

Thompson and Mr. David Gray, with Rev. J. W. McIntock; Sabbath Schools. - Rev. Mr. McAdam and Messrs. Leitch and Crawford, elders; Colleges. - Rev. J. Thompson; Examination of Students. - Rev. J. Anderson, J. Thompson, J. S. Loughhead and Hector Currie, ministers, and J. H. Laird, elder; Schemes of the Church. - Rev. John A. McDonald, with Findlay McKenzie and W. Auld, elders. A communication from Oil Springs and Oil City was read, showing that matters under the guidance of Mr. McDonald, missionary, are in a most favourable condition. It appears that Oil City are proceeding with the erection of a church, and they ask aid from the Presbytery to the amount of \$300. The communication was received with great satisfaction, and the Presbytery agreed to bring the matter before our congregations and urge the claims of Oil City upon the sympathy and help of our people; and for carrying out this arrangement the representatives of the Presbytery are urged to do their utmost in securing their proportion of the sum required, and report at next ordinary meeting. Intimation was given that, owing to continued ill health the induction of Mr. Scrimgeour, at Forest, could not yet be proceeded with. It was agreed to express sympathy with Mr. Scrimgeour in his illness, and the clerk was instructed to issue an edict and call a meeting for the induction whenever he receives notice that Mr. Scrimgeour's health will permit. Leave to moderate in calls was granted, if necessary, before next ordinary meeting, to the following congregations. Burns' Church, Adelaide and Arkona, Camlachie and Watford. The committee on the examination of students was appointed to prescribe subjects for exercises to students within the bounds, to be given in at the next ordinary meeting. The Presbytery appointed its next meeting to be held in Strathroy, and within St. Andrew's Church there, on the third Tuesday of September, at two o'clock in the afternoon, and was closed with the benediction. - GEO. CUTHBERTSON, Pres. Clerk.

THE NEW HEBRIDES MISSION STEAMER.

THE following contributions, in addition to those acknowledged last week, have been received at the office of THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN. It is expected that \$1,000 will be raised in the western section for this laudable and necessary addition to the efficient working of the New Hebrides Mission. Further contributions for the mission steamer will be received, and promptly acknowledged:

Previously acknowledged, \$278.40, Sabbath school children's union meeting in St. James Square Presbyterian Church, \$40.10; Mrs. Eakins, Ingersoll, \$1; Wm. Davidson, Knox Church, Toronto, \$5; Mrs. John Jacques, Toronto, \$10; Mrs. Howard, Toronto, \$2; Geo. Smith, Toronto, \$10; Mrs. McNab, Toronto, \$1; Mrs. McHardy, Toronto, \$1; D. McDonald, Toronto, 10cts.; Miss McHardy, Toronto, \$1; James McNab, Rosedale, \$5; Mrs. James Campbell, Jarvis street, Toronto, \$5; H. Cassels, Toronto, \$10; J. Paton, per Rev. W. Meikle, Toronto, \$10; Mr. Livingstone, Toronto, \$5; a lady of Knox Church, Toronto, \$10; Rev. Dr. McLaren, Toronto, \$10; Robert McQueen, Kirkwall, \$5; W. I. Forbes, Onilba, \$10, Collections and sundry contributions per Rev. D. J. McDonnell, \$214.11; Miss French, Toronto, \$4; Members of Rev. Mr. Abraham's congregation, Burlington, \$87.75; Mr. Samuel Marshall, Toronto, \$5; Union meeting in Central Presbyterian Church, Toronto, per Mr. A. I. Crombie, \$15. Total, \$666.46.

GOSPEL WORK.

MR. SCROGGIE AT NEWCASTLE-ON-TYNE.

A very successful series of evangelical meetings has been held by Mr. John Scroggie in Newcastle-on-Tyne. A considerable number of persons profess to have undergone a saving change. On the evening of Sabbath week the circus was crowded, and a solemn awe seemed to rest on the vast assembly from the beginning to the close. The after-meeting was one of great heart-searching; some souls were deeply wounded by the arrow of conviction, and were willing to close with Christ Jesus as their Saviour.

