

DEATH OF THE REV. J. K. HISLOP.

It becomes our sad duty this week to record the death of the Rev. J. K. Hislop, which took place on the 9th inst., at the Manor, Avonton. Mr. Hislop was a native of Roxborough, Ire., Scotland, and came to Canada about thirty years ago. The first years of his Canadian life were spent in teaching. In 1856 he entered Knox College, and graduated in 1862. His missionary work while in the Divinity course was for the most part in the Essa group of stations, then in the Toronto Presbytery, but now forming a considerable portion of the Presbytery of Barrie. The people among whom he laboured while a student unanimously called him to be their pastor as soon as he was licensed, and in November, 1862 he was inducted over the united congregations of Alliston, Carlisle, Town Line, and Burns Church. Soon after his induction he opened two other stations—Angus and Ivy. For nearly eight years he laboured in this large field with an amount of energy and enthusiasm that knew no bounds but the limit of his strength. His labours were eminently successful. The stations soon grew into congregations. New churches were built and rapid progress made in every direction. In 1869 Mr. Hislop's health began to fail through overwork, and he asked the Presbytery to rearrange his large field, which was willingly done. The change however, came too late, and in the following year he was compelled to seek a field of labour that would tax his strength less than Essa. In 1870 he was settled over the Avonton congregation where he laboured with marked success until the Master called him to his reward. He never fully regained his strength, but his pluck and energy were so great, and the field so much smaller than Essa that he got through his work successfully. While preaching on the 12th day of November last he was taken ill, and during the winter suffered from severe bronchitis. To a man of active habits, and one that loved his Master's work so well, enforced idleness was a sore trial, but during the long, weary winter months he never complained. Towards spring his strength seemed to come back, and he had fixed upon the first Sabbath of May as the day on which he would again enter upon his pulpit work. But it was otherwise ordered. Before that day came he was seized with an attack of hemorrhage of the lungs, and it became evident to his friends as well as to himself that the end was near. On the 9th inst. the Master called and His servant was ready. The funeral took place on the following Saturday. Devotional exercises were conducted in the church by members of Presbytery. A very large number of sorrowing friends accompanied the remains to the Avondale cemetery in Stratford. A suitable sermon was preached in the Avonton church on Sabbath by the Rev. Mr. Hamilton, whose kind attentions to Mr. Hislop during his long illness can never be forgotten by the friends of the deceased. Thus passed away one who in his own sphere displayed many of the qualities that make a model minister of Christ. Modest and unassuming in manner, he had great energy and untiring zeal. Eminently peaceful in his disposition and genial in spirit, he was firm as a rock on all matters of principle. His preaching was characterized by earnestness, simplicity, and clear presentation of the Gospel. As a pastor he was kind, faithful and punctual in the discharge of his duties. His latter end was peace. He was ready to go or willing to stay, and when the final call came he calmly bowed to the summons of the Master he served so faithfully and loved so well.

THE "Intelligencer" gives this good counsel: Delegates to our ecclesiastical judicatories should go with their minds made up to stay until the final adjournment. . . . These judicatories are convened in the name of Christ, to transact business for His Church, and while much of this business is unfinished, to excuse one-half the members that they might go home is an injustice to those who remain, in that it doubles their responsibility; to say nothing of the bad moral effect on those who go, the brethren who stay, and the community at large. It may be added to this that the "bad moral effect" extends to the results of the work done by the thinned and decimated delegation. Cases occur in which, because of the absence of members appointed and charged to do their duty, action is taken the very reverse of that which would have been taken if the delegation had remained full. Delegates who do not intend to remain throughout the sessions should not accept appointments.

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. (Toronto: V. J. Gage & Co.)—The numbers for April and May have been received. They contain a variety of articles, original and selected, bearing directly on education, full of interest and value to teachers, advanced pupils, and all devoted to the advancement of learning. In addition to the discussion of educational questions, the "School Journal" contains much valuable information and news pertaining to the cause it is designed to promote.

THE WAY OF LIFE. Edited by W. A. Ogden. (Toronto: W. W. Whitney.)—This is a fine collection of hymns with music for the use of Sunday schools. It contains many of the familiar hymns that have established themselves in the favour of successive generations of Sunday-school children, and in addition, several new compositions of much merit. The work has been carefully edited by Mr. W. A. Ogden. It is printed with clear type on excellent paper, and the cheap price at which it is published ought to commend it for general use in Sunday schools.

THE ANCIENT CHURCH. By W. D. Killen, D.D. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—This work, well known to intelligent Christian readers, treats with fairness of the History, Doctrine, Worship and Constitution of the early Church. It is written in a clear and forcible manner. The student of Church history will find it valuable, and the general reader will peruse its pages with interest and profit. The present is a new and carefully revised edition, and it possesses another attraction in the shape of an introduction by the Rev. John Hall, D.D.

CHARLOTTE BRONTE. By Laura C. Holloway. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls.)—This excellent little work on Charlotte Bronte forms No. 88 of the "Standard Library." Miss Holloway writes most appreciatively of the famous authoress of "Jane Eyre." The story of her suffering life and noble achievement, is admirably told. It is much more satisfactory, and gives evidence of truer insight than Mrs. Gaskell does in her more formal and lengthy biography. The book is enriched by several of Charlotte Bronte's letters, and aphoristic extracts from her writings.

