

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.

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.

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.

The Church in Dauphin reports that twenty-five, principally young persons in connection with its families, have professed conversion.

The pastor of the united congregations of Hubblesburg and Spring Mills reports that he is laboring in the midst of a population whose affinities are almost entirely with other denominations.

The two other churches connected with Presbytery report no important additions to their numbers, but express an ardent hope that their zeal will be quickened by what they hear of the Lord's doing in neighboring churches.

In the First Church of Harrisburg, no special services have been held beyond one weekly meeting for religious conversation, and another for prayer.

among Christian believers and Christian Churches, which is manifesting itself in such a striking manner at the present time; and as a Presbytery desiring to place itself in harmony with this special providence.

This was followed by a cordial response from the Moderator of the Presbytery, 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.

LETTER FROM KOLAPOOR. KOLAPOOR, INDIA, Feb. 26, 1866. MY DEAR BROTHER MEARS:—It will be a kindness to our dear mission, and a gratification to our subscribers, if you will acknowledge the enclosed receipts for the Kolapoor Mission in the AMERICAN PRESBYTERIAN.

Please tell all such, we don't know. We only know we have an immense, needy, interesting field here, with millions of souls needing the Gospel, and God helping us, we intend to work and hope on.

Dear old Philadelphia has sent us more in 1865 than ever before, and thus enabled us to keep up all departments of our work, and thus close the year out of debt.

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Resolved, 1. That we tender our fraternal regards to the Presbytery of Harrisburg of the N. S. Church, and the Presbytery of Big Spring of the United Presbyterian Church, and express our desire to have fellowship with their members in the bonds of the Gospel of Christ.

Resolved, 2. That the Rev. Dr. Creigh, Rev. S. S. Mitchell, and Elder H. M. Graydon, be appointed delegates to the Presbytery of Harrisburg, and Rev. W. C. Cochran, and Elder J. A. Crawford, be appointed delegates to the Presbytery of Big Spring, in order to carry out the above resolution.

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.

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Table of names and amounts: Newark, O.—*M. Newkirk, Esq., for Sabbath-school, 63 88; West Rutland, Vt.—By *Dea. Wait, Chatterton, 100 00; Brantford, Vt.—By *Dea. E. B. Selden, 202 00; Castleton, Vt.—By *Chas. H. Sisson, 75 00; Brattleboro, Vt.—*R. Burditt, Esq., 18 00; Monroe, Mich.—By *Rev. E. J. Boyd, 40 00; Cranville, N. J.—By *Rev. Hollis Read, 20 00; Newark, N. J.—*Dr. J. Ward, 25 00; *W. A. Myers, 40 00; High Street Church, 80 39; Englewood, N. J.—*David Hoadly, 63 00; *By Rev. Dwight, 5 00; *Tobacco, N. Y.—*Rev. B. Talbot, 20 00; *Springs, Mass.—By *Rev. Mr. Parsons, 20 00; *Washington, D. C.—*Rev. W. B. Evans, 50 00.

PRAYER ANSWERED; OR, HOW A SON OF A GODLY MINISTER WAS RECLAIMED FROM UNIVERSALISM.

BY REV. EDWARD FAYSON 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, Maine.

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.

To carry out his intention, he went to Boston, to study with Dr. ———, at that time standing first in that denomination. Dr. ——— received him gladly, rejoicing in an opportunity not often afforded him, of training the son of an evangelical minister to preach the soul-destroying doctrine of Universal Salvation.

Notwithstanding the remonstrances of his pious and much-loved parents, he left his happy home, where so many prayers had been offered for him, intending never to return.

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.

One bright morning in summer, as his mother was quietly sitting at her work, and the little ones were playing around her, that lost son opened the door, and walking up to his mother, threw his arms around her neck, saying, "This your son was dead, but is alive again; was lost, but is found."

PEORIA, ILL., March 20, 1866.

Editor's Table.

LANGHE-SCHAFF. A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Critical, Doctrinal, and Homiletical, with Special Reference to Ministers and Students.

LANGHE-SCHAFF. A Commentary on the Holy Scriptures: Critical, Doctrinal, and Homiletical, with Special Reference to Ministers and Students. By Rev. Peter Lange, D.D. Translated from the German, with additions, by Phillip Schaff, D.D., LL. D. of the New Testament—MARK and LUKE. New York: C. Scribner and Co. 8vo., pp. 405. \$5.

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candid and unsectarian. While saving much labor, it stimulates thought and aids 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.

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.

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, in the form of lectures to the students in 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 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 the defence which Prof. Stone makes of his definition is a noble protest against the arrogance of High Churchmen. In the same liberal strain he continues the discussion, as he enters upon the related topics of the Ministry, Government, and Worship of the Church, Sobriety, Unity, etc.

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 issued upon the occasion of the departure 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.

GRAY. Nellie's Stumbling-Block. By Alice Gray, author of "Little Katy and Jolly Jim." New York: R. Carter & Bros. 18mo., pp. 246.

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.

GILLET. 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.

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.

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, Exercises, 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 Omnipotence, Omnipresence, Omniscience, Holiness, and Loving Kindness.

A great difficulty has always been felt, in adapting religious truth in a connected systematic form to very young minds. And in consequence of this, the duty has been neglected, and precious time and golden opportunities lost past recall, that were available for richest results.

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 her labor. All that actual personal familiarity with the infant school can do, united with deep-toned evangelical piety, and with remarkably clear views of truth, is here done in these books, and it is not easy to see how the work could be better done.

A NUTSHELL OF KNOWLEDGE. By A. L. O. E. New York: T. Nelson and Sons. 24mo., 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.

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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.

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