

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY.

MANAGING EDITOR: GEORGE SUMMEY, D. D., LL. D.

ASSOCIATE EDITORS: G. B. STRICKLER, D. D., LL. D., R. C. REED, D. D.,
F. R. BEATTIE, PH. D., D. D.

VOL. XVI.

JULY, 1902.

No. 1.

- I. THE ADAMIC PRINCIPLE IN THEOLOGY. R. A. Webb, D. D.
 - II. "THE EGYPTIAN BOOK OF THE DEAD." F. R. Beattie, D. D.
 - III. THE YOUNG PEOPLE'S MOVEMENT. R. C. Reed, D. D.
 - IV. THE ETERNAL FUTURE OF INFANTS. R. Q. Mallard, D. D.
 - V. DANTE, THE POET, THE POLITICIAN, THE PROTESTANT. Rev.,
Frank M. Bristol.
 - VI. BENJAMIN MORGAN PALMER, D. D., LL. D. J. H. Nall, D. D.
 - VII. GENERAL NOTES.
 - VIII. PRACTICAL AND HOMILETIC NOTES.
 - IX. CRITICISMS AND REVIEWS.
 - X. NOTICES OF RECENT PUBLICATIONS.
 - CONTENTS TO VOLUMES XIII., XIV., AND XV.
-

RICHMOND, VA.:

WHITTET & SHEPPERSON, 1001 MAIN STREET.

\$2.00 A YEAR - - - - - 60 CENTS A COPY,
IN ADVANCE.

Address all Exchanges, Books, Manuscripts, etc., and all other editorial matter, to GEORGE SUMMEY, D. D., LL. D., Managing Editor, Monteagle, Tenn., and all letters on business matters to WHITTET & SHEPPERSON, Richmond, Va.

The Presbyterian Quarterly:

A Theological, Philosophical and
Literary Review.

PUBLISHED QUARTERLY.

GEORGE SUMMEY, D. D., LL. D., *Editor.*

G. B. STRICKLER, D. D., LL. D., R. C. REED, D. D., F. R. BEATTIE, PH. D., D. D.,
Associate Editors.

THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY will be devoted, as in former years, to the discussion, in somewhat more elaborate form than is practicable in the excellent weekly papers of the church, of the great problems of religious and theological life, and of the work of the church, and to the careful review of current and new literature. It will be the aim of the editorial management to conduct it along conservative lines, while, at the same time, there will be due exposition of the views of those who affect the more advanced ideas. A cordial invitation is given to all who desire to publish their best thoughts upon any of the questions of the day, or who have practical ideas or methods to suggest to their brethren, to make use of its pages. It is believed that the publication of such a periodical as THE QUARTERLY has in the past been a stimulus to many of the best of our writers. Many more are invited to give to others, in this permanent form, the benefit of their thinking and of their experience.

The articles will, as a rule, have the names of their authors attached, and will be published on their responsibility.

To bring THE QUARTERLY within the reach of a larger number of ministers and others, it will be published for two dollars a year, in advance, or two dollars and fifty cents if payment is delayed. Subscriptions will be continued unless the publishers are notified to discontinue.

All remittances are to be made to MESSRS. WHITTET & SHEPPERSON, Richmond, Va.; not to any one of the Editors.

All communications touching editorial matters, manuscripts, books, exchanges, etc., are to be addressed to the Managing Editor, REV. DR. GEORGE SUMMEY, Montecagle, Tenn.

[*From the Christian Observer, July 16, 1902.*]

A PLEA FOR THE READING OF THEOLOGICAL MAGAZINES.

BY REV. S. M. TENNEY, HOUSTON, TEXAS.

Every minister of the gospel has other duties to perform than that of preaching from the pulpit and from house to house; he has his obligations to the church at large and to the truth in its worldwide mission. There is a sense in which every minister is sent unto the [whole] world. So there are many reasons why a minister, in his reading and study, should reach beyond the immediate needs of his local church.

First, then, I contend that the minister should read theological magazines to strengthen his mind. If the mind of the preacher is to be kept vigorous and fresh, if it is to increase and become stronger, he must read and study something more than what the people at large read; he must read something that will require study, thought, and will tax his mind. I really believe that this kind of reading, invigorating the mind and keeping it abreast the times, will solve our "old age" or "dead line" problem for the church.

Then, if a minister has a mission to the church at large, he must keep abreast of the thought and movements of the church. Much advance is being made that will aid in the interpretation of the Scriptures, and strengthen the strongholds of faith, and this we should know.

The ministry needs to read this kind of literature to be able to defend the truth. In 1893, dear old Prof. Wm. Henry Green, of Princeton, said to the writer, in answer to an inquiry: "I believe that the rationalism of Germany, which has swept over Germany, now is at its height in England and Scotland, has as yet just touched our shores, and that the day will be when it will sweep our entire country. The struggle is yet ahead." To those of us who notice the tone and the increasing number of books from such men as, I will not say Drs. Briggs, Francis Brown, Washington Gladden, but the younger men, as Pro-

fessors Sanders, Kent, Day, Rhees, McGiffert, and others, this prophecy seems to be true.

We must prepare for these things; the mere reading of a few popular church papers will not prepare us; the reading of a few costly books will not do it. We must be in constant contact with the giants on both sides.

I need not further say that much valuable matter in the study of the faith comes out in this form that never sees publication in book form. For instance, a most valuable study of that difficult passage "baptism for the dead" was contributed by the late Dr. Talbot W. Chambers for the *Presbyterian and Reformed Review* of 1892; a valuable article, entitled "God-inspired Scripture," was written for the same Review by Prof. B. B. Warfield, of which the lamented Dr. G. T. Purves said that it far surpassed the work of Dr. Cremer, the great lexicographer, and was an unanswerable argument for inspiration. Of many other such contributions as appear from time to time I cannot even speak; but the point is this, that all this valuable matter we miss, for it never appears in book form, and we never see it unless we take our theological magazines.

I must say, too, that in these publications we become quite well acquainted with the drift of present-day publications, the greater part of which the ordinary minister cannot afford to purchase. These magazines, through their book reviews, are a kind of "go-between" the many book writers and publishers and the man of ordinary means, who must keep abreast of all that is best; and, too, it is no mean help to the minister of little means who finds in these reviews wise counsel for making his book purchases.

[The Rev. Mr. Tenney will pardon the publishers of THE PRESBYTERIAN QUARTERLY for making use of his excellent remarks—so terse and true—and their adding that in the QUARTERLY the ministry have a medium of expression, by the stronger minds among their brethren, of the trend of thought in theological directions. The QUARTERLY is published with this end in view, and they will find it a valuable aid in their studies, and the most economical means of keeping abreast of these advancing times. No teaching elder can afford to do without the theological magazine.

WHITTET & SHEPPERSON,
Publishers of the Presbyterian Quarterly.