

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

ST. NICHOLAS (New York: The Century Co.)—*St. Nicholas* is as interesting and attractive as ever. Its reading matter is varied amusing and instructive and its pictorial excellence is fully maintained.

HARPERS' YOUNG PEOPLE. (New York: Harper & Brothers.)—This attractive periodical makes its weekly visits to many thousands of homes which are the happier for its coming. It abounds in instructive reading. Its tales and stories are healthful in tone and its engravings are generally of the highest artistic excellence.

TEACHING OF THE TWELVE APOSTLES. (New York: John B. Alden.)—From this enterprising publisher we have received two editions of this most interesting discovery made a short time since in a Constantinopolitan library. In the handsome little volume the Greek text and an excellent translation by J. Fitzgerald, M.A., is issued very cheaply. Still more cheaply the same is published in a number of *Choice Literature*, an excellent serial from the same publishing house. As a translation of the "Teaching of the Twelve Apostles" appeared in last week's *PRESBYTERIAN*, our readers will have been able to form their own estimate of its value.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. (New York: Anson D. F. Randolph & Co.)—The number of the *Review* for the second quarter of this year is in every respect an admirable one. Our crowded space, we regret to say, prevents anything like an adequate notice of this, one of the best reviews published on this continent. The articles are: "The Second Advent not Premillennial," by Professor W. Patterson, D.D.; "The Holy Sabbath," by Rev. J. H. McIlvaine, D.D. "Doctrinal Significance of the Revision," by Professor Llewellyn J. Evans, D.D. "Presbyterianism in its Relation to Congregationalism," by Rev. Joseph K. Wright. "Revised Book of Discipline," by Rev. Edward P. Humphrey, D.D., L.L.D. "The Dogmatic Aspect of Pentateuchal Criticism," by Francis L. Patton, D.D., L.L.D. In addition to the notes and notices of topics of current interest, we have the usual rich survey of Recent Theological Literature which comprehends all noteworthy books published in America and Europe.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

MR. EDITOR,—I have not had the pleasure of reading the article in the *Knox College Monthly*, to which you refer in your issue of this week, but I heartily endorse its contentions as you summarize them. I have seen a great deal of the working of the scholarship system in colleges and I am firmly persuaded that they do much more harm than good. The only plea which will at all justify them is that of aid to needy students, and it is unfortunately true that the most needy seldom get any benefit from them. Usually the competition for them is confined to a very few members of the nominally competing class, and it is no uncommon thing to find one student allowed to walk the course.

I cannot agree with you that it does no injury to the student to have constantly before his mind the lower motive suggested by scholarships. I am persuaded that such competitions as we have in all our colleges work incalculable moral mischief in this way, to say nothing of the tendency to "cram" which is the inevitable result. It is notorious that brilliant scholars, that is winners of scholarships, very often fall early behind more plodding men in all the professions.

What shall we do, then, with the donations offered by liberally minded men to encourage learning? While I am not prepared to say that they should be refused if the condition of the grant is the establishment of a scholarship, I think an effort should be made to induce the donors to devote the money to some more useful purpose, as *e. g.*, making additions to the Library, paying for single extra courses of lectures, etc., etc. A bursary of \$80 a year represents a capital sum of \$1,200 or \$1,300. In Knox College, able as the professors are, such a sum expended on lectures outside of their course would be of very great advantage—such as, for instance, the Yale lectures on preaching. Spent judiciously in the purchase of books it would provide an important addition to the library and thus confer a real benefit on all the students instead of a questionable one on a very few.

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EX-STUDENT.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

THE University of Glasgow has conferred the degree of D.D. on Professor Mowat, Queen's University, Kingston.

ALL communications intended for the Kingston Presbytery, are to be addressed for four months after the middle of May, to Rev. Alexander Young, of Nananee, interim clerk.

THE amount of subscriptions for Knox College Endowment, reported at the close of college, was \$150,000. Since that time Principal Caven, and Rev. W. Burns, the agent, have added about \$4,000, making \$154,000.

THE ballots for and against the introduction of an organ to Chalmers Church, Guelph, were counted on Tuesday of last week. The vote stood:—For, 49; against, 171; majority against the organ, 122. There are some 350 members in the church. It will thus be seen that 130 or upwards did not vote at all.

FROM the Halifax *Presbyterian Witness* we learn that the Rev. Dr. Burns leaves for Europe on the 2nd June. He attends the Presbyterian Council at Belfast where he is to read a paper. He will also attend the Conference of the Y.M.C.A. and the Evangelical alliance on the continent. Among the ministers who are to supply the pulpit of Fort Massey Church during Dr. Burns' absence will be Dr. Gregg, of Toronto, one of the best men in our Church.

DR. COCHRANE has received the following sums for the widow and family of the late Rev. J. Y. Thirde which have been forwarded her: James H. Duncan \$2; George Dempster, \$1; Rev. Dr. James, \$10; A Friend, \$1; David McGee, \$2; Rev. Wm. Inglis, \$5; Rev. Mr. McAlister, \$5; Miss Irvine, \$1; Rev. R. C. Moffatt, \$2; A Friend, Leith, \$1; per Rev. Dr. Matthews, \$20; member of Knox Church, Woodstock, \$5. Rev. Dr. Matthews, Quebec, additional, \$10; A Friend, Fergus, \$2; per Mr. Sinclair, Toronto, \$87. Total to date \$154.

THE Rev. W. D. Armstrong, of Ottawa, introduced an overture on the evils resulting from the intense party politics of the country. He pointed out some of these evils as affecting mutual good-will, public confidence and loyalty to truth in the community. The overture asked the General Assembly to take this matter into consideration and adopt such measures as may be deemed most effectual to abate the evil and develop a more calm and judicial spirit in the community with regard to all public questions. The Presbytery agreed to transmit the overture to the General Assembly.

