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BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

"WALKS ABOUT ZION," by Rev. J. Elliot, of Can-
nington.—A neatly printed and handsomely bound
volume; makes a suitable book for presentation at
this season of the year. Mailed free from this office
on receipt of price. See advertisement elsewhere.

HARPER'S MAGAZINE. (New York. Harper &
Brothers.)—Those who, like us, have not as yet found
time to dip much into next year's literature will find
an inducement to hurry up in the inviting table of
contents presented by "Harper" for January, 1882.

THE SOUTHERN PULPIT. (Richmond, Va.)—The
December number of this publication contains three
sermons in full and the outlines of four sermons, by
ministers of various denominations, with the usual
Suggestions of Texts, Homiletical Illustrations, and
Book Reviews.

LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. (Boston: Littell & Co.)
—"Mrs. Barbauld," a very readable piece of literary
biography from the "Cornhill Magazine," appears in
last week's "Living Age," along with eight other in-
teresting articles from "Temple Bar," "Nineteenth
Century," "Blackwood's Magazine," etc.

THE WESTMINSTER QUESTION BOOK. (Philadel-
phia: Presbyterian Board of Publication; Toronto:
James Bain & Son.)—This manual for teachers and
scholars is well known throughout the Presbyterian
churches. It is now out for 1882, and contains a little
library in itself of notes, questions, etc., on the Gospel
of Mark.

BEAUTIES OF SACRED SONG. (Boston: Oliver
Ditson & Co.)—This book contains fifty-eight pieces
of music arranged for the piano and voice. The
words of hymns translated from the German, French
or Italian are given in the original as well as in Eng-
lish. The selection appears to have been made with
good judgment.

CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE. (Toronto:
W. Briggs.)—The number for December closes the
fourteenth volume of this magazine. It is wise of the
Methodists of Canada to support a literature which
passes under denominational supervision, and in
which they can therefore place full confidence as
being at least morally innocuous.

CASSELL'S FAMILY MAGAZINE. Canadian Edition.
(Toronto: J. P. Clougher. Price 20 cents per num-
ber, or \$2 per annum.)—The December number of
this monthly may be taken as a fair specimen. It
supplies its readers with abundance of sketches, tales,
poems, and pictures—all attractive, some amusing, and
scarcely any without more or less of instructiveness.

VICK'S ILLUSTRATED MONTHLY MAGAZINE. (Ro-
chester, N.Y.: James Vick.)—A beautiful representa-
tion of a bunch of the Golden Pocklington grape and
a bouquet of Gladioli in full flower—both coloured
from nature—adorn the December number of "Vick's
Monthly." The number also contains several uncol-
oured illustrations, and many seasonable hints to
amateur floriculturists.

CONSIDERATIONS ON THE REVISED EDITION OF
THE NEW TESTAMENT. By Rev. Canon Norman,
M.A., D.C.L. (Montreal: Dawson Bros.)—This
comprehensive review of the revisers' work is by a
competent critic, and appears to be the result of care-
ful and impartial examination. A long Appendix fur-
nishes samples of the more important changes or
omissions in the revised text.

CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. (Toronto: W. J. Gage
& Co.)—This publication admirably fills its useful
and important sphere. The teacher who attempts to
grope his way through a year's work without its aid
does not give himself fair play. The practically help-
ful information contained in one number—say that
for December, which is now before us, and which is a

fair average specimen—would in many cases be found
sufficiently valuable to make up for the expenditure of
a year's subscription, which is only one dollar, payable
in advance.

THE YULE LOG. (Chicago. F. H. Revell.)—
Among the many Christmas gifts provided this season,
"The Yule Log" is one of the greatest novelties, the
exterior of the book being in such a shape as to pre-
sent a striking representation of a knotted and gnarled
log of wood festooned with holly leaves and berries.
It contains a number of Christmas ballads and poems,
beautifully printed on fine Bristol boards—the whole
arrangement nicely tied with red ribbon passing
through some projecting knots on the log, so that it
may be hung on a wall.

