

Editorial Notes.

EXPLANATION.—Called upon to watch through a long illness by the dying bed of a beloved mother, the Editor has found it impossible to supply this month the usual copy of "Memories of Palestine," and "From Darkness to Light." He hopes in the good providence of God to be able to resume both subjects in the next number.

NEW EDITION OF MEMOIRS OF DUGALD BUCHANAN.—Dugald Buchanan's memoir, which is being translated for our monthly, has been for years out of print in its English version. It was this fact that suggested its translation, along with the further fact that for a clear view of the doctrines of grace, for a deep insight into the workings of the human heart, for a distinct apprehension of the steps by which a sinner comes to the Saviour, this memoir is not surpassed even by such books as "Augustine's Confessions," "Bunyan's Grace Abounding," or "Boston's Memoir." We are glad that in this estimate we find a minister of long standing in the church agree with us, as we conclude from a letter received last night:—"Thousands will thank you" writes this clergyman, "as I do, for the two masterly photographs of *God's way of peace* to sinners in contrast with *man's way of peace*, as given in the translation. "From Darkness to Light," and in the extract from Dr. McKay's "Grace and Truth." I had been preparing a sermon on Romans v. 1, yesterday, and had contrasted man's way with God's method when the CHRISTIAN MONTHLY came, where I found the difficulties of man's salvation dissected by master hands to my joy." We are glad to find the *British Messenger*, a monthly of very large circulation, giving extracts from the memoir, and glad also to learn by a note from Messrs. MacLachlin & Stewart, publishers, Edinburgh, that a new English edition is now passing through

the press. We ask such of our readers as wish to find Jesus to read this memoir from its first chapters, slowly and prayerfully and inquiringly. They will meet with little or no stirring incidents, no entertaining variety, but they will meet with a story that shows clear as noon day how a sinner can be just with God.

ENCOURAGING AND INSTRUCTIVE.—In all broad Scotland, with upwards of 900 public schools, there are only two from which the local boards have banished the Bible. It is not only that the Bible has held its place, as it surely ought in a country that it has, under God, made what it is, but it is advancing to a higher place in the public schools, as we can see by the arrangement for Bible study being made by the school board of Edinburgh. Christians ought not to be content until the Bible is recognized as one of the ancient classics, and the same care at least given to its study as to the study of Homer and Virgil. When will it be said of Ontario that the Bible is not simply *read* but *studied* in every school in the Province save two?

NEW MAGAZINES.—We welcome two new magazines, one from London and the other from Edinburgh. "*The Christian's Pathway of Power*," from which we gave an extract last month, "Steps," is published in London, as a means of calling Christians to a closer walk with God and a higher Christian life. It contains for June one editorial, and a number of contributions from such men as Henry Varley, W. E. Boardman, W. Arthur.

"There is," says the editor, "a time of purifying, of *separation* from evil, when as young men we overcome the world—a life expressed by Solomon in the Proverbs; there is a time of *illumination*, when all else is seen to be vanity and