

have been mainly instrumental in effecting and maintaining this proper recognition of God's right to rule, and man's right to rest one whole day in seven.

It is very pleasant to hear Knox College spoken of by an American citizen in language of such sincere and hearty gratitude. This is his tribute to it:

Referring to Knox College, I need hardly remind you that it is doing a grand work for the church, not only in Canada but in the Republic as well. To mention the fact alone that it has sent out two such men as President Patton, of Princeton—who received his first theological training in Knox—and Prof. F. R. Beattie, of our own Louisville Seminary, is enough to cause all Presbyterians to thank God for the establishment of Knox College, and to rejoice in its increasing prosperity.

Being a Presbyterian, and knowing before his visit to the city of the work of this journal, he naturally refers to it. While modesty forbids our quoting his kind and flattering personal remarks respecting the proprietor and editor, we should hardly be human did we not feel gratified by his mentioning it as one of the features of Toronto to a Presbyterian, that it is where is located "THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN, the most influential organ of the church, in the Dominion."

Let all our readers specially note the testimony which he bears to our Sabbath keeping and the blessings which arise from it. God grant that both in Toronto and over the whole Dominion we may continue our Sabbath keeping as we now do or even better, and reap abundantly the individual, social and national blessings which invariably accompany or flow from it.

THE REV. MR. WILKIE AND THE INDORE COLLEGE.

THE Rev. Mr. Wilkie from India, who has now been with us for a few months for the sake of his health, has, all will be glad to learn, greatly benefited by his short visit home. They have been busy months, and it is a matter for gratitude on the part of the whole church, that though such has been the case, he returns very much improved in health. In a few days more he leaves Canada to set his face once again towards India. The prayers of the church will go with him that he may have a prosperous journey, be preserved in health and strength, and with his fellow-laborers in India be greatly blessed in their work. The Rev. Mr. Slimmon, whose ordination and designation for the Honan field in China we noticed last week, is now on his way thither, and he too, and all our missionaries in that distant land, amid their possible dangers, especially at this time, will be continually commended to God. Of our whole mission field and all our laborers in it in different lands, we do not doubt that it may be said of the church with truth that it has them all always in its heart, comforting and sustaining them with its sympathies, prayers and gifts.

With reference to the Rev. Mr. Wilkie, the whole church is aware how much his heart has been set, and what anxiety and labor he has spent upon establishing a college at Indore, a Christian college, which may be a centre of light and means of training and imparting instruction, which will consolidate, extend, and in every way advance the cause of Christ in that part of India where our church is at work. It is not at all necessary to discuss here the place which education should have in missionary operations. Much must depend upon the nature of the field as to the time when education shall be entered upon, but it would appear evidently a necessity that at some time it must be entered upon. Thus we have seen the Missionary Synod of the New Hebrides at its last meeting taking steps to provide for education. But in a country like India or that of China, it would seem indispensably necessary to provide means for education under Christian influences, pervaded with a Christian spirit. It is only in this way that a native church can be secured and one which will be self-propagating, an aim which more and more it is becoming evident to the Christian church she must sedulously and incessantly strive to attain to. Indeed it is only by this means that she can hope eventually to conquer and hold all lands for Christ.

Our church has already in so far sanctioned educational work as a Christianizing agency, in Formosa, by means of Oxford College, and by authorizing Mr. Wilkie to raise money for the Indore College, and commending his work in this respect to the liberality of the church. All who know what a struggle he has had to get means wherewith to lay what might be called merely the foundations of this work, will rejoice to learn that a wealthy lady in Ottawa, who, with her family and late husband, are well known in that city for their generous benefac-

tions to worthy objects, has generously come to the help of Mr. Wilkie, and of the church at home as well as in India, with a donation of three thousand dollars. This with other contributions which Mr. Wilkie expects, and which we hope will be in his hands before he leaves within a few days, will enable him to go back to his work with fresh hope and ardour. The whole church will rejoice with him that God has raised up at such an opportune time, during his brief visit home, so liberal a benefactor. The college, we trust, will long remain to do a noble work for Christ in Indore, will grow with the growth of the church, and strengthen with its strength, and Mr. Wilkie will, we trust, in the providence of God, be long spared in health and vigor of body, mind and spirit, to carry on for his Master the work which, with such toil and faith and patience, he has begun.

