

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE MINISTER'S HANDBOOK. By Marvin R. Vincent, D.D. (New York: A. D. F. Randolph & Co.)—This manual of 119 pages is got up in the most convenient and serviceable form, with red edges and limp morocco cover. It contains forms for baptism, marriage, the Lord's Supper, burial, and the ordination of elders and deacons, with classified selections of Scripture for the sick-room.

JOHN KNOX AND THE SCOTTISH REFORMATION. By Rev. John Nichols. (Montreal: W. Drysdale & Co.)—This pamphlet contains a lecture delivered by Mr. Nichols in St. Mark's Presbyterian Church, Montreal, on the 26th of February, 1882. Comprehensive and full of thought, it supplies in short space a truthful picture of Knox and his times, and will be found of much value, especially by such as do not find it convenient to read history at length.

AN ESSAY ON THE CHARACTER OF JESUS CHRIST. By the Rev. J. Carmichael, Markham. (Toronto: Hunter, Rose & Co., 1882.)—This is a well-written Essay on a subject that has often been dealt upon, viz., that the character of Christ is a very weighty evidence of the truth of the Christian religion. That character was not the product of the age in which Jesus lived. It could not have been forged, for none could have either imagined or sketched such a character from mere fancy. If real, then the conclusion is evident. Those who purchase this publication will find the argument put tersely and effectively.

THE SOUTHERN PRESBYTERIAN REVIEW. (Columbia, S. C.: James Woodrow.)—The April number of this quarterly contains an extended notice of the life and labours of the Rev. Stuart Robinson, by Dr. Peck, of Union Theological Seminary, and several other papers on various subjects, chiefly of an ecclesiastical character, among which may be mentioned as specially noteworthy, "Presbyterian Government not a Hierarchy but a Commonwealth," by the late Rev. Dr. Breckinridge, and "The New Theory of the Ministry," by the Rev. Dr. Girardeau, Professor of Theology at Columbia Theological Seminary.

THE CENTURY MAGAZINE. (New York: Century Publishing Co.)—The May number of the "Century" opens with a paper entitled "The Canadian Mecca." It is written by Dr. W. G. Beers, and gives a picturesque description of the Roman Catholic pilgrimages to the village of Ste. Anne de Beaupré and its alleged miracle-working spring. Under the heading "Carlyle in Ireland," we have the beginning of that author's recently discovered work. In an article entitled "Lecturing in Two Hemispheres," Mr. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, gives his impressions of the audiences which he has encountered in various parts of the world, including Canada. Altogether, the number is very rich in interesting matter.

THE AMERICAN ANTIQUARIAN. (Chicago: Jameson & Morse.)—This is a quarterly publication of which we sometimes see an odd number, and which we should be glad to see and notice regularly. The number now before us—the second for the year—among much matter that is of interest to the greater number of thoughtful persons, contains a paper by Professor Campbell, of McGill College, Montreal, on the subject of his "Proposed Reading of the Davenport Tablet." With the aid of very plain diagrams the Professor removes every doubt as to the fact of a close resemblance—in some instances amounting to identity—existing between the characters used by the ancient Hittites of Western Asia in their inscriptions and those employed by the Aztecs of Mexico and the "mound-builders" of the northern and middle States. Another discovery of no small significance is that of a marked resemblance between these ancient alphabets and that now in use among the natives of the Korean peninsula. These remarkable discoveries will undoubtedly, as the learned discoverer says, serve to "link the old world with the new, destroy many false ethnological theories, and prove a stepping-stone to a truer science of the past in this continent."

The British Museum has received nine cases of tablets, numbering about 5,000, dating back to 646 B.C. They are from the site of the ancient Sippara, or Sepharvaim mentioned by Sennacherib in his letter to King Hezekiah.

MINISTERS AND CHURCHES.

MR. ANDREW HENDERSON, B.A., has received a unanimous call from Bothwell and Sutherland's Corners. Stipend \$800 and a manse.

