

CANADA'S NORTHWEST.

A glowing description of the Northwest and a prediction as to its great future were given March 6th by Rev. W. T. Stackhouse, superintendent of Baptist missions in Western Canada. He said: "During the last eighteen months I have travelled over 35,000 miles, and most of it was in Manitoba and the Northwest. I have travelled on horseback, on foot, by stage and by railroad, and know something about what I speak. It is a wonderful country. The facts exceed the most frantic statements that have been made. The half has never been told."

"Since the census was taken, two years ago, the immigrants arriving numbered 135,000, according to the figures furnished me by government officials. In the last year alone 75,000 came in, 35,000 of whom were from the United States. From all I gather, there will be a bigger rush this year, and I would not be surprised if 150,000 people flow into the West in 1904. The best thing about it is that the class of settlers is decidedly improving."

"Some people say the balance of power in Canada will be shifted to the West within fifty years. Whether that will be so or not, it is bound to come sooner or later."

"I am told that from the time the plough is put in the ground to the time the grain is placed in the elevators the total cost to the farmer, including his own keep, is only \$7 an acre. We will have crop failures—if it is not this year it may be the next—but if we are given one good crop in three, there are boundless opportunities for the expansion and prosperity of the country."

Mr. Stackhouse has been touring the East to secure funds and men to enlarge the scope of Baptist missions in the West. The Maritime Provinces have set aside \$10,000 for the purpose, and he hopes to receive at least \$3,000 from Ontario.

"We should put in at least twelve more this year," he said. "I know now places where I would have work for five."

The great need with the Baptists, Mr. Stackhouse remarked, was more funds. The Presbyterians had plenty of money, but not enough men. The Methodists had a fair supply of both. All the denominations were putting forth great efforts and doing good work.—Toronto News.

THE MAGAZINES.

The record of Australia's first federal Parliament is well summed up in the Review of Reviews for March. Incidentally, the writer gives some information regarding the workings of the government telegraph and telephone in the land of the antipodes.

The latest developments of electric power plants from Canadian water-powers are described in the Review of Reviews for March. The most important of these is the Shawinigan long-distance transmission plant.

A sketch of the School Colony at Mandres-sur-Vair, sustained by the XIth arrondissement of Paris as a summer resort for its school-children, appears in the Living Age for Feb. 21.

In light gossiping vein, is the article called "Kings and Queens," which appears in the Living Age for Feb. 28.

There is much good reading in the March Canadian Magazine. The "Needs of the Northwest" tells that the settler now goes to the west with a certain prospect. "Strange Stone Monuments of Brittany and Cornwall" is profusely illustrated. There are three short stories. The departments are good.

Great diversity of interest marks the March number of The Missionary Review of the World. Several articles

deal with remarkably successful work in Christian lands—Quarriers' Homes Near Glasgow, Miss Macpherson's work in the slums of London, The Living Waters Missions in New York, and the great Australian Revival. Other contributions deal with work in the heathen lands. They are interesting and informing. If Christians would read carefully the news items in the Intelligence Department they would find themselves kept in touch with the progress of the Kingdom throughout the world. Published monthly by Funk & Wagnalls A Company, 30 Lafayette Place, New York. \$2.50 a year.

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AFFAIRS IN MACEDONIA.

The Sultan has accepted the proposal of the powers for reforms in his government, but the Macedonians are not satisfied with them, and it is altogether unlikely that the insurrection will subside. The Albanians, the wildest and most lawless of the Sultan's subjects, object to the terms of the reforms promised, which include certain much-needed restrictions upon themselves, and appear certain to be the cause of trouble by raiding Macedonia, and still further arousing the resentment of the people of that greatly disturbed country. An outbreak may occur at any moment, and it is hard to prophesy what the next few weeks may bring forth. The fact is that the outside world has no knowledge of what is going on, owing to the non-existence of newspapers, as we understand the word, in Turkey, and the absolute suppression, by the government, of everything that would reveal the extent of the trouble in Macedonia. People who assume to be judges, declare that country to be in much the state that Cuba was in before the Spanish-American war. In any case, things are probably much worse than any one outside Macedonia has any idea of, and can hardly exist as they are much longer.—Chris. Guardian.

TWO DOLLARS.—An appreciative subscriber writes: "I read the review of the INTELLIGENCER'S history with much interest. I think the paper well worth \$2.00, and as I am behind in paying I want this \$2.00 to be my subscription for this year."

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