

be true of adults, we need not wonder that children often read it as a romance, not discerning the inner sense.

In this little book, the "Pilgrim's Progress," is interpreted, and the practical Christian life so depicted, that every one is left without excuse who cannot answer this question,—“Understandest thou what thou readest?”

We anticipate for the "Young Pilgrim," an immense sale, and an extensive usefulness.

PERIODICALS, PAMPHLETS, &C., RECEIVED.

1st. *The Lower Canada Journal of Education*.—Nos. 1 and 2, issued in two editions, French and English. We shall take an early opportunity to refer to this Periodical, and to the subject of Education in Canada East.

2nd. *The Ecclesiastical and Missionary Record, Toronto*.—The official paper of the Presbyterian Church of Canada. We thank our contemporary for his obliging notices of ourselves, and wish him all prosperity.

3rd. *The Presbyterian, Montreal*.—The organ of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, in connection with the Church of Scotland. We regret that we have not yet received any numbers of the United Presbyterian Magazine.

4th. *The Importance and usefulness of Young Men's Christian Associations*.—An address by the Rev. Andrew Kennedy, London, C. W. This appears to us an interesting and judicious pamphlet.

5th. *Two Lectures on Canada*.—Delivered at Greenock, by Rollo Campbell, Montreal. There is in these Lectures a large amount of reliable information condensed into small space.

SUMMARY OF INTELLIGENCE.

ECCLESIASTICAL AND MISSIONARY.

MAINTENANCE OF THE CHRISTIAN MINISTRY.—The conviction appears to gain ground in the non-endowed Churches on both sides of the Atlantic, that the present standard of ministerial support is discreditable to the intelligence and liberality of the Christian laity. We notice that the Scottish and Irish Presbyterians are moving towards a reformation in this matter, and shall be happy to advocate and chronicle similar movements in Canada.

A meeting of office-bearers of the various United Presbyterian Churches in Glasgow was held on Monday evening, February 9, with a view of interesting the churches in the scheme for the better support of the ministry, especially in thinly-peopled districts. The chairman recommended that £150 should, as in the Free Church, be aimed at as the minimum.

The movement for increased ministerial support continues to make progress in the Irish Presbyterian Church. A large and influential meeting was lately held in Londonderry to promote this object. Meetings have also been held with great success in a number of the more important towns in the north of Ireland.

RESULTS OF RAGGED SCHOOLS.—Mr. E. J. Hytche has written a letter to the *Times*, stating, in a statistical form, some of the results of Ragged Schools. It appears that within a radius of five miles from St. Paul's there are now 150 of these schools, in charge of 20,000 scholars. In a few years 500 of the worst lads of London have been sent out by the Ragged School Union to the colonies, and provided with work, and not above 10 per cent. have forfeited the good opinion of their patrons. Another batch of the boys had been employed as shoe-blacks, earning last year £2270. Other 3342 had obtained regular employment. On the other hand, it was to be regretted that most Ragged Schools were encumbered with debt.

A NEW CHURCH MOVEMENT.—A "Lay Brotherhood, for the active discharge of Works of Mercy amongst the poor of London," is in course of formation. It is in connection with the Tractarian party, and, it is said, will receive large support from many noblemen and wealthy commoners whose religious views and sympathies tend in that direction.—*Morning Advertiser*.

GENEVA.—Six students have just passed their last examination, preparatory to entering on the work of the ministry. Of these three are natives of the valleys of Piedmont; the others belong to the Canton de Vaud, Rhenish Prussia, and Geneva. In future, students of divinity belonging to Piedmont will be educated at the theological institution at La Tour, under Professors Revel and Geymonat.