THE foundation of the new church edifice to be erected by the congregation of Knox Church, Durham, is laid, and the work of building will proceed with dispatch.

MR. JAMES DOW, student from Queen's College, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church at Parry Sound last Sabbath, and will continue to supply it during the summer.

COMMUNICATIONS intended for the Clerk of the Presbytery of Quebec should be sent, for the next four months, to the Rev. J. R. MacLeod, Kingsbury, Que., who has been appointed Clerk *pro tem.* during Rev. F. M. Dewey's absence.

A CONGREGATIONAL meeting was held in Knox Church, Elora, on the 24th ult., to consider the question of the Rev. Mr. Fisher's resignation of his charge. After considerable discussion it was decided that although the congregation felt reluctance in parting from Mr. Fisher, it would be unfair to those desiring his services in Manitoba to stand in the way of his departure to a sphere where his services may be even more useful than they have been in Elora. The change, it is hoped, will be beneficial to Mr. Fisher's health.

At a meeting of the Presbytery of Barrie, at Bond Head, on April 16th, Mr. J. K. Henry was taken on trials for ordination. These being sustained, the Presbytery proceeded to ordain Mr. Henry, and to induct him to the charge of First West Gwillimbury and Cookstown, in presence of the congregation. Dr. Fraser presided; the sermon was preached by Mr. D. James, and addresses were delivered to the newly-inducted minister and to the people respectively by Messrs. J. J. Cochrane and J. Gray. The people welcomed their minister at the door of the church as they retired.

A PLEASANT occurrence took place at Rupert, Masham, Que., on the 14th April. The residence of Mr. W. D. Leslie, an elder of the congregation of Wakefield, and superintendent of the Sunday school in Masham, was visited by the teachers and scholars, who, in view of his leaving Rupert, presented him with an address expressive of their appreciation of his faithful services among them as their Sabbath school superintendent for the past twenty years, and also with a well filled purse. After spending a pleasant evening with him and his family, in the course of which many regrets were expressed at his separation from them, they returned to their homes well pleased that they had so successfully surprised him.—COM.

THE following appointments were made on the 20th ult. by the Home Mission Committee of the Presbytery of Manitoba: The Rev. John Anderson was appointed to Burnside and Portage la Prairie West, after his arrival in the Province; Mr. D. Anderson was appointed to assist the Rev. W. R. Ross in the Boyne District, Mr. Townsend was appointed to Archibald, and Mr. A. McLaren to Shell River. It was proposed to send Mr. D. G. Sinclair to Carrot River, but as that gentleman has not arrived in the Province yet, the appointment was not definitely made. The Rev. Mr. McRae was appointed to the Beautiful Pains, after the arrival of Mr. Anderson; Mr. F. W. Johnson goes to Grand Valley, and Mr. Murray to Dominion City. To South Oak River the Rev. Mr. Fisher was appointed, Mr. McKay to Milford and Lang's Valley, Mr. Greig to Cypress River, Mr. Hardie to Oak Lake, Mr. Malcolm to Peacock's, Mr. McArthur to Westbourne, Mr. Cameron to the Qu'Appelle, and Mr. T. Nixon will labour among the railway men west of Flat Creek. The Rev. J. Stewart is expected in the Province within the next week, and will labour for a time in Springfield and Sunnyside. It is likely that more appointments will be made in a short time.

THE Presbytery of Sarnia met by appointment at Corunna on Tuesday, 25th ult., for the purpose of inducting Rev. Jas. McKutcheon into the pastoral charge of Corunna and Mooretown. There were present Messrs. Thompson, Cuthbertson, McDonald and McAlmon, ministers, and Mr. D. Mackenzie, elder. The edict was returned with certification of having been duly served, and there being no objections offered, Mr. Cuthbertson, at the request of the mode-

rior, proceeded to the pulpit and preached an appropriate discourse. After the sermon the moderator gave a narrative of the various steps taken in the call, and put the questions usual in such cases, which were answered by Mr. McKutcheon. The induction prayer was offered up, after which the moderator inducted Mr. McKutcheon into the pastoral charge of Corunna and Mooretown. Mr. McDonald addressed the minister, and Mr. McAlmon addressed the people in suitable terms in regard to their respective duties. Thereafter the meeting was closed with the benediction. A meeting was held at three p.m. at Mooretown church, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. McAlmon and McDonald, thereby closing the proceedings of the day. We wish Mr. McKutcheon great comfort in his new relationship to these congregations.

