

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE FORESTERS. By Berthold Auerbach. (New York: D. Appleton & Co.; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.)—One of the "New Handy-volume Series."

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY for November. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)—We are always pleased to welcome the "Atlantic" to our table, and so, we doubt not, are many of our readers.

HISTORY OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK. By Mrs. Martha Lamb. (New York: A. S. Barnes & Co.)—Part 12 of volume II. brings the narrative down to the declaration of war against Britain in 1812.

WHITE WINGS. By William Black. (Toronto: Clougher Brothers.)—Mr. Black, well known as a lively writer, gives in this book his experience of yachting among the Hebrides—romantic enough, and rendered fictitious only by a very slender plot and some disguised names.

JACK AND JILL. By L. M. Alcott. (Boston: Roberts Brothers; Toronto: Willing & Williamson. Price \$1.50.)—This is an exceedingly interesting boy and girl story, and withal intellectually and morally wholesome in tone and tendency. The volume is freely illustrated and beautifully bound, and as a present to a young friend would be at once acceptable and beneficial.

LIVE AND LEARN. (Toronto: Clougher Brothers. 35 cents.)—This book undertakes to correct "one thousand mistakes of daily occurrence in speaking, writing and pronunciation." Besides pointing out the more common errors, it supplies much information which will be found exceedingly useful, especially by those who in their school days neither understood the rules of grammar nor committed them to memory.

THE SKIN IN HEALTH AND DISEASE. By L. Duncan Bulkley, M.D. (Philadelphia: Presley Blakiston; Toronto: Hart & Rawlinson.)—One of those handy little volumes called "Health Primers," in which a great deal of information is given, and many useful hints for the preservation of health thrown out. It was long ago remarked by Dr. Andrew Combe that if men attended as little to the skins of their horses as they did to their own they would soon have a very poor account to give of them. The remark still holds good.

IN spite of what we said a few months ago some publishers continue to send us a copy of their periodicals about once in six months, and reckon upon receiving notices which, even in mere space, without looking at the character of what is said in any other light than as an advertisement, would, in each case, be worth two or three dollars, while the cost of the stray number forwarded may be some fifteen or twenty cents. There is neither sense nor decency in this sort of work, and those who pursue such a plan may save themselves the trouble, for unless periodicals are sent regularly we shall henceforth not notice them at all; and further, we do not pledge ourselves to notice them every month, even when they come regularly to hand. Our space is too valuable to be taken up in giving lengthened advertisements for nothing, and an odd number of a magazine is neither so valuable nor such a rarity that its existence should be paraded in our columns. We find also that it is expected that book or magazine notices should always be favourable if given at all. We have no such idea, and those who reckon upon this had better not send their works to *THE PRESBYTERIAN*. If it is of no consequence to them to receive honest notices, it is of very considerable importance to us to give such, and such only. It is painful to think of the extent to which this system of puffery is taken as a matter of course, and how speedily anything else is resented. We may mention a case which will serve as an illustration of what we refer to. The Canadian agent of a very respectable though somewhat heavy quarterly wrote once and again saying that if a "good" notice were given he would see to it that a copy of the periodical in question should be forwarded every quarter to our office. The reply was to the effect that unless it came regularly we should not notice it at all, and that the kind of notice would altogether depend on the character of the publication. On this understanding the first number came, and was noticed to the extent of half a column, but not so flatteringly as was desired. Not another number has appeared at our office and the obsequious agent, so anxious for gratis advertisements and dishonest puffs, though formally asked why he had broken faith in this small matter, has never had the decency either to reply or explain.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE Degree of Doctor of Laws was conferred on the Rev. J. Gardner Robb, D.D., Galway, by the Duke of Leinster, Chancellor of the Queen's University, in Ireland, at the commencements held on the 13th October, in St. Patrick's Hall, the Castle, Dublin.

ANNIVERSARY services were held in the Presbyterian church, Mount Pleasant, of which Rev. Thomas Alexander is pastor, on Oct. 17th and 21st. The sermon delivered on the 17th, by Rev. Jas. Little, of Princeton, was very appropriate to the occasion and was highly appreciated by the people. On the 21st a supper was provided by the ladies of the congregation in their accustomed bountiful manner. Addresses were delivered by different speakers. Choice pieces of music were given by the Zion Church choir, Brantford. The proceeds bring down the debt on the church to less than a hundred dollars, which it is intended to wipe off at an early date.

