

reading, though enough to bring him back to the undertaking in a week or ten days. He now began to question the truth of the startling statements he read; then to attempt to verify the frequent references to Scripture. This, he often said, gave him no little trouble, by reason of his profound ignorance of even the order of the books of the Bible. However, he could not give up. His soul was touched. He began to see and feel that he was just the sinner there described. One perusal did not satisfy him. He gave the book another. But he was cautious that no one should see him reading it. In the course of a few weeks he had found his interest in the book transferred to the Bible, to whose contents its perusal had now introduced him. The more he studied the sacred page the deeper grew his distress, till he was led to prayer, and to a sincere and cordial resting on Christ for salvation.

Meanwhile, he had sought no counsel, communicated with no one, and though not himself knowing how to express the truth in words, was, by his conduct, a changed man. He now sought the house of God, and his neighbors were all sur-

prised one morning to see him appear in a Methodist chapel in his vicinity. He said he never retained the text, but the substance of the sermon was such a description of the great change, as may be heard from any evangelical pulpit. After the service he sought the minister, and began to tell his coincidence of views with what had been preached. He was still entirely ignorant of the terms for describing conversion to God; and while joyfully sensible of a most humbled, trusting, and prayerful frame of mind, made no pretension to be a convert. The minister, however, soon discovered that the enquirer had been taught of God, and welcomed him as one born from above, showing him how his experience justified the declaration of a belief, that he had been brought into a state of salvation.

The subject of this narrative still lives, a consistent and cheerful Christian, and most peculiarly and strongly attached to the great doctrines of grace. He values his "old book" most highly, and barely permits it to go out of his possession. Many efforts have been made to find a duplicate, but unsuccessfully.

Notices.

The following communication, having come to hand too late to appear in the Home Department, is inserted among the Notices, in preference to allowing it to remain over until next month.

[To the Editor of the Register.]

Having been privileged to open the campaign on behalf of the Special Effort for the Seminary, I beg to publish in the columns of the Register the subscription list so far as it has gone. I may mention that, finding a number of persons anxious to contribute, who desired longer time than had been first proposed, I have allowed each contributor to choose his own time of paying, whether at once or by instalments, payable yearly during a period not exceeding four years. Finding also that the greater portion of the contributors preferred giving to the Synod, either to be vested or expended, or to be divided between them as the Synod may determine. I have opened a third column for such sums. The following are the names of the subscribers, and the amount of their subscriptions—those for immediate expenditure being marked 'Ex,' those for investment being marked 'In,' and those which are left unrestricted being marked 'unres.'

A. J. Patterson,	" "	25	0
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The congregation of Halifax is the only one to which I have appended as a congregation, and in that the subscription list is not yet complete. The other contributions have been by application to individuals.

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