

it, from time to time; at present we think that we have proved by independent testimony the fact that if the Conservative leaders in England find that they have provoked fierce opposition, they have themselves to blame as they have lent themselves to a scheme for taking advantage of the large majority given to them for an entirely different purpose.

Literary Notes.

The October Ladies' Magazine shows a very attractive cover, and the contents do not belie the cover. Several bright short stories have a prominent place, while among the articles are the following: "The Woman's Club of the Future," "French Mothers and Their Influence" and "Hallowe'en Frolics." The various pages of special interest to the home maker discuss the fashions for the winter, the making of catsup, etcetera. The Dyas Publishing Company, Toronto.

The following are some of the subjects discussed in the October Blackwood's: "Mere Children in Finance" (University professors), "The Home of the German Band," "The Elevation of Thomas Atkins," "The Treasury and Art—in Scotland", and "Sport and Politics under an Eastern Sky." In the way of Poetry there is a "Night Chant of a Nomad Asiatic Shepherd" by Giacomo Leopardi, and "Britannia's Seal" by Wallace Bruce. "Episodes in the Adventures of Mr. D'Hariest", "The End of the Tetter" and "On the Heels of De Wet" are continued. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

The Rev. Mr. Tinling of England addressed a special meeting of the Ottawa Ministerial Association on Monday afternoon on the subject of the federation of the churches. He gave a very interesting account of the situation in England. He dwelt at some length on the attitude of Nonconformists toward the Education Bill. His opinion is that the Nonconformists will not submit. Mr. Tinling was warmly thanked for his address. The churches in Canada are drawing closer to each other and federation among them is among the possibilities of the near future.

The following paragraph from the Pittsburgh Presbyterian Banner seems to be quite in line with what is said in another article respecting evangelistic services: "No pastor or church needs to wait for a special evangelist: let every pastor and church begin to use the means of grace, pressing the gospel upon the unconverted by preaching and personal work, and the Spirit will be poured out and a harvest will be gathered." Christian people who want the churches revived and lost sinners brought into the kingdom, should not forget what the Master has said: "Wherever two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them;" and where Jesus is present in the Living Word and by the Holy Spirit, there, praying Christians, with faith in God's promises and ready to obey his call to work, have a right to expect the desired and promised blessings.

THE ANNUAL CONVENTION

THE ONTARIO LORD'S DAY ALLIANCE.

The Ontario Lord's Day Alliance will meet in Annual Convention in Jarvis street Baptist Church, Toronto, on Thursday and Friday, the 6th and 7th November.

The General Executive Committee will meet at 2 p.m., Thursday, to prepare the Annual Report, to nominate officers and to consider the future policy and plans of effort.

The year has been one of decided progress in the extension of the organization, in the arousing of public interest, if not in legislative endeavor at least in clearing the way for such effort by establishing provincial jurisdiction, and in successful dealing with various inroads on the integrity of the Lord's Day by kindly suasion, public remonstrance or by the enforcement of existing law. Full report will be made to the convention.

If possible, a new Secretary will be nominated to give his whole time to Ontario, leaving the General Secretary free to give all his time to Dominion work of which Ontario will rightly claim its fair share.

On Thursday evening a mass meeting will be held in the large and comfortable auditorium of the church, to be addressed by Rev. I. Edgar Hill, D.D., of Montreal, President of the Quebec Provincial L.D.A., and the able leader of the forces in the winning of a series of splendid victories in defense of the Sabbath in his own city. Dr. Hill is a most forceful and eloquent speaker. It will be worth while for Toronto people generally as well as delegates from all parts of Ontario to hear his address. There will be other addresses worth listening to the same evening but Dr. Hill's will be the main feature.

On Friday, the two business sessions of the Convention will begin at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively. All members of the Alliance and other interested friends are entitled and invited to be present.

Delegates from outside Toronto should purchase single fare tickets and ask for standard certificates, which, being signed by the Secretary of Convention, will entitle them to return for not more than one third fare.

A GENTLE REMINDER.

Within the past few weeks accounts have been sent to all subscribers in arrears. To each individual the amount involved is small; but the aggregate to the Publisher is large. We ask for prompt remittance. Should there be any error we shall be glad to make it right.

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history in humanity, the Bible just because it partakes in the general condition of all books and particularly ancient books, can become the object of criticism."—Vera.

THE CRITIC'S CORNER. III.

Roman Catholicism and Higher Criticism.

Some people look upon the investigation of ancient documents which goes under the name of "Higher Criticism" as a dreadful and dangerous form of activity. In our corner we may have something to say about it from time to time, and now we merely emphasise the fact that it is not confined to one branch of the church: in all but the smallest and most obscure sects it has its place, and does its work. My thoughts are led into this train by the sight of a little book which lies before me: it is entitled "Etudes Biblique" and is written by Alfred Loisy, a dignitary of the Roman Catholic church in France. This writings of this scholar have attracted wide-spread attention and are I believe under the consideration of the central authorities at Rome. He takes the position that Biblical criticism is a science having its own laws and methods and as such it must be honoured and respected by the church. The book is made up of six chapters on the following subjects: "Biblical Criticism," "The History of the Dogma of Inspiration," "The Biblical Questions and the Inspiration of the Scriptures," "The First Twelve Chapters of Genesis," "Catholic Opinions on the Origin of the Pentateuch," "The Gospel According to Saint John." These are subjects of interest to all classes of students, and it must always be instructive to us to observe how they are handled by men who belong to a different church and move in a different atmosphere. With regard to details of interpretation there must always be room for various views but the serious question that troubles some people is this: Do the results which profess to be based on scientific investigation tend to modify our views of the great facts of inspiration and revelation, and, if so, in what way? The following passage gives a brief answer by a Roman Catholic and in giving this he is speaking to his own students and not making an attack on Protestants. "The study of the Bible furnishes ample material for criticism. Doubtless as a divine book the Bible is above criticism. Scholars have not to verify the inspiration of the sacred books; this fact necessarily eludes all scientific proof; it is attested by revelation and by the church, the interpreter of revelation; the transcendent character of the Bible compared with the other documents of antiquity, may serve to demonstrate it indirectly but not in an absolute manner. In the same way, the scholar has not to define the proper object of the divine revelation which is contained in the Bible; an infallible authority is necessary for that, and that authority belongs only to the church. But if the Bible is truly a divine book it is also, and in every sense of the term a human book. The divine thought has become human in the mind of the sacred authors; it is so to speak, incarnate in the sacred book, and so it can be analysed. The composition of the scriptures and their preservation have been accomplished under a special guidance of Providence; but they are historic facts capable of being examined under this head, in so far as it is a book human in its form, having its origin and