Correspondence.

A GLORIOUS RECORD.

THE PRESBYTERY OF HARRISBURG.

The Presbytery of Harrisburg has just held its stated meeting in the City of Harrisburg, and we think it will long be remembered as the most interesting and joyful of all the meetings its members have ever attended. All its churches were represented, and, with only two ex- past year not less than \$660. The Christ. ceptions, reported a decided increase of members and of spiritual life. Wherever there has been a more than ordinary use of means for the conversion of men, God has shown himself ready to bless them. Ministers have been encouraged to greater activity and confidence in efforts to save souls, and many private Chris- both parties, the same connection with carry out the above resolution." tians have learned that it is their highest privilege to co-operate with them. The sore trials through which our people have passed during the last four years, have shown them the value of their privileges, deepened the seriousness of their views. and shown them the especial importance of religion to every human relation. It is not surprising, therefore, that they have been followed by an unusual manifestation of religious interest. In one, at least, of our churches, we have reported an outpouring of Divine influence which is unprecedented in our history as a Presbytery.

This is the Church of Williamsport. For a number of years, its pastor has mourned over the low state of religion among the people of his charge. In the midst of heavy expenses while building a new house of worship, with no place for and uninteresting, became delightful and public ordinances but a court house, and a peculiarly fluctuating state of society and for prayer were the only means used around them, Christians hardly hoped for any increase of external or spiritual strength. But soon after the week of prayer, at the commencement of the present year, some symptoms of special religious interest began to appear in the prayers and conversation of one of the elders, who in decided terms announced his confidence that God was about to revive his work among them. Meetings were commenced in connection with brethren of the First Church (O.S.) and some tokens of converting grace were received. Assistance was sent for, and the Rev. E.P. Hammond was obtained, when a number of meetings were held every day for several weeks in succession. Even the large hall of the Court House was soon found inadequate to ac names as members. Its contributions commodate the multitudes who assembled to hear the Gospel. Other places were appointed for meetings, and every general contributions of the congrega- we are inclined to flatter ourselves that denomination of Christians began to share largely in the gracious influences and the number added to the communion which descended upon the people. Professors of religion who had long forsaken . their public duties, not only resumed these with the most humble confessions. but entered upon a much more intense religious activity. The whole body of professed conversion. This is a great needy, interesting field here, with milchurch members was actuated by a re- blessing to a congregation whose whole lions of souls needing the Gospel, and, markable zeal and freedom in urging membership numbers only fifty. But in God helping us, we intend to work and never seen before, the wickedness of his their fellow-men to Christ. One hunaddition to this, a great increase of holding on to the rope must let go, and dred and twenty-five have been received spiritual strength has been gained in the holding on to the rope must let go, and dred and twenty-five have been received spiritual strength has been gained in the holding on to the rope must let go, and out of the Episcopal Church. Would A Nurshell of Knowledge. By A. L. O. **into** the communion of the Church, and a considerable number remain for admission at some future time. More than thirty heads of families have set up their domestic altars, and the kindred of three and four generations presented themselves side by side in the public profession of their faith. A large number of although outward circumstances were children, (among whom, some in their unfavorable, the attendance and interest friends who have helped us so generearliest years gave the most decisive and were most gratifying. Very few of the ously. If any of the friends whose best evidence of intelligent piety), em- youth over fourteen years of age remain | pledges have not yet been redeemed, debracing some entire classes in the Sabbath-school, have set out to give their being professedly on the Lord's side. whole lives to their Saviour. Twenty persons also were received to the Church held from their acquaintances all claim to the name of Christian. The new almost entirely with other denominations, house of worship, which is expected to and that only a few people are accessicost not less than \$45,000, will probably ble to his influence. The fruits of a ing tour. Was enabled to visit and tian, and died in the triumph of faith. be completed and dedicated to God, without the incumbrance of a debt, in the course of the next four months. a Three meetings during the week, under the inconveniences of having no public, room, a Sabbath school of three hun- and they include but eleven persons dred pupils, including two large Biblediasses, and a temperance organization seven have been apparently converted. of four hundred and eighty young persons are maintained with an unflagging interest. A large amount has been raised for building, for an augmentation munion, not only came forward himself of the minister's salary and for his assist- to profess his faith, but with great zeal ance in his recent labors, for freedmen, exhorted others to turn to God and not for a literary institution, and for the ordinary objects of benevolence, (in all Though he was soon after called away -sbout \$29,372).