Many most interesting incidents have occurred in connection with the meetings. Let me name one or two: - "Returning," says one Christian worker, "to my lodgings after distributing some tickets for the meetings, I saw my landlord at the top of the stairs. I gave him an invitation to the meeting and a ticket, and began to pray for him. On coming to the meeting I saw him and his wife and daughter all there, sitting in the gallery. On arriving home, after 10 o'clock, I heard them singing that hymn -

"I am thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice," etc.

In a few moments I heard a knock at my door, and on opening it I saw father, mother, daughter, wishing me to sing and speak with them. I saw an answer to my prayer. I told them of Jesus. We knelt in prayer. They all decided for Jesus. My own soul was filled with such joy as I could not express. They are going on their way rejoicing in the Lord." Several soldiers, it is believed, have found the Saviour through these meetings. A soldier's wife came one evening to the meeting, gave her heart to God, and is now an earnest Christian worker. "I went to hear Mr. Scroggie," said a soldier in the hospital, the other day, "with the ticket that I got. I gave my heart to God, and am now feeling very happy." By his providence as well as His Word God has been speaking to the soldiers in our barracks. One young soldier attended the meeting at the Central Hall (the place where the meetings were held on the week night) on the Wednesday night, was taken to the hospital on Thursday, and died on Friday morning at four o'clock.

Since Mr. Scroggie left us, fruit has begun to appear in some quarters. A Christian lady wrote to the writer of this notice yesterday and stated the following pleasing incident: - "I have this moment had an anxious soul here who has left rejoicing in Jesus. She wrote to Mr. Scroggie, the day he left, and as he could not see her, I wrote to her asking her if she would come and see me. She was deeply anxious, and so she came just at the time I fixed, and I never saw a clearer case of conversion."

Many Christians have been greatly quickened by the services. One marked feature in all the fortnight's meetings was the large number of men who were present. Many of them stayed to the inquiry meeting.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. (Boston, Littell & Co.) - This publication, the best of its class, continues to present to its readers all that is most excellent and freshest in the periodical literature of the day.

SUNSHINE MARY. By Alida W. Graves. (Philadelphia. Presbyterian Board of Publication, Toronto. James Bain & Son.) - A new addition to the numerous tales intended for young readers. The story is good and well told. The book is well got up and illustrated.

ELECTRA. Edited by Annie E. Wilson and Isabella M. Leyburn. (St. Louis. Isabella M. Leyburn.) - The July number of *Electra* is an excellent one. It is admirably adapted to home reading. Its tone is healthy, pure and good. "Our Daisy," a fine plate engraving, forms a fitting and beautiful frontispiece. The contents are varied and interesting.

A POCKET SYSTEM OF THEOLOGY. By the Rev. John Reid. (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication; Toronto: James Bain & Son.) - Mr. Reid has produced a valuable little work in which the cardinal doctrines of the Gospel are clearly and concisely stated in popular form. Dr. John Hall writes a brief introduction to the work, in which he cordially commends it. It is the very book that is wanted in these days.

THE DANCE OF MODERN SOCIETY. By William Cleaver Wilkinson. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls; Toronto: William Briggs.) - Mr. Wilkinson writes calmly, but temperately and earnestly on a topic of great social interest. It is not an ignorant and indiscriminate tirade against what many, in these days, consider an innocent pastime. The little book is written in such a style as to awaken serious thought. The reading of it without prejudice might be a means of lasting good to many.