THE PARABLES OF JESUS. By Alfred Nevin, D.D.,
LL.D. (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Pub-
lication; Toronto: N. Ure & Co. Price \$1.50.)—
Even the theological student may read this book with
pleasure and profit, but its great mission is to the gen-
eral reader, and in this mission it is likely to be emi-
nently successful. Opening the volume at random
here and there, we give a few sentences, regretting that
we cannot at present afford space for longer extracts.
Speaking of the stony ground hearers in the parable
of the sower Dr. Nevin says:

"Experience shows that a sneer from some leading spirit
in a literary society, or a laugh raised by a gay circle of
pleasure seekers, or the rude jest of scoffing artisans in a
workshop, may do as much as the faggot and the stake to
make a fair but false disciple deny his Lord. Where, how-
ever, there is true faith, Christ's people need not much dread
trials. To borrow the figure here, the hotter the sun, if the
heavens send it showers and the earth give it soil, the plant
grows the taller and stronger—grace growing in converted
hearts like corn in strong, deep, rich, well-watered soils.
The warmer the summer, the richer the harvest."

It is with a feeling of reluctance that we separate
these short extracts from their context, for much of
their force is lost by so doing. A few pages farther
on we find the following regarding the thorny ground
hearers:

"Men of promise and high aspirations, men of religious
training and religious profession, become seized with the
accursed thirst for gold, bartering health, morals, principle,
social ties, life itself, in this demon-scramble. The cold-
blooded murders and villain-plunderings of the street and
the highway, perpetrated by the dregs of society, are not one
whit more heinous in the sight of God than are the polished
counterparts of individual baseness, where the betrayal of
high trust or the delirium of wild speculation has embittered
the widow's tears, defrauded the orphan of his bread, and
left happy firesides stripped and desolate. Well did He
who knew the human heart denounce 'covetousness' as
'idolatry.' Depend upon it, God will visit our land and our
time with judgment if this usurping Dagon be not hurled from
its throne. It is this mammon-spirit—rich, in the case of all
ancient nations, formed the first symptom of decadence and
decrepitude—the first impelling wave which rose to a wild
deluge of ruin. God keep us from the verge of this engulf-
ing whirlpool, and tune our lips more and more to the music
and spirit of the prayer of honest, contented, unostentatious
frugality. 'Give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me
with food convenient for me!'"

But let us turn to what Trench calls "the pearl of
parables," and see if Dr. Nevin has found out who the
prodigal son's elder brother was. This is what he
says on the subject:

"For one thing, this elder brother is an exact picture of
the Jews of our Lord's time, who could not bear the idea of
their Gentile brother being made partaker of their privileges.
For another thing, the elder brother is an exact type of the
Scribes and Pharisees of our Lord's time, for they objected that
He received sinners and ate with them, and they murmured
because He opened the door of salvation to publicans and
harlots. Last, but not least, the elder brother is an exact
type of a large class in the Church of Christ in the present
day. There are thousands on every side who dislike a free,
full, unfettered Gospel to be preached. They are always
complaining that ministers throw the door too wide open,
and that the doctrine of grace tends to promote licentious-
ness. Whenever we come across such persons let us
remember that their voice is the voice of the 'elder brother.'
"Let us beware of this spirit infecting our own hearts.
It arises partly from ignorance. Men begin by not seeing
their own sinfulness and unworthiness, and then they fancy
that they are much better than others, and that nobody is
worthy to be put by their side. It arises partly from lack
of charity; men are wanting in kind feeling toward others,
and then they are unable to take pleasure when others are
saved. Above all, it arises from a thorough misunderstanding
of the true nature of Gospel forgiveness; the man who
really feels that we all stand by grace and are all debtors,
and that the best of us has nothing to boast of, and has
nothing which he has not received,—such a man will not be
found talking like the elder brother."