EARLY CHURCH HISTORY.

THE publication in our columns of the valuable article by the Rev. Samuel Houston, M.A., of Kingston, on "Early Days of Presbyterianism in and Around Kingston," which, we trust, has been read with the interest and profit which its merits deserve, will, we hope, suggest to many of our ministers whose tastes lie at all in that direction, the propriety and usefulness of doing for their respective neighborhoods or Presbyteries, so far as circumstances admit of it, what Mr. Houston has done for Kingston and its neighborhood as regards Presbyterianism. A vast amount of most interesting history respecting the early days of our church, which might still be rescued from oblivion and put into some practical and useful shape, is fast passing beyond reach and will soon be lost unless secured in some way. The American Presbyterian Church North has, or had if it is not now in active existence, a committee, charged with the collection and preservation in its archives of everything it could lay its hands on bearing upon the early history of their church. In Ireland much interest is being felt just now respecting the publication of the remaining volumes of the Records of the Synod of Ulster. What is said of these, may with equal truth be said of the scattered, buried, and soon will be forgotten records of our own early history.

"We should all know as much of our own history as possible. What a pity we cannot have circulated such an amount of matter of real interest amongst our reading people. It would tend much more to their true benefit than to have their minds stirred up continually with deceptive advocacies of new intrusions. We want to know more of the past. We are not ashamed of our history, nor do we seek to hide it, or act as if we did. By all means let us have more knowledge of those 'good old times,' men and manners, that in reality gave our church most of the good she has."

Why should not our church at its next Assembly meeting appoint such a committee to collect all the information respecting the early days of our church's history which it could possibly lay its hands upon. Such a committee, under the convenership of a man like Rev. Mr. Houston, or Rev. Dr. Gregg, would find a host of willing co-workers in all parts of the church, could gather up at a cost, which would be trifling compared with its value to the historian, a mass of information which might foster now by its publication in parts, at least, a love to and pride in our church which we much need, and would be invaluable to any future historian of our church, and grow in value from one generation to another.

The "Monthly Round Up" begins the *Altruistic* for September; following it is a "Character Sketch" of John Larkin Lincoln, by Arthur B. Chaffee, M.A.; "A Mortgage on the Twentieth Century," attempts in brief compass to forecast some features of that time from certain movements and a very imperfect glance at the state of things now prevailing. "Winnowings," is composed of brief notes from or of many current periodicals. "W. T. Stead as a Practical Reformer," is by Dr. Isaac Kay. These, with other briefer articles, make up what is a useful magazine for those whose time and opportunities do not permit of wider reading of this kind. The *Altruistic Review* Co., Springfield, Ohio, U. S.

The *Homiletic Review* for September contains, under the Review Section, readable and valuable articles on, "The Mental Demands of the Ministry," "Importance of Declaring all the Counsel of God," "The Second Service," "The Imprecatory Psalms," from the Epic of Paul (unpublished), by William Claver Wilkinson; "Lights on Scriptural Texts from Recent Discoveries." The Sermonic Section contains as usual a large amount of valuable matter. A special feature of this number is two chronological tables which will be of permanent use to many Bible students. All the other sections usually found in this monthly will be found varied, full and useful in their contents. Funk & Wagnalls Company, New York.

Books and Magazines.

HILL-CREST. By Mrs. Flewellyn. Cooper & Company, Toronto.

The writer of this story is a native Canadian, but now a resident of Lockport, N.Y. She writes in this book a story of humble home life, experience and training which, when well written as this is, possesses a perennial interest. The plot is laid in New York State, and tells of the life struggles of a motherless family of four girls—their troubles and pleasures, their hopes and fears, their friends and enemies, their difficulties and successes, their moral and physical growth. Unselfish devotion, unselfish friendship and unselfish religion, are inculcated behind a romantic description of the loves and sorrows of family life. The charming descriptions, the quaint character sketches, the abundance of incident, combine to make this book one which is sure of a quick and increasing sale. Its moral tone is much above the average of the fiction of the day. For this reason it will not only suit the hammock but the fireside.

THE BELLS OF IS, OR, VOICES OF HUMAN NEED AND SORROW. By F. B. Meyer, B.A. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.

