

ly. We depreciate legislation and litigation where it can be avoided. We have unbounded faith in the righteousness of the cause, and of its ultimate triumph if we are faithful in prosecuting it.

#### Home Mission Committee.

The Executive of the Home Mission Committee has been called to meet in the Lecture Room of Knox Church, Toronto, on Tuesday, 8th October, at half past nine o'clock in the morning. The usual half-yearly schedules from Presbyteries, together with statements showing the number of missionaries required for the winter months, should be in the hands of Dr. Somerville some days prior to the date of the meeting. Missionaries desiring work for the winter months, should communicate with Dr. Somerville before 1st October.

As a very large number of men withdraw from the mission field at the present time, including students returning to College, as well as a number of the missionaries who came from Britain, it is hoped that a considerable number of the younger ministers of the church may prefer their services to the Home Mission Committee.

By an absurd mistake the papers for a number of new subscribers at Finch have been going to Cornwall for the past two or three weeks. The error has been rectified.

The Presbyterian Witness says: The Presbyterian Church holds to the one unerring infallible Teacher—the only King and Head of the church—to Him and Him only. She utterly repudiates the assumption of inferrancy or infallibility on the part of popes, councils, assemblies at Westminster or anywhere else. . . . We are on safe ground, on the only right ground, while we recognize the leadership of Christ. If his word dwell in us richly, and if conscience and reason bow to Him, we shall not petrify in dead and useless formalism or dissolve in shapeless and invertebrate instability. Those who have the Spirit of Christ are of the body of Christ, and the body of Christ is the true and living and progressive church.

The sensation of last week was the attempted assassination of the President of the United States, the work of an anarchist. Feeling reference was made to the matter in many pulpits last Sunday. In St. Paul's Rev. Dr. Armstrong referred to the sympathy felt by the Canadian people for the nation sorrowing for its chief magistrate. Dealing with the teachings of the Gospel, the pastor stated that unless people come under its power there is no sure and safe protection against such crimes as the shooting of the President. Anarchists do not believe in the Bible, and even doubt the existence of a God. They thus divorce themselves from all feeling of moral responsibility, and being so freed, they do not hesitate to commit lawless and desperate crimes, murder itself has no dread for them. Mr. McKinley is doing well, and good hopes are entertained for his recovery.

#### Literary Notes.

THE LEDGER MONTHLY for September opens with an illustrated article on the Isle of Wight. "The Paradise of Babies" tells of the sports and games of Japanese children. The number contains several good short stories, and also continues the serial "Doris Kingsley."

The opening article of FRANK LESLIE'S MONTHLY for September is upon the art of photographing birds, written and beautifully illustrated by Mr. A. H. Verrill. Booker T. Washington contributes an important paper on "How Work is Done at Tuskegee." A third article is an account of the Whipping Post as it is in operation at Delaware to day. Several good stories make up a readable number of this magazine. Frank Leslie Publishing House, New York.

The September Number of HARPER'S MAGAZINE is exceptionally bright containing several short stories, among which are, "The Surrender of Sister Philomene," by Elizabeth G. Jordan; and "The Case of Thomas Phipps," by Thomas Bailey Aldrich. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward has the first instalment of a story entitled "His Wife," and Arthur Symons has a beautifully illustrated article on the city of Prague.

BLACKWOOD'S EDINBURGH MAGAZINE for August contains many readable articles, including the following: "Three Years with the Metropolitan Fire Brigade;" "Across the Himalayas in Mid-Winter;" "Portland;" "Three Novels" discusses Mrs. Craigie's "The Serious Wooing," Mr. G. J. Moore's "Sister Teresa" and Mr. Edward Hutton's "Frederick Medale." "Fountainblue" is a very good short story by John Buchan. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

THE LADIES' HOME JOURNAL for September is the special Autumn Fashion Number and contains much helpful information. Those who have enjoyed "Wild Animals I have known" will be much interested in an article by Myra Edmons entitled "With Ernest Seton Thompson in the Woods," while readers of "Little Women" will wish to read the series of letters written by Louisa May Alcott to Alfred Whitman, whom she acknowledges as the original of "Lawrie." Mrs. Rorer's page on the cooking of cereals is most practical. The Curtis Publishing Company, Philadelphia.

THREE DIALOGUES BETWEEN HYLAS AND PHILONOUS, by George Berkeley; The Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago, 25 c. This reprint of Bishop Berkeley's famous dialogue, as one of the volumes in The Religion of Science Library is to be commended for its neatness as well as its cheapness. It brings a book which is a classic, both from the philosophic and literary standpoint, within the reach of all. The volume is well printed and contains, in addition to the dialogues, the original dedication, a fac-simile of the original title page and the following illustrations, a portrait of the metaphysical bishop, Whitchell Dean Berkeley's Residence in Rhode Island, and Berkeley's Alcove, Hanging Rocks Rhode Island. We cannot now discuss Berkeley's Idealism and the influence it has had but as is well known, the gentle bishop possessed in rare measure the speculative faculty and has taken an important

and permanent place in the history of philosophy. We are glad therefore to see his works brought out in this cheap, popular and attractive form.

The September number of TABLE TALK contains some very excellent articles; one entitled "Mushrooms, Their Food Values and Poisonous Properties" goes into the subject exhaustively. It tells you how to detect the poisonous ones and how to prepare the good ones. "Queer, Quaint and Curious Korea" is written by an old traveller, who has in her travels, gone out of the beaten paths of globe trotters, and has given in this article information about the queer customs of these little-known people that will interest anyone. The illustrated dishes in the department cookery is a permanent and desirable feature of this helpful household magazine. Table Talk, Philadelphia, Pa.

"The Great Awakening in Japan" is described in full in THE MISSIONARY REVIEW OF THE WORLD for September; Rev. Theo. M. MacNair tells graphically of the new and vital interest which the people of the island Empire are taking in Christ and his Gospel. Dr. Pierson writes of the life and work of "John Eliot, the Apostle to the Red Indians." The story of his zeal and the results of his labors is inspiring. Other papers of importance among the varied contents of this number deal with Korea, China, and India. The general intelligence department covers the entire world in its items of news and pointed paragraphs. Funk & Wagnalls Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2 50 a year.

QUEEN'S QUARTERLY for July presents quite a varied budget. The opening article, "The German Reichstag," A Study in Comparative Politics, is well worth a careful reading, and brief as it is gives a luminous view of the political situation in Germany. Economic points connected with some Chemical Industries, is contributed by J. Waddell; and an article of an altogether different nature is supplied by W. Conway Cartwright, namely "Personal Reminiscences of Bishop Strachan." Dr. S. W. Dyde discusses Socrates his Person and Word, showing first what testimony we have as to the work of the great Greek thinker, and what view we are justified in forming when this testimony is critically handled. "But all criticism aside, what a superlative pioneer he made, hewing through polite inertia, sceptical jest or desistance, and organised opposition with a dauntlessness which is almost incredible, having no such plain finger-posts as had Plato to guide him, and making his way *Ohne Host, aber ohne Rast* towards the open hand of truth." Dr. J. Watson gives a brief pointed criticism of "The Utilitarians" by Leslie Stephen. The most sensational article of the number is the one on Archibald Lampman by John Marshall. Mr. Marshall thinks we are in danger of overpraising the home product, and of thinking that Canadian literature is first-class. He proceeds to dispel this illusion, and shows that those who idolise Lampman as a poet of the first rank are very much mistaken. Some may think that while in the main correct the critic has ranked Canadian efforts after literature too low.

It is utterly impossible for God to set apart what is not consecrated to him. He exhorts His people to present their bodies a living sacrifice.