The volume contains 503 octavo pages, making it
a large book for the price. The publishers have given
it a very pleasing exterior; but it is not so much on
that account, as on account of the treasure within,
that we recommend it as an addition to the library of
every Christian household.

THE STATE OF UNIVERSITY COLLEGE.

MR. EDITOR,—I am glad to see that you are now
on the right track in your comments on the recent so-
called "hazing" case in University College. Speak-
ing from a fifteen years' intimate acquaintance with
the institution, I can heartily endorse your proposal
to do away with the residence attached to it. Those
who have read even the true account of the late dis-
turbance can see that though the leaders were not all
residence men, the little plot could never have been
carried out had the residence not furnished a basis of
operations. You made last week what I thought at
the time, and what subsequent events have shown to
be, an unfortunate comparison, between University
College and Queen's in the matter of students' be-
haviour. Since you did so, the Queen's students
have raised an incipient rebellion against their faculty
about holidays. The trouble has been allayed, but
not before the spirit of insubordination showed itself
in a very unpleasant form. On this I beg leave to
remark—(1) that with all their faults I have never
heard of University College students showing any
tendency to organized rebellion against authority,
and (2) that if there had been a residence element
at Queen's, the insubordination of last week would
have shown itself in a much more difficult shape to
deal with. As additional and more commodious lec-
ture-rooms are much needed in University College,
and as hardly ten per cent. of the students can, under
any circumstances, be accommodated there, it is
evident the time has come for abolishing it on other
grounds than that of morale. AN OLD STUDENT.

KINGSTON—QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY SERVICES.

The series of services arranged for last winter in
Convocation Hall, and carried out with so much
success, has been continued this session. The clergy-
men who have already officiated this winter were
Revs. Principal Grant, Dr. Gregg, Dr. Potts, and H.
M. Parsons. Last Sabbath the preacher was the Rev.
J. S. Black, of Erskine Church, Montreal, who
preached an able and eloquent discourse before a
very large audience, Convocation Hall being filled in
every part. Mr. Black preached again in St. An-
drew's Church before a full house in the evening. On
the Friday evening preceding he lectured before the
Students' Missionary Society on "Crotchets and Falla-
cies," and on all occasions sustained his reputation
as an able and forcible speaker. There may be a
lack of "pulpit power" in some pulpits, but if the
discourses preached by Mr. Black on this occasion
are to be taken as a sample, I think there is no lack
of power in Erskine Church pulpit. The sermon in
the afternoon was founded on the last clause of Mat-
thew xxviii. 17: "But some doubted;" and the even-
ing discourse was on John iv. 26: "I that speak to
thee am He." Mr. Black is the pastor of one of the
largest and best organized congregations in connec-
tion with our Church. He is expected to visit Toronto
in January, when he will preach and deliver his lecture
on "Crotchets and Fallacies." K.

Kingston, Dec. 19th, 1882.

THE proposal to establish a free public library in
this city is worthy of support. If the question should
be submitted to a vote at the approaching elections, it
is to be hoped that the ratepayers will permit no false
economy to stand in the way of their securing such an
advantage for themselves and their children.

THE Ministerial Association of this city, at its
meeting on the 12th inst., after hearing reports from
committees that had been appointed to attend to
matters relating to the desecration of the Sabbath,
decided to forward a memorial to the directors of the
Telephone Company, urging the desirability of clos-
ing their offices altogether on the Lord's Day.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.—Rev. Dr. Reid has received
the undermentioned sums for schemes of the Church,
viz. Thank-offering from a young member of St.
Matthew's Church, Osnabruck, on recovering from
sickness, for Home Mission, \$2; Member of the con-
gregation of Blyth, for Foreign Mission, \$70; also,
for Foreign Mission, China, \$30—the amount (\$100)
saved by abstinence from tobacco; Ashburn, from
parents in happy memory of a son, W. H., for Home
Mission, \$20; Member of St. Andrew's Church,
Mount Forest, for Home Mission, \$3; do, for Foreign
Mission, \$3.