SONGS OF REDEEMING LOVE. (Philadelphia: John J. Hood.)—If young people of these days are not prepared to take their part in the services of praise in the Sunday school, the Church and in the home, the fault is their own. Publishing enterprise has brought standard hymns and music within the reach of all. Those desirous of cultivating singing of this description have every encouragement. These "Songs of Redeeming Love" form an admirable collection. It comprises many of those hymns that have become sacred classics. A commendable feature of this little book is that the notes are marked in such a manner that a beginner in the art of singing can almost at sight recognize them. The book is well printed and published cheaply.

THE LIFE OF ADONIRAM JUDSON. By his son, Edward Judson. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—When many names familiar to this generation have been forgotten, that of Adoniram Judson will grow in lustre as the years advance. That name, dear to the Christian heart, is intimately associated with modern missionary enterprise. The work accomplished by Judson in Burmah ranks among the striking testimonies to the power of Christianity. The story of that self-sacrificing life, with its trials and triumphs, is lovingly told by the filial biographer. A well written life of Adoniram Judson needs no commendation. From the nature of the case it becomes a Christian classic. The volume is beautifully printed, and embellished with a fine steel portrait, life-like in its accuracy, which brings out distinctly the marked features of that earnest face, on which so many, rescued from idolatry, gazed with fondness and esteem. Other portraits and illustrations enhance the value of a work which will have an abiding place in sacred literature.

THE ESSAYS OF GEORGE ELIOT. (New York: Funk & Wagnalls.)—Whatever came from the pen of this gifted writer will find multitudes of readers. While she lived, the simple announcement that George Eliot was engaged on a new work, was sufficient to awaken wide-spread expectation. No author could command such a large circle of readers,

and her contributions to English literature will continue to be read for many years to come. Mary Ann Evans had the faculty of inspiring many of her friends with what seems an exaggerated admiration. The editor of this volume is enthusiastic. The essays collected in this issue of the "Standard Library" are mostly reprints from the "Westminster Review." They are in keeping with the tone of that very clever and very self-sufficient organ of "advanced" theological thought. George Eliot's criticism of Dr. Cumming is merciless. She does not see a redeeming quality in the once popular preacher and exponent of prophecy. Edward Young, author of "Night Thoughts," comes in for keen dissection; but the severity of her strictures is relieved by a most genial and appreciative reference to William Cowper, whom she contrasts with the sordid and ambitious churchman. All the essays in the volume are very readable and suggestive.

THE PULPIT COMMENTARY. Edited by Rev. Canon H. D. M. Spence, M.A., and the Rev. Joseph S. Exell. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—Those interested in theological study owe a debt of gratitude to the enterprising publishers who have placed this and many other valuable works within the reach of readers on this continent. The contributors to this commentary are men of eminence in the respective churches to which they belong. The general introduction is by Canon Farrar. It possesses the literary characteristics for which he is famous. The introduction to the Pentateuch is written by Bishop Cotterill, of Edinburgh. The theme, "The Leading Principles of the Divine Law as Manifested in the Pentateuch," is treated in an exhaustive manner. The introduction to the Book of Genesis is by the Rev. Thomas Whitelaw, M.A., who also writes the Expositions and Homiletics. Brief but suggestive Homilies are also added by Bishop Montgomery, Professor Redford, the Rev. W. Roberts, and the Rev. Fred. Hastings. Besides a synopsis of the literature on Genesis, a most useful Homiletical Index is given. The plan of the work is excellent, and it is carried out with fidelity. The practical value of this commentary to the minister of the Gospel, and the intelligent student of the Divine Word is great. It will take rank with the best that has hitherto issued from the press. The present volume is reproduced from the eighth English edition of the work. The preacher who places "The Pulpit Commentary" in his library will be greatly helped in the effective preaching of Divine truth.

THE HOMILETIC MAGAZINE. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.) The opening discourse in the May number of this standard theological serial is by the Bishop of Norwich on "The Mindfulness of God." He speaks on this familiar theme with fine Christian feeling, freshness and beauty. The Department of "Practical Homiletics" is rich and varied. Several of the outlines are strikingly suggestive. The Rev. Frederick Hastings continues the series of "Obscure Scripture Characters,"—the subject in the present number being "The Roman Procurator's Wife; or Witness and Warning." In the "Clerical Symposium" there are two excellent papers—one by Professor Radford Thomson gives a thoughtful and well-considered answer to the question, "In what sense and within what limits is the Bible to be regarded as the Word of God?" and J. Robinson Gregory enunciates "The Argument from Prophecy in the Light of Modern Criticism." As the timely discussion of these important questions proceeds, we may expect that it will grow in interest. The "Expository Section" this month is very attractive. Rev. J. J. Lias continues his exposition of First John. The Rev. R. Baggallie writes on the "Holy Mount." Dr. Luthardt, of Leipzig, the Rev. Israel Abrahams, and Dr. W. B. Pope, are contributors to this section. Readers will find the "Modern Lazarus," by P. W. Darnott, a striking and original paper. The first part of Dr. Rainy's lecture on "Preaching" will be read with attention and profit. Preachers whose inventive faculty is not to be relied upon are provided with a selection of beautiful and forcible "Original Illustrations." It is probable they will not long remain "original." "The Homiletic Magazine" maintains its excellent reputation.

BEFORE leaving Kingston the Rev. Andrew Wilson was presented on behalf of friends in Brock Street congregation with a well-filled purse.