

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

LIFE OF GEORGE WASHINGTON. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—The American Sunday School Union are publishing an excellent and remarkably cheap series of Sunday school volumes under the title of "Robert Raikes Libraries," of which this and the undermentioned nine are recent issues. After a well-written introductory chapter, number one contains an admirable life of George Washington. Without being childish, it is written in a style that will prove most attractive to children and young people.

WHAT IS HER NAME? By Rev. Dr. Edersheim. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—The author of this interesting and instructive story is a man of varied accomplishments. Born a Jew, in maturer years he embraced the faith of Jesus of Nazareth, became a minister in the Free Church of Scotland, and has made many valuable contributions to sacred literature. He has proved himself as good a writer for the young as in other departments he has done for the learned.

THE LOST KEY. By the author of "Little Water-cress Sellers." (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—"The Lost Key" is a good tale simply told, and conveying some excellent lessons for young readers.

AMOS ARMFIELD. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—This is a simple tale of humble village life. The story is didactic, and interestingly told.

RUTH LEE. By the Author of "Wild Flowers." (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—Another tale of humble life, in which the true secret of cheerfulness is illustrated and taught by examples. The author is in deep sympathy with nature, and from observant study derives instructive points for young readers.

KENNETH FORBES; OR, FOURTEEN WAYS OF STUDYING THE BIBLE. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—In this story of the method Kenneth Forbes' mother adopted for the purpose of teaching sacred truth to her children much scripture truth is imparted in an interesting manner.

THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS OF MY LIFE.—By Allen Richmond. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—This volume contains an autobiography written with elegance which always pertains to simplicity. The tone is healthy and the lessons derived from experience are taught in a direct and attractive manner.

PIERRE AND HIS FAMILY; OR, A STORY OF THE WALDENSES. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—The history of the noble inhabitants of the Vaudois Valleys has stirred thousands of readers. A people whose moral heroism and devotion to a pure Christianity were so remarkable could not fail to afford many particular instances of genuine piety in old and young. The story of Pierre is founded on a history of the Waldenses, by William Jones. The main incidents recorded are historical facts, not imaginary creations.

JESICA'S FIRST PRAYER, AND RUBEN KENT AT SCHOOL. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—This volume contains two short tales designed more especially for young children.

NELLIE GREY. (Philadelphia: The American Sunday School Union.)—Like the preceding volume, this is also designed for young readers, though it extends over a wider range. The sub-title indicates its object to some extent, "Ups and Downs of Everyday Life and their Lessons." It traces the minute incidents in the lives of two sisters from their childhood up to the time of their admission into church fellowship. The series as a whole is excellent, and is fitted for usefulness in the Sabbath school.

MEMORIAL TRIBUTES. Edited by J. Sanderson, D.D. (New York: E. B. Treat.)—This handsome but inexpensive book is an issue of "The Pastor's Library," compiled by the editor and issued by the publisher of "The Pulpit Treasury." It is designed as a suggestive help to pastors in the preparation of funeral addresses. A brief, appropriate and characteristic introduction is written by Dr. John Hall. The volume contains over one hundred outlines of addresses by some of the most eminent living divines, while selections are also made from the writings of

those who have passed away. The addresses for the most part are by men distinguished for their attachment to evangelical truth. They are classified under the headings "Childhood," "Youth," "Middle Age," "Old Age," and "Miscellaneous." Under the last several addresses of mournful historic interest are to be found, for instance, one "On Sudden Death," by D. L. Moody, suggested by the death of Mrs. P. P. Bliss, and another on "The President of the United States, J. A. Garfield," by William M. Taylor, D.D. Eighteen specimens of memorial resolutions are given. An index of texts and authors add to facility of reference. The book is beautifully got up, being well printed on fine paper with red edges. It has as a frontispiece an engraving of the crude gothic structure forming the main entrance to Greenwood cemetery.

GOD'S ANSWERS. By Clara M. S. Lowe. (Toronto: S. R. Briggs.)—The authoress of this excellent little volume has a high appreciation of philanthropic work, and of one who has been highly honoured because intensely earnest and devoted in Christ like service. The book is a record of Miss Annie Macpherson's work at the Home of Industry, Spitalfields, London, and in Canada. It contains most interesting biographical details relating to the life and work of Miss Macpherson. She has proved herself, without being conscious of it, a heroine both in faith and Christian work. Impelled by devotion to the Master's service and love for the perishing, she has consecrated her best energies to the reclamation of poor children who crowd the wretched tenements in streets and alleys in the eastern part of London and the waifs of other cities in Britain. She has crossed the Atlantic many times in charge of her youthful protégés. The success attending her efforts must be to her a precious reward. Interesting extracts are given detailing the well doing of many who have through Miss Macpherson's instrumentality been saved from wretchedness and crime. To all interested in the Christ-like task of rescuing the perishing this unpretentious little volume will prove intensely interesting.

THE ELZEVIR LIBRARY. (New York: John B. Alden.)—In addition to the cheap issue in paper covers, the enterprising publisher of the "Elzevir Library" has issued a more elegant edition in cloth binding, gilt-lettered, of the choice works of our best writers. The first volume of the scientific series contains "The Philosophy of Style," by Herbert Spencer. "The Civilization of Asia," by George Rowlinson; "Demonstrative Evidences of Evolution," by Professor Huxley; "World Smashing, Meteoric Astronomy, and Lunar Volcanoes," by W. Mitten Williams; and "The Sea-Serpents of Science," by Andrew Wilson. Another volume "The Great Bridge" contains the orations delivered at the opening of the bridge between New York and Brooklyn by the Hon. Abraham S. Hewitt and Rev. Dr. Richard S. Storrs. Other two contain excellent though brief biographies of Peter Cooper and Alexander H. Stephens, respectively. Then there are three volumes of the Classic Series—"Demosthenes," by the Rev. W. J. Brodribb, M.A., late fellow of St. John's College, Cambridge; "Aristotle," by Sir Alexander Grant, L.L.D., principal of Edinburgh University; and "Plato," by Clifton W. Collins, M.A., H. M. Inspector of Schools. The last two volumes contain Edwin Arnold's "Song of Songs" and "Pearls of the Faith." The publication of "The Elzevir Library" is a remarkable instance of modern enterprise. What is most noteworthy and valuable in recent literature is brought within the reach of every class of readers. Its spirited projector is a benefactor to his fellow-men.

