

Prof. Morse shows what American zoologists have done for evolution; and Dr. Dawson, from a theistic point of view, discusses the so-called conflict between religion and science, Prof. Joly illustrates the early history of fire, and Mr. Wallace points out the difficulties of the development theory as applied to man. Professors Bastian and Prestel, Dr. Seguin, and R. A. Proctor, also contribute valuable articles. At an early date we shall re-produce Mr. Bixby's important paper on science and religion as allies—instead of foes—a relation which is often overlooked. This able Monthly is invaluable to all who would keep abreast of the latest discoveries and results of science.

The Fifty-Second Annual Report of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Church of Canada, 1876. Methodist Book Room, Toronto.

THIS Report makes a bulky octavo volume of 314 pages. It is, in itself, a monument of the wonderful progress of the Society which it represents. It contains, to use its own language, "reports from brethren engaged in sowing the seed of the Word over an immense territory, among civilized and uncivilized communities:—in sunny climes, 'where man alone is vile,' and in snowy regions, where human life is principally sustained by successful hunters and patient and dexterous fishermen." These reports from British Columbia, the North-West Territory, Japan, Newfoundland, and our various Indian and Domestic Missions are very encouraging, and are an inspiration to increased liberality and zeal. We would strongly urge all our readers, if they have not a copy of it, to beg or borrow one; or, better still, to subscribe, at least, \$4.00 to the Missionary Society, and get one of their own.

In accordance with its policy of rigid economy, the Central Board has resolved that a separate Report shall be published for each Conference, giving details of income; but

that the General Report shall contain only names of subscribers of \$5.00 and upwards, and the aggregate amount from each Circuit or Mission. Thus a large expenditure for printing the Report, which is annually growing more bulky, will be saved.

Another very important resolution appeals to the devotedness and loyalty of the members of our Church on the Missions in old and well settled districts, to generously relinquish Missionary aid, and thus enable the Board to respond to the calls from the Heathen World, and from the destitute parts of the Domestic Work. Upon this and other important resolutions of the Board, we shall take the opportunity of making some remarks in our next issue.

Memoir of the Rev. Wm. Shaw, late General Superintendent of Wesleyan Missions in South Africa. By HIS OLDEST SURVIVING FRIEND. Crown 8vo., pp. 463. Wesleyan Conference Office and Methodist Book Rooms.

IN few regions have Wesleyan Missions been more successful than in South Africa. Of this success Mr. Shaw was very largely the instrument. This volume is a loving tribute to his memory, and a sympathetic record of his life. The episodes of two Kafir wars, and the vicinity of the Orange River Free State and Transvaal Republic to the mission field, invest the narrative with such general interest that we have placed it in the hands of an accomplished reviewer for more adequate treatment than can be given in a brief notice. In the consolidation of British power, in South Africa, Wesleyan Missions have borne no unimportant part. This volume is illustrated by a steel portrait, large map, and several wood engravings.

The Gold Thread. By NORMAN MACLEOD, D.D. Small 4to., pp. 68. Toronto: Belford Brothers, Methodist Book Room.

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