THE following is a copy of the resolution adopted by the Presbytery of Barrie on March 21st, in connection with the translation of Rev. D. McDonald, M.A., from the charge of East Nottawasaga, Creemore, and Dunedin, to that which he now occupies:—"In consenting to the translation of Mr. D. McDonald, M.A., to the charge of St. Andrew's Church, Carleton Place, and St. Paul's Church, Franktown, in the Presbytery of Lanark and Renfrew, the Presbytery desires to express its regret at parting with a brother whom they hold in great esteem. Rarely absent from the meetings of this court, he has been found kind and courteous in bearing, sound in judgment, not obtrusive, but always ready to take part in the Presbytery's work and execute its commissions. His appearance has been always welcomed in different congregations in the bounds, as he assisted in the services of the church, or contributed to the entertainment of their social gatherings. After thirteen years in a charge of a large extent, and in other respects difficult and laborious, he has earned a good reputation as a pastor—faithful in his ministrations, diligent in visitation, and active in promoting temperance and every good work. The brethren of the Presbytery follow Mr. McDonald to his new sphere of labour with the hope and warmest wishes that he may be abundantly successful by the Divine blessing in prosecuting the work of the Lord."

PRESBYTERY OF BRUCE—This Presbytery held an adjourned meeting at Paisley on the 18th and 19th ult. There were fifteen ministers and eight elders in attendance. Mr. J. C. Eckford was appointed assessor to sit in the session of St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, and Mr. Thomas McLennan in the session of Balaklava. Leave was granted to the moderator of the session of St. Paul's Church, Walkerton, and Balaklava, to moderate in a call to a minister from that charge before next meeting of Presbytery, should they be prepared for it. There was read a call from the congregation of Kirk Hill, in the Presbytery of Glengarry, to the Rev. Wm. Ferguson, of Glammis. Rev. D. Cameron, Lucknow, was heard in behalf of the Presbytery of Glengarry, and the congregation of Kirk Hill in support of the call, and Messrs. Doherty and Beaton on behalf of the congregation of Glammis. The call being placed in Mr. Ferguson's hands, he intimated his acceptance of it. It was agreed to grant the translation, express sympathy with the congregation of Glammis, and instruct Mr. Ferguson to await the action of the Presbytery of Glengarry. Messrs. Strath, McLennan and Eadie, ministers, were appointed to prepare a suitable minute anent Mr. Ferguson's resignation. Mr. McLennan was appointed to preach and declare the church at Glammis vacant, so soon as notified by the clerk that Mr. Ferguson had been inducted into the pastoral charge of Kirk Hill, and to be moderator of the session of Glammis. Mr. McLennan was further instructed to secure regular pulpit supply for Glammis by members of court from the date of its vacancy until the next regular meeting of Presbytery.—The resignation by Mr. Forbes of his pastoral charge was considered. Mr. Forbes was heard, adhering to his resignation, and expressing his desire to be relieved of the pastoral charge of Kinloss and Bervie. Papers were read from Kinloss and Bervie, and Mr. Malcolm, commissioner from Kinloss, was heard on behalf of that part of the charge, setting forth that it was the unanimous desire of that section of Mr. Forbes' charge that he should continue his labours amongst them. On motion of Mr. Scott, seconded by Mr. Tolmie, it was unanimously agreed to, "That the resignation of Mr. Forbes lie on the table until next ordinary meeting of Presbytery, and that he be asked seriously to reconsider it, in the light of the evidence now received of the desire of the con-