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Correspondence in reference to the best way of carrying out the scheme successfully in the various districts is invited by the committee, and may be addressed to the Convener.

CHAS. R. BLACK,

Montreal, 13th Dec., 1890. 30 St. John St.

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CANADA CONGREGATIONAL MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

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SAMUEL N. JACKSON.

Kingston, Nov. 29th, 1890.

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Review.

CHRISTIANITY, AND SOME OF ITS EVIDENCES.

This is an Address, by Hon. Oliver Mowat, before the Society of Christian Endeavor, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Woodstock, in October last, and now revised, and published in most dainty form by Williamson & Co., Toronto: pp. 80, gilt top, limp cover.

Mr. Mowat explains how the book came to be written. In his youth he had studied the evidences of Christianity very thoroughly. Now, after half a century, he thought—for his own satisfaction and for other reasons—he would study them anew, “with whatever advantage half a century of mental training in the discharge of judicial, professional and legislative duties might have given to him.” So, taking his books with him, during the past summer, for a few weeks' change among the mountains of New Hampshire, he went over the whole subject anew.

It must have struck every observing mind, how, when one qualifies oneself for any particular service, or becomes informed on any particular point, how certainly and soon will come the opportunity and the call for using our newly-acquired knowledge or power. No sooner had Mr. Mowat gathered a mass of notes and *memos*, from reading and thought, than there was an exigency in the Sabbath services at the great hotel; and he threw his notes together in the form of a lecture. This lecture, further elaborated, was delivered in Woodstock in October, and now revised—is issued for the public. Mr. Gladstone has set a good example in this line, showing how a man in public life may not only keep his own faith clear, but help the faith of others, by studying and delivering himself upon religious topics. And the example has spread, not only to the colonies, but to foreign lands. “I thought,” says Signor Bonghi, a leading member of the Italian Parliament, “that as I saw English statesmen spending much of their time over religious subjects, I might do the same for Italy.” And so he is writing a “Life of Christ” for his countrymen.

Mr. Mowat first states the case. He speaks of the present state of Christian belief, and his view is a very cheerful one. Then he speaks of the beneficial influences of Christianity, its principal doctrines, and the great central peculiarity of our religion—the personality and work of Christ.

He then passes on to the nature of Christian evidences—fulfilled prophecies, the suitability of Christianity to human nature, the success of the gospel, “the witness of the Spirit” heathen testimony, Jewish admissions, credibility of the testimony.

The fact is—as such works as these clearly show—that if an intelligent and honest doubter were asked to state (not with special reference to Christianity, or anything else in particular, but as a general proposition) what evidences were sufficient to establish any doctrine or claim, every one of those reasonable demands can be shown to be fully met in the evidences for Christianity.

Some of Mr. Mowat's statements and remarks are most telling. He says, “The devil has sown his tares among the wheat, but the fields would