THE TRIPLE E. By Mrs. S. R. Graham Clark. (Boston: D. Lothrop & Co.) - The book bearing the above enigmatic title is an excellent one. It is written by a lady who is a native of Halifax, N. S., who is rising into fame as a popular writer of well told and instructive tales. She has written "Yensie Walton," "Yensie Walton's Womanhood," "Our Street," and other works. In the book before us the gifted authoress tells with charming freshness the simple incidents in the life of a homely girl, whose want of good looks did not prevent her from becoming true, noble, useful and attractive.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.) - This high-class theologi-

cal quarterly keeps its readers abreast of the best thought of the time. In general the subjects are ably and thoroughly treated by some of the best and most experienced writers in the American Church. The present issue containing a second contribution on "Rev. Dr. Jones Richard and His Theology," by Professor Welch, D.D., LL.D., "The Proper Training of Young Converts," by Rev. Francis S. Hamlin; "Melancthon," by Professor Philip Schaff, D.D., LL.D.; and "The Religious Belief of Shakspeare," by Rev. James O. Murray, D.D. There are the usual Notes and Notices, and the Reviews of Recent Theological Literature, exegetical, historical, systematic and practical theology and general literature.

ELECTION BY LOT. (Montreal: Dawson Brothers.) - The author of this brochure is either a cynic or a wag, perhaps a combination of both, as is not unfrequently the case with cynics. His reading has obviously been extensive and he is also a more shrewd observer than his theory would lead the reader to suppose. He is trenchantly severe on the political corruption existing in Canada, but in his reasoning, especially in his conclusions, does he not take the cause for the effect, or in other words, stand on his head? He does speak forcible words of warning as to where corruption will lead the country, but if he is not perpetrating a huge joke, does he imagine that a free people will dream of electing their rulers and legislators by lot? If no better or more practical remedy than this is at hand we may well despair of the future of our country.

THE ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE. (New York: Macmillan & Co.) - This new venture in periodical literature as it richly deserves, is steadily winning its way to popular favour. Its reasonable price brings a first-class literary and artistic magazine within the reach of all. "The Seine Boat - A Perilous Moment" forms the frontispiece. A most interesting article on "The Royal Collection of Miniatures at Windsor Castle" is illustrated by a number of fairly executed portraits. "The Unsentimental Journey through Cornwall," also illustrated, is concluded. The other illustrated articles are "The Weasel and His Family," and "How a Bone is Built." There is a characteristic poem of the late Charles Kingsley's, entitled "Martin Lightfoot's Song." The second part of Henry James' "The Author of Beltraccio" is given, and "The Armourer's Prentices" is continued.

THE HEATHEN WORLD. By the Rev. George Patterson, D.D. (Toronto: William Briggs.) - Some time ago a gentleman deeply interested in Christian missions offered a prize of 100 guineas for the best essay on the subject. Principal Caven, Dr. Castle, Revs. Septimus Jones and Dr. Withrow were appointed adjudicators. A large number of MSS. was received. After careful examination they pronounced in favour of the work written by Dr. Patterson, Presbyterian minister, New Glasgow, N. S. Readers of the work will readily concur in the place assigned to by the adjudicators. It displays intimate acquaintance with the condition of the heathen world, realizing its need of the gospel, the Church's obligation to supply it, and concluding with a fervent appeal in behalf of missionary enterprise. The book is published cheaply so as to secure for it a wide circulation and the profits derived from its sale are to be devoted to the promotion of missions as the adjudicators may determine.

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. (Columbia, S. C.: The Presbyterian Publishing House.) - This ably conducted quarterly is sure to receive a cordial welcome. The contents of the present number are specially attractive, on account of the themes selected and the manner in which they are discussed. The articles are: "Evolution," by Professor James Woodrow, Ph.D., D.D., LL.D.; "The Emotions," by Professor Robert L. Dabney, D.D., LL.D.; "The Church One, the Word One, and the Covenant with Abraham Stands," by John B. Adger, D.D.; "A Word for the Classics," by William H. Whiting, jr.; "Evolutionary Ethics and Christianity," by Rev. P. P. Flournoy; "The Christian Pastor, One of Christ's Ascension Gifts," a paper by the late Dr. Breckinridge; "The Evangelist in Foreign Fields," by Dr. Vaughan and Col. Preston; "The Chief Glory of the Nineteenth Century," by Dr. Adger; and the "Scripture Doctrine of Order," by Rev. James A. Waddell. The usual comprehensive, concise and incisive Review of Recent Publications concludes an excellent number.