

## Editorial and Contributed.

### DR. PIERSON IN TORONTO.

**D**URING the past month Toronto has been favored with a visit from the Rev. A. T. PIERSON, D.D., of Philadelphia, one of the editors of the *Missionary Review of the World*. On the 13th of February, Dr. Pierson spoke in Knox Church, under the auspices of the ladies of the McAll Mission of this city, giving an interesting and earnest address of about an hour and a quarter. He dwelt on the command of Christ, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," to which was annexed the gracious promise, "Lo, I am with you always," turning duty into a delight, and the cold necessity of obedience to the most inspiring, enrapturing privilege. The fact of the promised presence had not been appreciated, and we had failed to recognize the supernatural in the work of preaching Christ. Two facts commanded our attention: the providential opening of doors, and removal of obstacles and barriers; and the gracious manifestation of transforming power in the individuals and communities in heathen lands. It is also a fact that stupendous changes have taken place within less than a century. A hundred doors, great and effectual, God had set before His Church, and in wonderful ways, by keys of His own, He had unlocked the gates of hermit nations. The rapidity of the change is a mark of the supernatural. India was the first-mentioned illustration of this mighty power. Trade, under the name of the "East India Company," going into the heart of the East, was the beginning of the British Empire in the Orient.

Back of man's selfish schemes lay a divine purpose. Fearing the honesty of Christianity the company were hostile to missions, but the Sepoy Rebellion of 1857 proved that the heathen, favored by the British Government, massacred the Queen's subjects, while the native Christians proved her loyal friends, and from that time the attitude of the English Government underwent a change. The "Walled" Kingdom of China was referred to, also Japan with its closed ports, which were at last opened in 1853, without the shedding of one drop of blood when Commodore Perry was sent by the United States with an expedition to demand protection for American ships and crews, and secure a treaty for the purposes of trade. One Sunday he entered the Bay of Yeddo, and spreading an American flag over the capstan of his vessel, he laid thereon an open Bible and read the one hundredth Psalm, and he, with his crew, sang:

"All people that on earth do dwell,  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice."

In due time Perry delivered his letter from the President, and in 1854 negotiations were concluded and a treaty signed. Africa, "The Dark Continent," and the men raised up for her development, was brought under review.

Dr. Pierson ended by giving a short account of his visit to the McAll mission in Paris. The providential call, the small beginning of the mission, the mighty faith of Mr. and Mrs. McAll, with the skill and energy shown in taking advantage of every circumstance to spread the work and scatter the Word of God among the people, were given in a manner that captivated his audience.

To those who are indifferent, and who have little or no interest in mission work, but desire to read a thrilling and interesting book, we would say, read Dr. Pierson's book on the "Crisis of Missions, or The Voice out of the Cloud;" and to those whose hearts are burning within them, and whose cry is, "Oh Lord, how long?" we recommend the same book, after the reading of which, we doubt not, faith will be almost lost in sight.

The next evening Dr. Pierson lectured in Association Hall, taking for his subject, "The Place of Young Men in the Place of God."

### WHAT IS SAID REGARDING THE "OUTLOOK."

**F**ROM numerous letters we make the following extracts:—

From Auburn, N.S.:—"A very old lady, a member of our Church, asked me to tell you that she 'reads the OUTLOOK with great delight and profit. It is gaining in favor all around; the print is so good for aged eyes, I heard two people saying, last week, that the contents 'affected them like God's own words.' I find great pleasure in recommending the paper, I gain so much good from it myself."

From St. Thomas:—"Following our list of twenty last week, and a club of eight obtained by another member of St. Thomas First, we gladly subjoin the following twenty-two names, making fifty in all; and we still hope to increase the number. We appreciate and enjoy the OUTLOOK, and are agreed that the copy for January, 1889, excels any former number."

From Pickering:—"I am glad to be able to send a few more new subscribers for your valuable little paper. I believe it is doing a good work among our people here."

From Paisley:—"I greatly enjoy the OUTLOOK, and hope it will arouse the missionary spirit here. Enclosed you will find \$2."

From Stellarton, N.S.:—"Please find enclosed, from a Presbyterian brother, fifty cents, on account of the