RECEIVED.—From James Bain & Son, Toronto, three excellent tracts, "Believe! only Believe," by Rev. Dr. Humphrey; "The Preaching for the Times," by Rev. Dr. Charles A. Dickey read before the Presbyterian Ministers' Association of Philadelphia, and published by request; and "Person and Power of the Holy Spirit" by Rev. Dr. S. W. Dana. These are issued by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, Philadelphia.

THE discussion of the ministerial "famine" among our neighbours across the frontier brings many minor things to the surface which may occasion surprise to some. Here is one of the petty annoyances pointed out by the "Baptist Weekly": "If a church wants to secure a new pastor it can scarcely take a surer course to drive off desirable men than by maligning the pastor who has left them."

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

REV. G. D. BAYLIE, B.A., of Wakefield, who has been supplying Bank Street Presbyterian Church, Ottawa, has received a call from the congregation of Morrisburgh.

ST ANDREW'S Church, Chatham, N.B., was reopened a short time since, after being closed for painting and repairs. The interior of the building now looks fresh, clean, and attractive.

THE Bible class of Knox Church, Toronto, to the number of 350, had an excursion to Niagara Falls last week per steamer Chicora and Canada Southern Railway. The party returned in the evening well pleased with the trip.

AUGUST has been an Ontario month in the pulpit of Knox Church, Winnipeg. On the 5th inst. it was occupied by the Rev. Principal Grant, of Queen's College, on the 12th by the Rev. Dr. King, of Toronto, on the 19th by the Rev. G. M. Milligan, of Toronto, and on the 26th by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane of Brandon.

THE Regina "Leader" states that the Historical Society of Winnipeg have sent a delegation consisting of Professor Bryce, Rev. D. M. Gordon, Messrs. J. H. Panton, Gooderich, Hughan, and Bell, out west. The object is holiday and business. Each has his own department, on which he will report separately to the society.

THE Rev. Mr. Lyle spoke a few words of farewell to the Central Church congregation on Sabbath evening week, prior to his departure on a six weeks' vacation. He also thanked his people for their kindness and liberality to Mrs. Lyle and himself. The reverend gentleman's pulpit will be occupied by Revs. Professor Scrimger and Dr. Ormiston during his absence.

ON Monday evening week Rev. Alexander Gilray, of College Street Presbyterian Church, moderated in a call from Chalmers Church, corner of Dovercourt road and Dundas street, to Rev. Alexander Mutch, B.A. Mr. Mutch is a graduate of Knox College, and has been labouring as a missionary in this congregation during the past few months. The call was signed by every member of the congregation. This church, since its removal to a more suitable locality, has been growing rapidly in strength of late, and has bright prospects before it.

ON the 14th inst. the Rev. Mr. Gallagher was inducted into the pastoral charge of Riversdale, Enniskillen and North Kinloss, in the Presbytery of Bruce. The Rev. Dr. Moffat, of Free St. John's, Walkerton, preached and presided. The Rev. John Mordy, M.A., of St. Paul's, Walkerton, addressed the newly inducted minister. In the absence of the Rev. Mr. Anderson, Mr. Mordy and Dr. Moffat gave short addresses to the people. Mr. Gallagher succeeds Mr. Forbes, now of Dakota, and Mr. Inglis, now of Ayr. The field as now arranged presents ample scope for all the energies of any minister.

REV. A. HENDERSON, of Hyde Park and Komoka, desires through the medium of this paper to acknowledge the following contributions in response to his appeal in behalf of the Rev. A. B.—, and to express his sincere thanks as well as the profound gratitude of the receiver and his family to the respective contributors. Per Jas. Weir, Byron, \$2; per Jno. Rennie, Ailsa Craig, \$6; per F. Ballantyne, Westminster, \$50; per Thos. McAdam, Strathroy, \$5; per N. McKinnon, Mosa, \$10; per W. R. Sutherland, Edford, \$5; per Komoka Congregation, \$24; per J. A. MacConnell, Delaware, \$20; per H. Cameron, Glencoe, \$3; per A. & J. Argo, Fergus, \$10; per D. O. McLeod, Paris, \$26; per M. Fraser, St. Thomas, \$8; per J. S. McKay, Thamesford (L. Cameron's), \$19.50; per Jno. Johnston, Lobo, \$1; per A. Cameron, Napier (J. R. Johnston's), \$13; per W. R. Sutherland, Aldborough, \$5.52. Total, \$208.02.

THE Presbyterian Church in Lower Napan, N.B., was dedicated for divine service on Sabbath, 12th inst. The attendance was very large, the day being remarkably fine. The people came from Chatham, Upper Napan, Point aux Car, Escuminac and many other places. The Rev. E. Wallace Waits, pastor of St. Andrew's, Chatham, commenced the services with Psalm c, reading 2 Chronicles vi., and prayer. After this he preached an appropriate sermon on the "Universal Kingship and Everlasting Reign of the