

two years in the ministry and began his career in the same year as the late Dr. Ryerson. He was a missionary among the Indians, Editor of the *Christian Advocate*, Missionary Secretary, and Book Agent. His labours in every department were successful. He was a member of the General Conference for the first time in 1836, and was a member of every successive General Conference that was held prior to his death. He was a man whom his brethren delighted to honour.

The Methodist Episcopal Church has again been bereaved. Oliver Hoyt, Esq., and W. C. DePaw, Esq., have been called to their reward. They were both men of rare ability, wonderfully successful in business. The career of the latter was especially remarkable. In the sixteenth year of his age he was left an orphan, without a cent to call his own, and yet he lived to possess \$6,000,000. Both gentlemen gave liberally of their means to religious and benevolent purposes and were not forgetful of the interests of various Church organizations when they bequeathed their property to survivors. Mr. Hoyt donated \$20,000 to the Missionary Society, \$25,-

000 to the Wesleyan University, and several other smaller amounts to other institutions. Mr. DePaw took special interest in Educational institutions. Asbury University, which bears his honoured name, received nearly \$1,000,000 from him. During life he gave away about \$4,000,000. Both gentlemen were real Methodists and took deep interest in all the means of grace and institutions peculiar to the Church.

While we were preparing these notes tidings reached us that the Rev. Richard Newton, D.D., of Philadelphia, had finished his course. He was the prince of children's preachers. Those who attended the first Sunday-school Parliament at Thousand Island Park, and were present at the Provincial Sabbath-school Association at Belleville a few years ago, will not have forgotten the venerable gentleman. He was the author of several volumes of sermons especially addressed to children, the last of which related to the Life of Christ. They have all had an extensive sale, and some have been translated into foreign languages. Dr. Newton was seventy-four years of age.

Book Notices.

Commentary on the Gospel of Matthew. By JOHN A. BROADUS, D.D., LL.D. 8vo, pp. ii.-610. Philadelphia: American Baptist Publication Society. Price (in U.S.) \$2.25.

Dr. Broadus, the learned Principal of the Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville, Ky., has won a well-merited reputation as one of the most sound and lucid of modern commentators. In this volume he amply vindicates that reputation. The needs of the average Bible reader, of the Sunday-school teacher, of the preaching fraternity, have been kept in view in preparing this work. The expositions are eminently practical, and the homiletical department will be found exceedingly suggestive

and helpful. This commentary does not profess to be undenominational. It is frankly and strongly Baptist in its discussion of all questions relating to baptism. But it is courteous, candid and fair to those adopting different expositions. "After all," says the learned author, "there are but few passages in the Gospel in regard to which evangelical opinion is seriously at variance."

A valuable general introduction to the New Testament is prefixed by the venerable Dr. Alvah Hovey, the general editor of the comprehensive commentary of which this volume forms a part. The work is stereotyped at the expense of a bequest for that purpose by Gardner Colby; so, though a large volume, it is published at a low price.