

death, and, indeed, of the life too, of a number of the characters recorded in the word of God, beginning with Abraham, and ending with Stephen. The characters are well drawn, and the practical lessons, deduced from the Bible record of the lives and deaths of these ancient worthies, are useful and impressive.

ESSAYS AND DISCOURSES, PRACTICAL AND HISTORICAL. By Cortlandt Van Renssalaer, D.D. Philadelphia: Presbyterian Board of Publication.

The author of these discourses and essays, who died little more than a year ago, was, while he lived, one of the most influential and devoted ministers of the Presbyterian Church, in the United States. He took a special interest in the educational movements of the church, and, for several years before his death, was the active and devoted Secretary of the General Assembly's Board of Education. Several of the essays and papers are of a historical nature, and are connected with the struggle in the Presbyterian Church in the United States, which at last issued in its disruption into the Old School and New School. Dr. Van Renssalaer was an enlightened and vigorous defender of the views and proceedings of the Old School. The practical discourses which are contained in this volume, contain clear and impressive exhibitions of sound doctrine.

MEMOIR OF THE REV. JACOB J. JANEWAY, D.D. By Thomas L. Janeway, D.D. Philadelphia; Presbyterian Board of Publication.

The subject of this memoir was a descendant of the family of Janeways in England, a family eminent for piety and holiness. He was born in New York in 1774. His parents were members of the Reformed Dutch Church, and he himself was brought up in that communion. Subsequently he was connected with the Presbyterian Church, first as a pastor in Philadelphia, and subsequently as professor of Theology in the Western Theological Seminary at Alleghany. Throughout his long life, he was a most devoted and useful minister of the word. The memoir is written by his son, the Rev. T. L. Janeway, D.D. It is an interesting and useful memoir.

MEMORIAL VOLUME OF THE FIRST FIFTY YEARS OF THE AMERICAN BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR FOREIGN MISSIONS. Boston: published by the Board. Toronto: For sale at Depository of Tract Society, Yonge-street.

In every respect this is a most valuable and interesting volume. Externally the appearance is attractive, the paper and typography are excellent, and the whole getting-up of a superior character. The contents are full of interest, lucidly arranged, and well put together. The origin of the mission work in America,—the organization of the Board, with everything connected with its constitution, working, and practical details, the selection of their first mission fields, with the gradual expansion of the work, until now the missionary agents may be reckoned by hundreds, and its receipts, which amounted the first year only to \$1,000, have reached a sum approaching \$400,000, are all fully set forth in this memorial volume. In short, the working of the system is laid bare, while there are at the same time interesting references to the zealous and devoted men through whose influence the machinery was constructed and put in motion. The work is worthy of extensive patronage. It may be most profitably studied by ministers, elders, and others who are brought into contact with the working of missionary organizations. Elsewhere we have adverted to the results of the American Board's Foreign Missions. Here we content ourselves with earnestly recommending the volume as one well worthy of a careful perusal.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

LIFE WORK. By the author of the Missing Link.

ANGUS TARTLTON; or Illustration of the Fruits of the Spirit. By A. L. O. E.

LIFE AND SERMONS OF W. NEILL, D.D.

THE SOLDIER'S POCKET BOOK.

The two first of the above are published by Carter & Bros. The rest are published by the Presbyterian Board of Publication Philadelphia.