

WINNIPEG CHURCH.

Since the last acknowledgment, the following sums have been raised for the Winnipeg Church. At Hamilton \$91.00, Burlington \$5.00, Paris \$6.00, Brantford \$7.00, London \$28.00. A friend in St. Paul, Minn. for charitable church objects \$25.00. With previous acknowledgment making a total paid and subscribed, of \$145.85. The friends of Winnipeg are deeply grateful to those in our own churches, and many of different denominations who so willingly assisted in this work. This sum with what has been and what can be raised in Winnipeg is still insufficient to erect a church that will meet the requirements of the place. It is therefore earnestly hoped that churches and individuals who have not yet contributed will do so, that the work may go on. Contributors will please note that unpaid subscriptions for 1880 are now due and may be forwarded either by the treasurer of their church or direct to Rev. W. Ewing, Winnipeg.

W. EWING.

Winnipeg, Sept. 16th, 1880.

THE LANARK CHURCH AND ITS NEW PASTOR.

Editor of "The Canadian Independent."

DEAR SIR, Knowing that matters of interest to any section of our particular branch of the church are of special interest to you, I take the liberty of sending you a few notes concerning this Section, known as, The Lanark Village Congregational Church. As you are doubtless aware, our former pastor, the Rev. J. Brown, left us early last spring to seek a new home and new fields of labor in the far West of our great Dominion. Well, after about six months of supply work, we are again in possession of a settled pastor. The Rev. B. W. Day having received the unanimous call of the church, and, having accepted the same, has commenced his labors in the Master's service amongst us. By previous arrangement, Mr. Day, with his family, was expected to arrive in our village on the evening of the 10th ult., and the members and congregation in connection with the church resolved to give their new pastor a social greeting on the evening of his arrival. Accordingly, before eight o'clock, "the appointed hour," the manse was filled with a lively and cheerful company, of both old and young; and the tables groaned beneath the weight of the entertainment provided. But alas! disappointment is the lot of humanity in this world. Every sweet must have its bitter intermixed. While all this was going on, a card was received from Mr. Day, who was then in Perth, only twelve miles distant, stating that by some blunder—railways are always making just such blunders—the car containing all his stuff, including horse and carriage, had been left behind at a station between Brockville and Smith Falls, and would not arrive until late in the evening, and consequently he could not get to Lanark until a late hour. However, the good people, determined on not being altogether disappointed, resolved to await his arrival, which finally took place about eleven o'clock. Then, after a cordial greeting, all sat down, and the hour being so late, the party did not remain long together after supper was ended, but after a little more music and talking, all quietly and pleasantly dispersed to their several homes, apparently well pleased both with their new pastor and his family, and with their evening's enjoyment, notwithstanding their long waiting.

After the crowd dispersed, it was discovered that some of the friends had been sensible enough to remember that, possibly, Mr. and Mrs. Day might chance to be individuals of like appetites with ourselves, and consequently might require something more substantial for the maintenance of the body than mere

greetings of welcome and one social supper: sundry bags and parcels, therefore, were found in the storeroom, which gave ample evidence that both the groceries and vegetable gardens had been compelled to pay tribute to the arrival of the new pastor and his family.

Yours truly,

ONE WHO WAS PRESENT

Lanark, Sept. 27th, 1880.

BOND STREET CHURCH, TORONTO.

The Rev. Dr. Wild, of Brooklyn, whose call to the above church and acceptance, we chronicled a week or two ago, began his pastorate last Sabbath, and was welcomed by the church and congregation at a social meeting the next evening. Failing a report from the church, we cut the following from the *Globe*: "At the Bond Street Congregational Church last evening a social meeting was held to welcome Dr. and Mrs. Wild and family to the city. After devotional exercises a verbal welcome was given in person by Mr. Edward Beckett, the chairman on the occasion. A solo by one of the gentlemen of the choir, Mr. G. Taylor, was sung very acceptably, as were the selections from Mozart's "12th Mass" by the choir. Welcomes from the different Sabbath Schools, attached to the church, were given to the new pastor. The whole proceedings were of a most agreeable character. After the ceremony of welcoming the pastor and his family had been gone through, refreshments were served in the vestry."

Literary Notes.

The following are on our table from the Standard Series of J. K. Funk & Co., New York.

Canada Health Journal. The first number of the fifth volume is before us. It is written in a popular style, giving information of value to every family on the preservation of health.

The National Sunday School Teacher, Adams, Blackner & Lyon, Chicago. We have had occasion to notice this magazine before as an excellent help for teachers, and we can heartily repeat our past commendation.

As the November No. will commence a fresh volume, and all manner of good things are promised we would advise that every family where there are young people, or what is the same, young hearts, should subscribe for it.

The Missionary Herald of the A. B. C. F. M. is one of our most welcome visitors, and from which we are able to glean many interesting facts about missionary work. Every pastor ought to take it—it is invaluable for missionary prayer meetings.

The Salon of Madame Necker, Vol. II. We have here some of the inner history of France during one of its most terrible, yet instructive times, and that from a contemporary pen. Madame Necker was a centre of literary and political life in her day.

The Thoughts of the Emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus. This translation, by Long, is esteemed the best open to an English reader. Of Aurelius it has been said that from its gallery of stateliest pictures heathen antiquity can furnish no nobler, purer, or more lovable picture than this crowned philosopher.

We have received also from the same house, in a neatly bound volume Stuckenburgh's "Christian Sociology," which we shall review as soon as read. It appears as the first of a new and important promised issue. Price, \$1.50. It is a new book in a new field, and if the introduction is sustained throughout we shall have the pleasing task of a favourable review. The press mark of J. K. Funk & Co. promises to be a guarantee of sterling worth.

