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AN INTERESTING BOOK.

Dr. J. M. Buckley, editor of the Christian Advocate, and a man of scholarly attainments, has written a highly interesting book with the title: "Faith Healing, Christian Science and Kindred Pseudoscience." The book is published by the Century Company, New York.

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St. Martins Anniversary. The first part of last week was occupied by the closing exercises of the seminary. These exercises have been of a character to do credit to those who participated in them as well as to the institution, and although the financial situation is still an embarrassing one, a general feeling of gratification and hopefulness seems to prevail.

—When the apostle said, "Owe no man anything," he did not add, "except the publisher of your religious newspaper." Possibly this is to be accounted for by the fact that in those days there were no religious newspapers.

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Principal deBiols then addressed the audience, giving some account of the work of the school during the year. When many of the friends whom he addressed were present there a year ago, he felt that the school had their best wishes.

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Most Untrustworthy. I regret that the Messenger should have reopened its columns to a reiteration of statements trustworthy, by a writer who justification seems to be the fact made a misleading statement don't wish to retract it. Mr. last week's issue, says—exact words: "I said that raised in the Province of New for home missions in only \$280.19." To which I replied, and I again reply, it that New Brunswick only raised for home missions in 1879, minutes of both Eastern and associations, as well as the Home Mission Society, prove the writer, in view of what in the issue of May 31st, which from the official documents, in trying to buttress up his which is a stigma on our New churches, is to me past.

1. It is a fact (see Eastern minutes, year 1879, page the churches of that association reported \$281.42 for home missions the supplemental report, reports \$87.65 for the same object.

2. It is a fact (see Western minutes, year 1879, page the churches of that association \$1,279.60 for missions, without how much was for home for foreign missions. The contributing this amount are in the Year Book for 1879 \$450.16 for foreign missions.

3. It is a fact that the minutes Book so called, are now printed out of home mission funds, a true comparison with the present is to be made, the minutes must be added to home missions then as now. For the year 1879 were reported as raised for prizes (see Association minutes

4. It is a fact (see Western 1879, page 16) that all Mission Society reports as raised year is \$667.69.

The churches report more raised for home missions through the society. That has case very frequently, perhaps for individual churches, on quarterly meetings have raised and disbursed it without any means of explanation before Mr. Creed has done, though on the reports of the churches is calculated to make the niggardly and mean. I was give an explanation of some larger figures in reports as Brussels street for that year, cludes nearly \$500 given by the of the church to the Home M. cety and to independent wor- ules, and I leave the brother his own conscience on the mat- St. John, June 15. J. E.

[We regret that Dr. Hopper Creed are unable to reach the clusion in respect to the money raised for home missions Baptist churches of this provin year 1878-9. We are unwilling, to suppose that either wished to do other than pres- has conceived to be the fact. From such examinations have been able to make of the we are led to think that it is not impossible, to obtain data of any positive or exact con- to the amount raised. In sup- statement that the amount was Mr. Creed quotes from the re- committee on home missions B. Western Association for the The same report, however, by Mr. Creed, shows that \$388 dition were received from the Fund, making a total of \$66 Hopper concludes, from data has referred to above, that more money was raised and during the year for home mis- sion through the hands of the user of the Home Mission So- credited to the large sum re- ferred to Brussels street of Creed accounts for it on the s of a typographical error in difference of \$600. Dr. Hopper it on the ground that such addition to the regular contri- church, were that year giv- deacons to the Home Missi- and to independent work. We understand, is the same known as "the Estabrook F. important question in the di- whether this donation is to be as an exceptional contri- reckoned among the ordinary tions of the year. Dr. Hopper latter view; Mr. Creed, the for point is one in which each re- position to exercise his own. We cannot see any reason for- ing this discussion in our on the brethren are not satisfac- matter rest here, we suggest have a competent committee investigate the subject, and, ascertain and report what ac- —Ed. M. & V.]

It is reported that in this county some time since a brother was ordained to the work of the ministry in one of our Baptist churches. There has no notice appeared of such ordination in the MESSENGER AND VISITOR. If such ordination did take place, some of the ministers must have been present, and must have taken part in it. Will some of those who took part in the ordination please let the public know who was ordained, and what church called the brother? Was he ordained to the foreign field or to the North-west, or was he ordained as an evangelist? The churches in this county would like to know, Ed. M. & V.

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