

## Literary Notices.

THE PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW for January is before us. Its contents are:

- I. "The Call to the Ministry," by Prof. Wm. M. Paxton, D. D.
- II. "The Right of the Poor," by Pro. Alfred Yeomans, D. D.
- III. "Are our Public Schools Godless," by Rev. H. D. Jenkins, D. D.
- IV. "Assyrian and Hebrew Chronology," by Rev. James Orr, D. D.
- V. "The Idealism of Spinoza," by Prof. J. M. Baldwin, D. D.
- VI. "A Hundred Years Ago and Now," by Prof. Herrick Johnson, D. D.
- VII. "The Organization of the Synod of Brazil," by Rev. J. Aspinwall Hodge D. D.
- VIII. "Editorial Notes" "Ministerial Education," by Prof. Briggs, D. D. "The New Creed of the Presbyterian Church in England," by Prof. Warfield, D. D., and
- IX. Fifty pages of Reviews of Recent Theological and General Literature.

As will be seen from the titles several of the articles are upon subjects of intense living interest, the great question of the "Right of the Poor" being the question of the day, ever coming to the surface in the class conflicts of our times, while the matter of Religion and the Public Schools burns hot along the line of Hierarchical Aggression. The twin subjects of the "Call to the Ministry" and "Ministerial Education" have an important bearing upon the welfare of the church, and the names of the writers are a guarantee of the treatment given. For the pessimist who thinks the world is going to the bad we cannot recommend a better tonic than Prof. Herrick Johnson's article on a "Hundred Years Ago and Now." He well says, "The best cure for pessimism is a dose of last Century. The best thing to do with a croaker is to put him to reading history," and in his own racy bracing way he passes that Century in review until one overflows with thankfulness for the days in which we live. Price \$3.00 per year, 80cts per number. Charles Scribner's Sons, New York.

We have received the "Twelfth Annual Report" of the W. F. M. S. Eastern Section. It is a neat and interesting pamphlet of seventy two pages giving a full account

of the proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Society held in Truro, with the addresses of welcome and reply by Mrs. Robbins of Truro and Mrs. McKee of Charlottetown, the President's address and the Reports of the Foreign Secretary and Board of Management. The Report tells of a good year's work done and a deepening interest in the cause of Missions.

We have received "*Life and Work*" a very neatly got up Congregational Magazine of Erskine Church, Montreal, a valuable help in the work to be done in the congregation, and a valuable record of the work done.

## MARITIME ITEMS.

A new church was opened at Summerfield, P. E. I., Rev. W. M. Tuft's congregation, on the 13th of January. It will seat 300, and cost \$2100. The church is a good one, well finished and very convenient in all its appointments.

The congregation of West Bay, C. B. was visited by committee of Presbytery, Jan. 17th, who found the congregation prospering both temporally and spiritually. There are no arrears, and \$280 have been raised for the schemes of the church during the year besides \$228 for incidental expenses. At the last communion in July 27 were added to the membership of the church. At the suggestion of the committee an effort is being made to increase the pastor's support to \$800 per annum.

Wood Islands, P. E. I. has had a prosperous year. It has paid the debt which seven years ago was \$1500. Catechist's salary is all paid and pastor's as well, and \$179 raised for the schemes.

St. Andrew's Montague, P. E. I. held its annual meeting Jan. 14th. Total for schemes during the year \$115.50, for all purposes \$1814.25. The congregation is young but full of life. Only 14 years ago they built the first church, and last spring were separated from Georgetown.

Purity of heart is that quick and sensitive delicacy to which even the very thought of sin is offensive.—*Chalmers*.