ON Friday, the 5th inst., there was a large gathering in the school room of St. Andrew's Church, Guelph, to pay a parting tribute of respect to Mr. James Massie, for many years prominently associated with the congregation, and for upwards of nineteen years superintendent of the Sabbath school. After devotional exercises, the Rev. Mr. Smith, in a short and appropriate speech, presented an address to Mr. Massie, which had been prepared, and which very feelingly expressed the sentiments of respect and affection cherished towards that gentleman by all connected with the congregation. Along with the address there were also presented certain handsome volumes with appropriate inscriptions. Mr. Massie replied in suitable terms, and thereafter several of the ministers of the city spoke, all referring in terms of the greatest respect and affection to the Warden of the Central Prison, wishing him every success in his new sphere of usefulness.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting on the 2nd inst., Rev. J. Smith, Moderator. The attendance of ministers and elders was good. An application was made by the congregation of Orangeville for permission to sell all or part of the property included in the deed of what was formerly Bethel Church, the proceeds to be applied exclusively to Church purposes. After some consideration the permission sought was granted. After reporting the grants recently made by the Assembly's Home Mission Committee to congregations and stations within the bounds, Rev. J. M. King moved the appointment of a committee to estimate the minimum amount which might be expected from the several congregations to the Home Mission Fund, so as to secure, if possible, not less than the amount contributed at last report. In amendment it was moved by Rev. R. D. Fraser to appoint a committee to make an estimate of the amount reasonably to be expected from each congregation for the Home Mission, Foreign Mission, College, and French Evangelization schemes, and to communicate it to the various congregations of the Presbytery. The amendment and the motion being seconded and put to the vote, the amendment carried; and pursuant thereto, the following committee were appointed, viz.: Revs. J. M. King, R. D. Fraser, J. Kirkpatrick, E. D. McLaren, W. Frizzell, the Moderator, and Dr. Caven. On request of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell he was relieved of the charge of the Foreign Mission scheme, and the Moderator was appointed in his place. On motion made by Rev. J. M. Cameron, seconded by Rev. J. M. King, it was agreed to appoint Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to visit Hornby, to confer with the session and explain to the congregation the terms on which grants in aid are made, and to represent to it the importance of a more adequate support being given to the pastor. An extract minute of the Presbytery of Peterborough was read, granting the translation of Rev. W. McWilliam. It was then resolved to meet at Streetsville for his induction on the 18th current, at eleven a.m., the Moderator to preside and preach, Rev. James Pringle to deliver the charge to the minister, and Rev. R. D. Fraser to address the congregation. It was reported by Rev. D. J. Macdonnell that he had moderated in a call from the congregation of Parkdale in favour of Rev. W. A. Hunter, probationer. A guarantee for the payment of \$500 as stipend was read, and \$300 as supplement from the Assembly's Home Mission Fund will make the entire salary \$800. Mr. Macdonnell's

conduct was approved of, the call was sustained, and being put into Mr. Hunter's hands, was accepted by him. The Presbytery then, in view of his recent trials for license before them, agreed to require of him only a popular sermon for ordination, and resolved to meet for his ordination at Parkdale, on the 16th current, at two p.m., the Moderator to preside, Rev. P. McF. Macleod to preach, Rev. D. J. Macdonnell to address the minister, and Rev. J. M. King to address the congregation. In terms of recommendation made by a committee, the Clerk was instructed to attest several students to the Senates of Knox and Queen's Colleges as having read satisfactory exercises, and also to attest for admission to the former College Messrs. Smith, Myers, Craig, and Drum, who had been examined ament their views and motives in aspiring toward the ministry. It was reported by Rev. H. M. Parsons, as convener of a committee previously appointed, that in consequence of the recommendation of the Governor-General to observe the third of this month as a day of thanksgiving, it was found inexpedient at this period to hold the intended conference on the State of Religion. After some deliberation it was resolved to hold the next ordinary meeting on the second Tuesday of January, at eleven a.m., and that after the business is transacted the said conference shall be held in the evening of that day, as also on the two following days, the committee aforesaid to issue a schedule as to topics, hours for handling them, etc., as previously resolved. Various other matters were taken up and disposed of, but of no interest for the public.—R. MONTEATH, *Pres. Clerk*.

PRESBYTERY OF PARIS.—This Presbytery met according to previous announcement in Knox Church, Ayr, on Monday, the 8th ult. The first important item of business taken up was the Rev. Mr. Anderson's resignation of his charge, River street Church, Paris. On the commissioners being called, Messrs. Ballingal and Deans appeared for the session, and Messrs. Thom, Young and Patton for the congregation, all of whom expressed their sincere regret at the circumstances which rendered Mr. Anderson's resignation necessary, and contemplated the proposed separation with great sorrow, but felt at the same time that, as these circumstances were quite beyond their control, they should place no obstacle in the way of the resignation being accepted. On motion of Rev. Dr. Cochrane and Rev. Mr. McMullen, the Presbytery then agreed to accept Mr. Anderson's resignation, the same to take effect on and after November 21st. Rev. Mr. Little was appointed to preach the church vacant on the last Sabbath of November, and, at the request of the representatives of session present, Rev. Mr. McMullen was appointed Moderator of River street Church session during the vacancy. The mover and seconder, with Rev. D. D. McLeod and several others, spoke in terms of the highest esteem for Mr. Anderson and of sorrow at his contemplated departure, after which a committee was appointed to prepare a minute with reference to the same, and this was unanimously adopted, as follows: "In agreeing to accept the resignation of Mr. Anderson, the Presbytery desire to record their sense of the loss which they sustain by the removal of a member who has been so regular in his attendance at the meetings, so faithful and devoted in the discharge of pastoral duty, and so efficient as an office-bearer of the Presbytery. The Presbytery also desire to express their appreciation of Mr. Anderson's scholarship, and deeply regret that so earnest and diligent a student should be removed from their bounds. Whilst thus expressing their sense of the loss which they sustain by his removal, the members of the Presbytery would also put on record their deep sympathy with Mr. Anderson in the affliction which has led to his resignation, and earnestly hope that his partner in life may soon be restored to health. They affectionately commend both to their covenant God, and hope that they may soon be again successfully engaged in the Master's work. The Presbytery also desire to record their sympathy with the congregation of River street, Paris, in the loss which they have sustained by the resignation of a pastor who has endeared himself to them by years of faithful service. They commend them to the care of the Great Shepherd and Bishop of souls, assured that in His own time He will send them a pastor who shall break to them the bread of life." The call from Knox Church, Palmerston, to the Rev. Mr. Aull was then taken up. Rev. J. Baikie, of Harriston, appeared for the Saugeen Presbytery, and Mr. Caswell on behalf of the Palmerston congregation. Commissioners were also heard from Innerkip, after