In the Church of Carlisle, also, not less than fifty profess that they have devoted themselves to Christ's service during the last two monts. Most of these were persons long convinced of their duties to a Saviour, but in need of some some special religious meetings before and after the usual communion in March, it became manifest that God was in the come forward hereafter. The Sabbathschool has shared largely in these influences, and one branch of it, including activity and interest.

Christ, and a more than usual degree of sion at Newville, viz :- "In view of interest is manifesting itself among the the growing spirit of Christian union Columbus, O.—Rev. L. Kelsey,

commenced meetings by themselves, and providence, senior pastor reports that, owing to inhe retains, with especial endearment to them which has now existed for fortyeight years. The benevolent contributions of this church have been very perceptibly increasing for a number of vears. The Church of York, while lamenting

the limited field within which its action is circumscribed, has within a brief period nearly doubled the number of its members and much increased its strength. An especial religious interest became manifest during the week, of prayer. A thorough visitation of all the families connected with the congregation, by the members of the Session, was soon after commenced, and was soon found to be eminently profitable to all parties concerned, and especially delightful to those who conducted it. Female prayer-meetings, before unusual useful. Meetings for religious inquiry beyond the ordinary means of grace. gratification to our subscribers if you The usual exercises of the Sabbathschool were in two or three instances suspended, that the time might be spent CAN PRESENTERIAN. Please note the in prayer and personal conversation, stars accurately, as they answer all in-The school in this place has long been quiries of friends as to who of our subthe main reliance and interest of the Church. It has been limited in numbers I wish we could have put in a few more only by the capacity of its place of of these stars, though in truth they are left his happy home, where so many meeting, on which a new and beautiful thick enough to be thankful for—are they building is about to be erected. Its teachers are all professedly pions, and Plattsburg, New York City, &c., have away, and no tidings came from the abthoroughly devoted to their work, and no star, though all the names mentioned sent one. But the prayers of father, eighteen of its pupils have recently given under them have a star. Don't think mother, and sisters followed him. He evidence of conversion. A Juvenile this a mistake. There are other friends Temperance Society has been formed in | in each of these starless towns and cities it, and one hundred and sixty (nearly the whole school) have enrolled their to missionary and benevolent objects the five years remained at the date of during the year amount to \$575. The Dr. Campbell's last acknowledgments, invoked as they gathered around that tion exceed those of any previous year. during the past year is forty-two by profession and eight by letter.

The Church in Dauphin reports that twenty-five, principally young persons in connection with its families, have activity and zeal of the members themselves, who heartily co-operated with their pastor in public meetings and private efforts. Daily religious meetings were recently held by the pastor, with some assistance of a brother in Presbytery, during three successive weeks, and our work, and thus close the year out of connected with the congregation without

The pastor of the united congregations of Hublersburg and Spring Mills by letter, some of whom had long with reports that he is laboring in the midst of a population whose affinities are former revival are still manifest in the preach in some 150 villages. Would leaving tour sons, who have become former church, and in the latter (Spring | gladly give you some facts gathered in | Christians in early life, and united with Mills) he has been permitted to witness a delightful work of grace. Only eight pressing now. In the love and service families are connected with that church, who are not communicants. Of these, The work commenced with the efforts of a young man who had just returned from the army, and who, at the last comdelay repentance as he had done. by death, his admonitions were blessed to the salvation of many whom he had so faithfully warned. Nine persons have recently been added to the commuton of this church on a profession of their faith.

The two other churches connected with Presbytery report no important more urgent influences to bring them to additions to their numbers, but express an open decision. In connection with an ardent hope that their zeal will be quickened by what they hear of the Lord's doing in neighboring churches, and they inform us that they also have midst of his people. Twenty-five were many things favorable in the external then admitted to the Lord's table, and condition of their people. "The Lord about as many more are expected to hath done great things for us, whereof we are glad," and to Him we render devout and hearty thanks.

