

closet with God. Attendance upon church services, however faithful, cannot take the place of these. We need the ministry of silence. Though we do not give it as prominent a place in our public service, it is none the less needful to our private life.

#### THE LATE PRINCIPAL HOLLOWAY.

Methodism in Newfoundland has suffered a great loss by the lamented death of R. E. Holloway, B.A., late Principal of the Methodist College in St. John's. Thirty-two years ago Mr. Holloway came to the ancient colony full of youthful enthusiasm, and laid deep and strong the foundation of an educational institution which has been for many years a tower of strength to Methodism in that land. A gradu-

ate in science of London University, there was no eminence in his profession which he might not have reached, but that for over a score of years he has maintained a conflict with the fatal disease consumption, to which he finally succumbed. By sheer force of will he battled with this disease and did a man's full work as principal of a college with three hundred students with only half a lung. Many of our ministers and laymen in Newfoundland have felt the inspiration of his spirit and training. He visited last summer his native land, but survived only a few days his return. Early on Sunday morning, September 4th, he passed away to the larger world, "where knowledge grows from more to more."

### Book Notices.

"The Jewish Encyclopedia." A Descriptive Record of the History, Religion, Literature, and Customs of the Jewish People from the Earliest Times to the Present Day. Isidore Singer, Ph.D., Projecting and Managing Editor. Vol. VII. Italy—Leon. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company. Toronto: William Briggs. Royal 8vo. Price, cloth, \$6.00.

This great work has entered upon its second half. It is the most comprehensive cyclopaedia devoted to any race or religion that we know—about three times as large as either Hastings' or the Biblica. Its twelve large volumes will embrace about eight thousand royal octavo pages, with two thousand illustrations. It costs to produce nearly \$750,000, and upon it are engaged over six hundred editors and contributors, the foremost specialists in their respective departments. Over sixty thousand books and pamphlets on Jewish subjects in many languages are laid under tribute for this great cyclopaedia.

Volume VII. has 700 pages, 1,778 topics, 175 editors and collaborators, including many distinguished scholars both Hebrew and Christian, and 146 illustrations. It has many features of special interest. To Jerusalem alone are devoted forty-one pages. There are dissertations on eight of the books of the Hebrew Bible, Jere-

miah, Job, Joel, Jonah, Joshua, Judges, Kings, Lamentations. Much light is thrown on Bible story by the citations from the Talmud and Rabbinical literature. Under the words Kiev and Kishnief is given a grim record of the pitiable condition of over five million Jews in Russia, whose sufferings induced that great Hebrew philanthropist, Baron Hirsch, to found the Jewish Colonization Society, with a capital of ten million dollars. Other articles of importance are those on Jerome, Justin Martyr, Judaism, and the Koran. The article on Jesus is of special interest to theologians of all faiths.

The number of distinguished Jews holding high places on the scroll of fame will be a surprise to many readers. Even in the minor departments of chess-playing out of forty-two leading chess-players of Europe and America, nineteen are Jews. A section of the recently disinterred city of Lachish shows eight strata of successive cities which have occupied its site.

A word should be said concerning the pictorial illustrations which embellish the book. A novelty especially instructive in all its particulars is the fourfold map of the city of Jerusalem that forms the frontispiece of the volume; another reproduced very clearly is the panorama of Jerusalem as it is to-day.

This Encyclopedia will be a potent