

Literary Notices.

THE *Congregationalist*, Rev. J. B. Rogers, B.A., editor. With this six penny monthly, which has so long been a standard-bearer of English Independency, is now to be incorporated the *British Quarterly*, which has failed, not in talent or power, but to obtain the support it merited. The *Congregationalist* will still be issued monthly, the price a shilling, and the publisher, T. Fisher Unwin, London, Eng. The new issue is promised for December 20, and will be called the *Congregational Review*.

THE FACTS RESPECTING INDIAN ADMINISTRATION IN THE NORTH-WEST. Issued by the Department of Indian Affairs.—It is one of the signs of the times that governments, even with large majorities at their back, find it wise to justify their course before the great public. The tract of 74 pp. bearing the above title is on our desk, and is intended as a justification of the Government in their treatment of the Indians in the North-West Territories. It certainly does bring evidence disproving much that political demagogues regale the itching ears with. There evidently must be extreme difficulty in dealing with the aborigines far away from the centre of authority, and governments must be judged in such cases rather by what they endeavour than by what they accomplish.

WE have received a prospectus of "An Algonquin Maiden," a romance of the early days of Upper Canada, under the joint authorship of G. Mercer Adam, of this city, and A. Ethelwyn Wetherald, of Fenwick, Ont. The object of this work is thus expressed: "French Canada has a literature rich in imaginative and historic interest; but English Canada, so far, has little or none. Sensitive of this reproach, and aware, at the same time, how rich are the materials for an historical romance in the chequered annals of Upper Canada, the authors of 'An Algonquin Maiden' have planned and wrought out a story which they are not without hope may prove of interest to more than Canadian readers." Mr. Adam would not put his name to any slovenly performance, and the name Wetherald is a guarantee of purity and truthfulness.

NEW VOLUME OF THE LIVING AGE.—With the first number in January, *Littell's Living Age* enters upon its one hundred and seventy-second volume. It is a magazine whose value constantly increases as the field of foreign periodical literature widens, and it has become fairly indispensable to the American reader, whose time and means do not allow for reading all the reviews. *Littell's Living Age* has the cream of the monthlies and quarterlies, and with it one can keep abreast of the day.

OUR LITTLE ONES for January is fresh and free as ever with its "Christmas Dinner Bell," "Turkey for One," and "New Year's Rhyme." The Russell Publishing Company, Boston.

HOME AND DUMB ANIMALS are two addresses, tender, manly, true, from our Montreal friend, Rev. S. Massey—pleas for cleanliness, affection, contentment and godliness. Mr. Massey's long acquaintance with city life in its needy forms enables him to speak with authority.

THE WILLARD TRACT DEPOSITORY, Toronto.—From this house we have received "The Prayer of

Faith," by Carrie F. Judd, a treatise on the faith cure, giving instances thereof. Neatly printed with paper covers, the first a pretty card. "What is Maranatha?" a simple dialogue on the Lord's coming; also the *Faithful Witness*, a semi-monthly paper, whose avowed platform is "Salvation by Christ, Separation to Christ, Patient Waiting for Christ." We are not in accord with faith cure and premillenarian views as here advocated; yet we are free to say that we find the books and periodicals full of evangelical truth, and steadfast in maintaining the essentials of evangelical faith.

THE CHURCH AND THE COMMONWEALTH. By Dr. Wm. Cochrane. (Bradley, Garretson & Co., Brantford.)—This is a goodly volume of 560 pp., containing lectures and orations on questions of the day, biographical, national, social. The talented pastor of Zion Presbyterian Church has wonderful command of language, wide knowledge and sympathies, and discusses in his best style such topics as Capital and Labour, Amusements, the Covenanters, Luther, Carlyle, etc. The volume is hopeful, stimulating, instructive and full of interest.

THE *Pulpit Treasury* for January (E. B. Treat, New York) opens the year with a bright, solid array of contributions. Every department is filled with sterling matter. A view of the Madison Avenue Reformed Church, of which Dr. A. E. Kittredge is pastor, is given, and a brief sketch of his life. An Exegetical Comment by Prof. E. J. Wolf, D.D., and a Service for Parents by Dr. T. DeWitt Talmage, deserve attention. Dr. G. Draper has an excellent article on "The Good Earl." There are also other articles, by leading writers of the various denominations, on Subjects for Christian Meditation, Sermon Preparation, The Sister's Influence, The Effects of Prohibition, New Testimonies to Biblical Records, The Leader's Part in Prayer-meeting, and one by Dr. John Hall on Self-Preservation in the Church. The Editorials are on The Homes of Children, Bible Reading, Direct, Bold and Frank, Concentration, Co-operation, Continuance, The Closing Year.

THE *Homiletic Review* for January (Funk & Wagnalls, New York) is a fair promise of the good things promised for 1887. Dr. L. W. Bacon reviews and closes the discussion on "How the Ministry may Increase its Efficiency and Usefulness," in a characteristic paper. Dr. Howard Crosby, from his well-known standpoint, treats "Paul's Law of Charity as an Argument in Favour of Total Abstinence." "The Sunday Newspaper," by Dr. T. W. Chambers, is presented with wisdom and timeliness. Prof. J. O. Murray, of Princeton, gives a highly interesting paper on "Bunyan as an Allegorist and Preacher." "Ministers as Practical Business Men," are vindicated with spirit and solid argument by Dr. D. C. Eddy. Dr. A. T. Pierson has the initial paper of a new series entitled, "Gems and Curiosities from a Literary Cabinet." The article by Dr. Sherwood, one of the editors, entitled, "The Relation of the Church to the Enormous Growth of Our Cities," is startling in its presentation of facts and arguments, and deserves, and we doubt not will receive, special attention. All may not agree with him in his conclusions, but the subject and the manner in which it is here presented call for earnest consideration.