'Near the close of our meeting our about one hundred and fifty colored chil- hearts were touched and delighted with dren, exhibits a remarkable degree of the entrance of a delegation to our Presbytery from the Presbytery of Carlisle In the First Church of Harrisburg, (O.S.) After a speech of great delicacy no special services have been held be and pathos from the Chairman of the youd one weekly meeting for religious delegation, the following paper was read conversation, and another for prayer; as the unanimous and very hearty exbut it is believed that not less than pression of the feelings of all present at thirty have recently been brought to the meeting of that body, then in ses-

impenitent. Only a few among those among Christian believers and Christian | *Newark, O.-*M. Newkirk, Esq., who profess religion, it is feared, have Churches, which is manifesting itself in shared in this interest. Confident hopes, such a striking manner at the present however, are indulged fon the future. time; and as a Presbytery desiring to A number of young men have recently place itself in harmony with this special

appear determined to engage more Resolved, 1. That we tender our heartily in religious work. The Sab- fraternal regards to the Presbytery of bath-school, which has for many years | Harrisburg of the N. S. Church, and the been remarkable for its interest and Presbytery of Big Spring of the United benevolent contributions, has reason to Presbyterian Church, and express our rejoice in the conversion of fifteen of its desire to have fellowship with their pupils, and has contributed during the members in the bonds of the Gospel of

Resolved, 2. That the Rev. Dr. creasing infirmities, he has lately been Creigh, Rev. S. S. Mitchell, and Elder compelled to resign the active duties of H. M. Graydon, be appointed delegates the pastorate into the hands of his col- to the Presbytery of Harrisburg, and league, although, with the unanimous Rev. W. C. Cochran, and Elder J. A. consent of the church and congregation, Crawford, be appointed delegates to the Presbytery of Big Spring, in order to

This was followed by a cordial response from the Moderator of the Prestery, Rev. Wm. R. Dewitt, D.D., and from others, and the appointment of a committee, consisting of Rev. Dr. Dewitt, Rev. C. P. Wing, and Elder James W. Weir, to return a suitable reply and be a delegation from this Presbytery to the Presbytery of Carlisle at its next meet-

Rev. Thomas H. Robinson and Elder Peter Wilson of the Church of Spring Mills were chosen to be Commissioners to the next General Assembly, and Rev. Henry E. Niles, and Elder Louis G. Huling of the Church of Williamsport, were chosen their alternates.

LETTER FROM KOLAPOOR.

KOLAPOOR, INDIA, Feb. 26, 1866. MY DEAR BROTHER MEARS:-It will be a kindness to our dear mission, and a will acknowledge the enclosed receipts for the Kolapoor Mission in the AMERI. forded him, of training the son of an scribers have redeemed their pledges. not? You will notice some places, like ing never to return. Months passed who are still in arrears. Nobly have prayer was offered in that home. No most of our friends redeemed their pledges, and as nearly three months of ministers were constant guests at Dr. every subscription will yet be paid. "But what now?" some of our friends ask. "All your subscriptions have ex: men he met there, were the first things pired. How is your mission to be sustained in future?"

Please tell all such, we don't know. We only know we have an immense, the Lord inclines them to hold on, we shall thank God on their behalf.

Dear old Philadelphia has sent us more in 1865 than ever before, and thus enabled us to keep up all departments of sire to know how they can send their subscriptions, please tell them that Rev. Dr. Campbell still performs all the work of writing, keeping accounts, and transmitting funds to us, as a lobor of love, deserving both their thanks and ours.

I am just home from a long preachthis work, but station duties are too the Church. of the Gospel. Yours sincerely,

R. G. WILDER.

Receipts for the Kolapoor Mission by Rev. A. E. Campbell, D.D., from Nov. 1st, 1864, to Oct. 12th, 1865. Philadelphia, Pa.— *Mrs. D. Malin, \$10 00 Mrs. Wetherill, Missionary Society of 1st Indep't Pres. Church. *Sab.-School of Buttonwood Pres. church,
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* Subscriptions all paid.

