," illustrated.

"Shakspeare's English Kings," with stories complete and serial.

Charles Scribners Sons, \$3.00 per year, 25 cts per number.

SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND LABORS OF REV. JOHN CAMPBELL of St. Marys, N. S., by Rev. Dr. Patterson, though brief, worthily preserves the memory of a worthy minister of our church and gives as well, much information regarding the history of Guysboro Co., and the state of religious and social life half a century ago. It is in neat pamphlet form, and may be had of booksellers in New Glasgow, Pictou, Truro, Price 20 cents.

In "The work of the native teachers" in the New Hebrides given on another page the middle figure giving the number of native teachers is a blank. In some way that figure has dropped out in the report from which we copy, we have no means at hand of filling it up, and just give it as it is. The number is something over one hundred.

BIBLE STUDY.

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet," said the psalmist of old. You want your lamp to burn as brightly as possible. You trim the wick; you wash, dry, and polish the glass chimney; you keep the shade clean. Let the dust gather, and the smoke make its sooty deposit, and the wick become crisp and hard and black, and the light upon the page is flickering and weak. The lamp is your friend, but you must take good care of it; it will treat you as you treat it. The figure may be homely, but it is true. What the Bible brings to you will depend in a large measure upon what you bring to it. You may have a crumb, or a loaf or a granary, full to bursting, just as you choose. There is gold on its surface, there are jewels in its mines, there are royal pearls in its depths. All are not equally equipped for its study; but every one of us can do his utmost in its patient, loving study; and no labor will bring a surer or richer reward."—*Dr. J. F. Behrends.*