After referring to a popular legend of Brittany which has given the title to this book, the author goes on to say: "It has always seemed to me, amid the submerged masses, deep down at the bottom of the ocean of human life, there are yearnings and desires for better life, that ring sadly and perpetually. Some of the ways in which I have sought to listen to and answer these, during my Leicester life, are narrated in this book, which serves to show what may be done in this direction amid the cares of a busy pastorate." A book written with this object by such a man as F. B. Meyer cannot but be interesting and helpful.

A CAMSTERIE NACKET; BEING THE STORY OF A CONTRARY LADDIE ILL TO GUIDE. By Jessie M. E. Saxby, author of Preston Tower, etc. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh and London.

This is a tale of a kind so popular just now, written in the Scotch dialect for the most part, a tale of seafaring, fishermen's life, with its terrible tragedies, of manse life, of an old Scotch servant of the manse with all the quaint peculiarities of that class, a tale of love and wedlock.

LOVE MADE PERFECT. By Rev. Andrew Murray. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.

This is little more than a booklet, but to the appreciative reader it will be precious. It consists of the substance of two addresses delivered at the South African Conference Keswick of 1893. The book breathes the spirit of the highest love, as only they who know the spirit and style of the writer will expect to find it. It is sufficient for a book on such a subject to find readers, to mention the name of Rev. Andrew Murray as the writer.

ALEXANDER MACKAY, MISSIONARY HERO OF UGANDA. By the author of Story of Stanley. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto.

This is 'one of the Splendid Lives Series. The name of Alexander Mackay, of Uganda, as a missionary hero, has become a household word wherever any interest is felt in missions. This is a story of missionary heroism and devotion, for young people. We hope it may be widely read, as it cannot but inspire the young to emulation of a noble life.

JIMMY AND HIS PARTNERS. By James Otis. A. I. Bradley & Company, Boston.

This is a story of boy-life somewhat of the street Arab kind. It is a story of human kindness on the one hand in a boy and what came of it for his good, and of boy close-fistedness on the other and how it resulted in disappointment and loss. The teaching of the book is wholesome to be put before boys.

The *Century Magazine* for September comes with a full, varied and interesting repertoire of articles. Youth claims the first two under the headings of "School Excursions in Germany," plentifully and instructively illustrated, and play grounds for city schools. "The Prince of Peace," by Jacob B. Bishop will well repay reading; "Across Asia on a Bicycle," with interesting illustrations, is continued, and "Love in Idleness." Articles in a lighter vein are "A Gentleman Vagabond," "The Whirligig of Time," "A Bachelor Maid," and "Jack Stanwood's Gal," "Adu'on, the Humorist," "Poe in Philadelphia," "A Jaunt into Corsica," "Recollections of Aubrey de Vere," are all interesting articles. The *Century Magazine* Co., New York, U. S.

All Knoxites have a kindly feeling for the *Knox College Monthly*, and always welcome it. The first two articles by the Rev. John Mutch, B.A., and Rev. R. Haddow, B.A., form the more solid part of the number for this month. The first treats of "Hosea's Conception of God's Feelings," the latter of "Sense at War with Soul." The others are more sketchy and are, "At the Jubilee," "Pastoral Work," "How I do my Visiting—a Symposium," "By the Graves of the Covenanters," and "Patrick Laing"—a poem. Under the head of Missionary we have an account of a "War Dance in the North-west," "Notes from the Field," "Bible Study," and "Our College" complete the number. Campbell & Paton, Milton, Ont.

The leading articles in the *Sanitarian* for September are a continuation of the "Proceedings of the American Climatological Association," "A Sketch of the Natural History of Mineral Waters," "Sanitary Topography, Climate and Mineral Springs of New York," "Small-Pox in Massachusetts; Review of its Prevalence," and "Mortality and Mortality Statistics." There are also to be found the usual excerpts and book notices and reviews. The *American News Company*, New York.

Littell's Living Age, September 8th, contains, besides other articles, that of Mr. Gladstone in the *Nineteenth Century*, "The Place of Heresy and Schism in the Modern Christian Church," "A West End Physician," from *Temple Bar*; "The Beginnings of the British Army, Artillery and Engineers," from *Macmillan's Magazine*; "Bank of England Notes," from *Cornhill Magazine*. *Littell & Co.*, Boston, U. S.