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PRAYER ANSWERED; or, how a son of a godly minister WAS RECLAIMED FROM UNIVERSAL

BY REV. EDWARD PAYSON HAMMOND.

I have recently learned, from his sister, the following interesting facts with regard to the conversion of Dr. Butler, a brother of Rev. Mr. Butler, of Auburn,

Dr. Butler was the son of a devoted minister of Christ, and the child of many prayers had finished his collegiate education, and was ready to study some profession. Having imbibed the errors of Universalism while away from his However, the solid good sense of Van Ooshome, he had returned with the determination of studying for the ministry in especially as the volume is sufficiently that Church.

To carry out his intention, he went to Boston, to study with Dr. that time standing first in that denomination. Dr. — received him gladly, rejoicing in an opportunity not often afevangelical minister to preach the souldestroying doctrine of Universal Salva- in the form of lectures to the students in

Notwithstanding the remonstrances of his pious and much-loved parents, he prayers had been offered for him, intendbecame a member of Dr. --'s family, and yet he never heard a prayer, for no family altar was there. Universalist -.'s table, but no blessing was ever

in that house to the home he had left, that led him to consider whither he was going and what he was doing. He commenced reading his Bible with

a desire to know the truth; and the more he read and studied it the more he saw his error. He saw what he had their fellow-men to Christ. One hun- addition to this, a great increase of hope on. Friends who are tired of own heart, that he was on the way to has special value and significance, both in home-teaching. if we sink we sink in a good cause. If he repented of his sins, gave himself to that many such a STONE might be found Christ, and resolved to go back to his built into every part of the sacred structure father's house, and tell them what great things God had done for him.

One bright morning in summer, as his mother was quietly sitting at her work, and the little ones were playing around debt. The Lord reward all the dear her, that lost son opened the door, and walking up to his mother, threw his. arms around her neck, saying, "This issued upon the occasion of the departure your son was dead, but is alive again ; was lost, but is found," The joy was too great for utterance, and could only be expressed by sobs and tears. You can-imagine the happiness in that household, and I need not fill up the picture. not charging a farthing for it,—richly He studied medicine, was a successful physician, and for more than twenty vears was an active, influential Chris-

PEORIA, ILL., March 80, 1866.

Koitor's Cable.

LANGE ON MARK AND LUKE.

LANGE-SCHAFF. A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Critical, Doctrinal, and Homiletical, with Special Reference to man, with additions, by Phillip Schaff, D. D., in connection with American divines. Vol II. of the New Testament—MARK and LUKE. New York: C. Scribner and Co. 8vo., pp. 405. \$5.

The religious public need no special in production to this second volume of the series of Lange's Commentaries. It proceeds, both in the original and the translation, upon precisely the same methods as 46 00 the first volume. A complete apparatus. 5 00 embracing introductions to the separate books, criticism of the orignal text, grammatical interpretation, doctrinal exposition, and homiletical application or hints for *Syracuse, N. Y.—By *Mrs. Malthie, 75 00 greenbush, N. Y.—*V. P. Douw, 30 00 prised within the single compass of the *Utica, N. Y.—By *Miss Julia Work Were a theological standard work. work. Were a theological student or a minister of the Gospel restricted to a single work, we should advise him by all means to take this of Lange. And we would especially counsel those who are as yet unsupplied with commentaries, and whose means will not admit of great variety, to invest in Lange's. It is equivalent to a wellselected library, or rather, it contains the the presence and power of the Holy Ghost precious condensed results of careful study that a nation shall be born in a day. in a great library, saving the possessor ex-*Mrs. A. O. Brown, (154-4) 150 175 00 Pense and time alike. While thoroughly

candid and unsectarian. While saving much labor, it stimulates thought and aids effectively in the self-culture of the theologian.

Gillett. What Then? or, The Soul's Tomorrow. By E. H. Gillett. New York:
A. D. F. Randolph. 24mo., pp. 128. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store. 100 00 effectively in the self-culture of the theologian.