THE congregation of Shelburne and Primrose have been prospering during the past year, notwithstanding the severe and protracted illness of their pastor, who we are glad to say is able for his numerous duties again. In the village a good brick manse is built, and occupied by the pastor, Mr. Straith. The additions made to the communion roll within a year are, in Shelburne fifty-nine, and in Primrose thirteen; total seventy-two. The contributions to the missions of the Church, notwithstanding a very disastrous harvest on account of frozen wheat, were nearly fifty per cent. more than ever. These congregations are evidently living and liberal Christian people.

ON Sabbath, May 4th, the congregation of Knox Church, Paisley, enjoyed their first Communion season since their new pastor, the Rev. G. B. Greig was settled among them. Preparatory services were held on the previous Thursday evening and Saturday afternoon. On Saturday the Rev. J. McDonald (Baptist) preached an able and earnest discourse to the large congregation present. The pastor occupied the pulpit on Sabbath both morning and evening. Thanksgiving services on Monday, ably conducted by the Rev. J. Edge (Methodist), fitly closed this pleasant and profitable season. The attendance at all the services was unusually large and the congregation has enjoyed "a feast of fat things." Altogether twenty-three new members were received, which is certainly very encouraging to both pastor and people and cause for devout gratitude to God.

THE united congregations, composed of members and adherents of the late Knox and Erskine Churches, Ingersoll, decided to worship under the name of St. Andrew's congregation, and in the beautiful church on Thames street. The above church was re-opened on Sabbath, the 27th April, where the Rev. H. M.

Parsons, the popular minister of Knox Church, Toronto, assisted by the pastor, the Rev. P. R. Ross, officiated and preached able, eloquent and impressive sermons, both morning and evening, besides teaching a Bible class composed of several hundred in the afternoon. The rev. gentleman took for his text in the morning, Eph. ii. 20-21, and spoke at great length of God's spiritual temple, comparing the spiritual with the material temple, he spoke of the foundation, which he alleged to be Jesus Christ—the material framework architect, the completeness of the whole building, and concluded an able discourse by gleanings of the following lessons:—1. Man's responsibility to be on and in Christ; to be living stones; to be built in with others, and to be indwelt by the Holy Ghost. 2. Man's reward. He shall be like Christ, shall be glorified with him, and shall be eternally the habitation of God; and even as in Solomon's temple the materials were wrought and fashioned far away from the building but gathered in to be completed and compacted, until at the dedication it stood forth, the joy of all Israel; so in the spiritual fabric, the materials have been fashioned for the last eighteen centuries, and throughout every part of the world, are being now prepared by the Spirit of God, through every form of discipline, culture and gracious adornment for that grand coronation day in which the completed temple shall stand forth, the exposure of an assembled universe. In the evening he took for his theme "The Inspiration of God's Word," holding tenaciously to the old theory, and proving clearly that the record (not the men) is inspired; that the men were only the pens used by God, and behind the Word stands not the writer, but the personality of God. The church was crowded on both occasions. The collections were exceedingly liberal. We are pleased to be able to say that the expense of repairing the church has been more than met by the contributions of the congregation. On Monday evening following the Rev. W. Cochrane, D.D., of Brantford, delivered his popular lecture, "Across the Rockies," etc., to a large and intensely interested audience. St. Andrew's congregation under its new name and in its renovated church starts under its pastor with bright prospects.

PRESBYTERY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.—This Presbytery met in St. Andrew's Church, Victoria, on the 10th inst. The members present were the Rev. Messrs. Stephen, Dunn and Anderson, and Messrs. Munro and Earl, elders. Rev. Mr. Dunn was appointed moderator for the next twelve months. The clerk read an extract minute of the appointment of the Rev. A. H. Anderson by the Colonial Committee and his ordination by the Presbytery of Glasgow to St. Andrew's Church, Nanaimo. His name was then placed on the roll, and he received the right hand of fellowship from the members present. The clerk also read an intimation from Rev. Dr. Gray of the appointment of Rev. Mr. Christie to Comox. It was agreed that Mr. Christie, on his arrival, should be asked to take charge of St. Andrew's Church for a few weeks in order that Mr. Stephen might be able to visit Nicola valley and neighbourhood, and learn the mind of the people as to their having a Presbyterian minister settled among them. In regard to one or two other districts on the mainland, the clerk was instructed to write to the Colonial Committee and urge their claims as strongly as possible. Rev. Mr. Anderson was appointed moderator of the Comox kirk session. The Presbytery then adjourned, to meet in the same place in October.

PRESBYTERY OF TORONTO.—This Presbytery held an ordinary meeting on the 6th inst. The name of the late Rev. D. Coutts was ordered to be taken from the Presbytery roll; and Revs. J. Dick and J. Pringle were appointed a committee to draft a minute in regard to him. Sympathy with Rev. F. Smith was also recorded anent the recent death of Mrs. Smith. In room of Mr. Kilgour, who will not be able to fulfil his appointment, Mr. G. Wallace was appointed a commissioner to the General Assembly. The name of Rev. D. B. McDonald was, with feelings of esteem ordered to be taken from the Presbytery roll, as by action of the Synod he is now connected with the Presbytery of Lindsay, and minister both of Mount Albert and St. Andrew's Church, Scott and Uxbridge. A gratifying report was received from a committee anent the best mode of working Stouffville and Ballantrae. In the hope of obtaining aid from the Augmentation Fund, the congregation of Stouffville, be-