The Hermits, by Charles Kingsley, is a re-publication of the second volume of "The Sunday Library for household reading." No one should tire reading English from Kingsley's pen, and his tales of "the hermits" open up in sympathetic lines the lives of devoted, much misunderstood and misdirected men.

John Ploughman's Pictures, by C. H. Spurgeon, Illustrated, is the last issue of the series on our table. This is, as declared, plain talk, which well deserves pondering. Racy, moral, religious, childhood and maturity alike may find therein instruction with amusement. Truly, we have not seen a poor book in all the series. The term "Standard" is no misnomer, and these for 15 cents each!

St. Nicholas for October closes the volume and a capital volume it has been too. The story of "Jack and Gill," and their companions is furnished, and will be immediately published in a complete volume. It has been described as "the strongest and tenderest current child-story in the language, full of rollicksome heartiness and beautiful sympathies—a story in which the girl-readers are honestly and safely delighted to meet live, manly boys; and boy-readers actually find themselves capable of being as interested in a home-scene as in a tiger-hunt—in a bright-faced, noble girl as in a gorilla."

The Phonetic Teacher, J. R. Vieroy, editor and publisher, St. Louis. Devoted to what is called "The Spelling Reform," and when we tell our readers that a part of its contents is "Discussions on vital cures in filoloji, etimoloji and orthoepi; and a pedagogical treatment on reading and spelling!" we expect their appetites will be so whetted for more of the same aliment that they will subscribe for the paper. (50 cents per year, published monthly.)

Scribner for October concludes the twentieth volume. It is not too much to say that its literary merit is equal to any that have preceded it, while the quality of the illustrations have been of the highest class. We are not surprised to find that with the attractions it offers *Scribner* has a large circulation in England, upwards of 10,000, we judge that its circulation in Canada is proportionately as large, and steadily increasing. The publishers promise a November number of unusual strength.

THE CANADIAN CONGREGATIONAL YEAR BOOK.

This pamphlet contains two hundred and thirty-seven pages and is the most complete thing of the kind that we have ever seen. It is divided into six general divisions. The first division is somewhat general, containing several pages of leading historical facts, relating to the progress of Christianity and the Congregational polity from Wycliffe down; a brief history of the rise and growth of Congregationalism in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick; the number of Congregational churches, ministers and members in every country kingdom, state and island in the whole world; the names of the several missionary societies, home and foreign, in these different countries, together with the number of missionaries they employ, the names of their officers, the amount of funds raised by each, the names of the several national and state bodies for fellowship, with the date of their organization and a list of their officers; the names of all the theological schools belonging to the denomination throughout the world, with the date of their formation, the length of their course of study and the number of their professors and students; the names of the several Congregational periodicals, with the place of publication and the names of their editors or publishers, together with the titles of the leading books relating to Congregationalism and its ordinances, the names and post-office addresses of the

Congregational ministers and churches in Canada, together with their Associations and their ecclesiastical record and official list for 1880.

Part second contains the minutes of the annual meetings of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec, and the Congregational Union of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, together with the constitution, rules, declaration of faith, and full statistics of the churches connected with these bodies. There is also given, at length, the address of the Chairman of the Congregational Union of Ontario and Quebec—Rev. J. F. Stevenson, D.D.—which is, with very slight changes, the same that he afterwards delivered before the Society for Religious Inquiry at the University of Vermont.

Part third is devoted to the interests of the Congregational College of British America, containing the course of study, rules, a catalogue of the officers, teachers and Alumni of the institution, which is a theological school to prepare men for the ministry.

Parts fourth, fifth and sixth are devoted to the benevolent work of the churches. They give the constitutions, officers, reports and receipts of the Canada Congregational Missionary Society; of the Nova Scotia and New Brunswick Missionary Society; of the Newfoundland Missionary Society; of the Indian Missionary Society; of the Congregational Provident Fund, for the relief of needy ministers or their families, and finally of the Congregational Publishing Society. This Year Book shows that the Congregational churches, in the British Provinces, on our northern borders, are thoroughly organized, earnest and enterprising. They have one hundred and sixteen churches and seventy-two stations; sixty-four ministers and eight thousand and twenty-one members. A body of Christians that shows such system, energy and organizing power and can put forth such a valuable Year Book will certainly be heard from in the future and we extend to them our hearty God bless you. *Vermont Chronicle, Sept. 18th.*

THE TRIFLER.

If the earthly history of some of our brethren were written down, if a faithful record were kept of the way they spend their time, if all the hours of idle vacancy or idler occupancy were put together, and a very small amount of a useful diligence deducted, the life of a bird or quadruped would be a nobler one, more worthy of its powers and more equal to its Creator's end in forming it. Such a register is kept. Though the trifle does not chronicle his vain words and wasted hours, they chronicle themselves. They find their indelible place in that book of remembrance with which human hands cannot tamper, and from which no erasure save one can blot them. They are noted in the memory of God. And when once this life of wondrous opportunities and awful advantages is over—when the twenty or fifty years of probation are fled away—when mortal existence, with its facilities for personal improvement and serviceableness to others, is gone beyond recall—when the trifle looks back on the long pilgrimage, with all the doors of hope and usefulness, past which he skipped in his frisky forgetfulness—what anguish will it move to think that he has gambled through such a world without salvation to himself, without any real benefit to his brethren, a busy trifle, a vivacious idler, a clever fool! *James Hamilton, D.D.*

The London Missionary Society, and the cause of Missions in India, have suffered a serious loss by the death of Rev. M. A. Sherring, a valued missionary, and the historian of Protestant Missions in India. The Church Missionary Society has also been greatly tried by the death, by drowning, of one of its honored secretaries, Rev. Henry Wright, a man who gave his time and fortune to the cause.