The volume before us contains Mark and Luke. The commentary on Mark appears to be the work of Lange himself. That on Luke was prepared by a kindred spirit whom Lange has happily associated with himself in the work, the celebrated leader of the orthodoxy of Holland, Prof. J. J. Van Oosterzee, of Utrecht. Among the qualifications of this able and excellent Dutch divine is his eminence in the pulpit, where he first acquired fame. A scientific theologian, a man of general literary culture, and fine poetical taste, he is well suited to the work of preparing a commentary of such manifold adaptations. Rev. Charles C. Starbuck, of New York, has aided Prof. Schaff in the translation of Luke, all but the first three chapters being from his hand. Little else has been done but simply to reproduce the work of Van Oosterzee, with some additions from Bleek, Meyer, and Alford. Mr. Starbuck has done well the comparatively restricted work which he undertook; yet as he himself regretfully intimates in his preface, we miss "the affluence of annotation" by which the commentary on Matthew was enriched and brought into connection with the best exegetical and homiletical literature of England and America by Dr. Schaff himself. terzee may reconcile us to these omissions. bulky and expensive already.

For sale by J. B. Lippincott & Co.

STONE. The Living Temple; or, Scriptural Views of the Church. By John S. Stone, D.D. New York: A. D. F. Randolph. 8vo., pp. 354.

This volume was composed, originally, the Protestant Episcopal Seminary of this city, in which the author is Professor. The spirit of the whole may be inferred from the following definition of the Church, on And in consequence of this, the duty has page 35 :--

"The Church, therefore, in its largest, highest sense, is that great company of true believers in Christ, who hold his truth in the main, whole and uncorrupt, and who, by his sole Divine power and agency, are saved from sin and everlasting death."

To the spirit of this, no evangelical Christian has any exception to make. And his definition is a noble protest against liarity with the infant school can do, united board. The great and striking contrast the arrogance of High Churchmen. In with deep-toned evangelical piety, and and the spirit in the hearts of the discussion, as he enters upon the related here done in these books, and it is not easy of the Church.

THOMPSON. The Holy Comforter: His Person and His Work. By Joseph P. Thompson, D.D. New York: A. D. F. Randolph, 24mo., pp. 210. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store.

This little volume appears to have been of the author for "rest and refreshment" in foreign lands, and is dedicated to his people of Broadway Tabernacle as a token of his gratitude for the opportunity. The delicate intimation is that the best comfort he can leave them in his absence is a clearer view, and a livelier appreciation of the Great Comforter, whom Christ gave the Church when he left them for his kingdom and glory. The simple orthodox view of the nature and office of the Spirit as the third person on the Trinity is stated, and third person on the Trinity is stated, and John New York: R. Carter & Bros. briefly argued. Other chapters also speak of the Sin against the Holy Ghost; the Spirit as Life; the Holy Ghost as Dynamic Power, as a Plenary Presence; the Temple of the Spirit; the Trinity manifested by the Spirit; the Trinity in Redemption. The book will confirm the confidence of the Christian public in the thorough soundness Ministers and Students. By Rev. Peter of Dr. Thompson's theology, in which, as in almost everything else, we wish all who bear the Congregational name were thorough ly like him. Whether the literary charac ter and logical power of the book adequately represent the scholarship and the strong qualities of the writer's mind, may be questioned. As a pastor's simple talk to his people, it is pleasant and instructive, with glimpses of grand and bright truths like

the following :--"How grand would be the faith, how sublime the energy of the Church of God, did she live in the consciousness of the plenary presence of the Holy Ghost! It is the transient awakening of that consciousness that gives a seeming periodicity to revivals of religion.' The Government and Constitution of the United States were ever present as latent powers, and were recognized by occasional acts of loyalty; but when war was made upon the flag of the nation, millions came to an instantaneous realization of their presence and authority as never before felt; and so the sudden shifting by the hand of Providence of material scenes that hinder spiritual perceptions may cause such a realization of

The volume is beautifully printed and bound, and put in a very neat form for a 175 00 orthodox and evangelical, it is enlightened, memorial of the absent.

One of the very best of little books to be put into the hands of the unconverted. The first great want in such books, that of a means of arresting the attention; and the second want, that of perfect clearness, are met by the abundance, the affluence we should say, of brief, pithy and apt illustrations, drawn from the real life and experience of men. Great indeed must be the assiduity of the writer in the collecting of these facts, and great too his labor in stripping such as have gained currency from the errors which have gathered around them in their course, and in verifying the exact historical connections from which they have so far wandered as scarcely, in some instances, to be longer recognizable. We cordially commend the volume as peculiarly appropriate for distribution at this

BOOKS FOR THE YOUNG.

GILL. Hours with the Youngest, No. 2.
The Second Year in the Infant School: being a Course of Instruction about the Lord our God; comprising Tales, Stories, Texts, Illustrations, Hymns, Catechisms, Exer-cises, etc., adapted to Young Classes and to Home Teaching. Also appended, Texts and Hymns for the Youngest. By Mary Harvey Gill. New York: A. D. F. Randolph. 18mo., pp. 252. For sale at the Presbyterian Book Store, Philadelphia.

The public has been familiar for two years past with the first part of this work, "Hours with the Youngest, No. 1; or, a Year in Infant School," presenting to the youngest minds teachings on the Divine Attributes-God's Omniscience, Omnipresence, Omnipotence, Holiness, and Loving Kindness. "Hours with the Youngest, No. 2," by the same gifted and lamented lady, completes the original design, and sets forth God's Truth and Faithfulness, Christian Obligations, Repentance, Faith, and in a manner alike clear and most attractive.

A great difficulty has always been felt, in adapting religious truth in a connected systematic form to very young minds. been neglected, and precious time and golden opportunities lost past recall, that were available for richest results. That the author has succeeded in her object, and met this felt want, beyond the expectation of the most hopeful and sanguine, must, we think, be the testimony of all who have availed themselves of the fruit of the defence which Prof. Stone makes of her labor. All that actual personal famithe same liberal strain he continues the with remarkably clear views of truth, is topics of the Ministry, Government, and to see how the work could be better done. Worship of the Church, Schism, Unity, The minister of Jesus will read them, and etc. The Scripture is his first and final be greatly profited and better qualified for arbiter throughout the volume, on all points his whole work. The Sabbath-school teacher properly within its range. As an antidote will find them indispensable, and the Christo the lately published volume of Dr. Pusey tian mother will be guided and animated -An Eirenicon-"The Living Temple" by them in her sacred employment of

> E. New York: T. Nelson and Sons. 24mc pp. 224. For Sale by Smith, English and Co., Philadelphia.

A thorough fairy tale, in which, however, the fairy is turned to as good account, and with as much skill, as readers are prepared to expect from what they know of the abilities and motives of the author. Not only is valuable instruction conveyed, but lessons of high moral import are inculcated. We note that language is used on page 98 about emancipation which seems to ignore the grand results of our own national revolution.

The author has passed to her reward in heaven, but her memory will be blessed by many a pious mother in the Church on earth, and by all who believe in and pray for the early conversion of children

18mo., pp. 246.

The story of a young person, the victim of a violent temper, with the means used in a Christian family and by Christian friends for its cure. The power and necessity of Divine grace for the thorough reformation of character are well exhibited. The story is skilfully constructed, and will be read with deep and healthful interest. The authoress is already favorably known in this line of writing.

HOME CONVERSATION.

Children hunger perpetually for new ideas, and the most pleasant way of reception is by the voice and the ear, not the eye and the printed page. The one mode is natural, the other is artificial. Who would not rather listen than read? An audience will listen closely from the beginning to the end of an address which not one in twenty of those present would read with the same attention. This is emphatically true of children. They will learn with pleasure from the lips of the parents what they deem it drudgery to study in the books; and even if they have the misfortune to be deprived of the educational advantages which they desire, they cannot fail to grow up intelligent if they enjoy in childhood and youth the privilege of listening daily to the conversation of intelligent people. Let parents, then, talk much and talk well at home. A father who is habitually silent in his own house, may be, in many respects, a wise man; but he is not wise in his silence. We sometimes see parents who are the life of every company which they enter, dull, silent, uninteresting at home among their children. If they have not mental activity and mental stores sufficient for both, let them first provide for their own household.