

meeting which she had been conducting. Her gentle spirit of complete forgiveness of the perpetrator, like her loving Saviour, has called out the affection of both Christian and non-Christian Japanese in Yonezawa.

Three large surprises lately occurred in the Foundry Church, Washington. Mr. W. J. Shibley gave \$10,000 to the Woman's Missionary Society, to build a hospital in connection with the Lucy Webb Haze Home. A brother of Mr. Shibley also paid off a mortgage of \$10,000 on the church, which had been a source of trouble for twenty years. The last surprise was that the people should then and there raise \$900 to pay off some floating indebtedness, which was quickly

done, and thus the grand historic church is clear of debt.

PRIMITIVE METHODIST.

The great advance of this body in London is shown by the cost of churches erected in the metropolitan area, principally on the Middlesex side, the cost of which is given at \$524,917, the present debt of which is \$194,700. The amount of debt paid last year was \$10,517.

Mr. W. P. Hartly, J.P., whose generous gifts have lately been very numerous, has just given \$5,000 to reduce the debt of the church in which he worships at Aintree. He has also given \$5,000 to his work-people's benevolent fund. What a noble example Mr. Hartly has thus set to other men of wealth.

Book Notices.

The Epistles of Paul the Apostle: a sketch of their origin and contents. By GEORGE G. FINDLAY, B.A., tutor in Biblical Literature and Exegesis, Headingly College. New York: Wilbur B. Ketcham. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

St. Paul was the great organizer and theologian of the early Church. His writings will ever be the subject of the profoundest study by all who would know the mind of the Spirit in Christian doctrine and practice. This volume claims "to weave the Epistles together into an historical unity, to trace out the life that pervades them, alike in its internal elements and external movements and surroundings." It is a comprehensive task and is marvellously well executed in the limits of space which the author has assigned himself.

We hear much nowadays of inductive Bible study. This book is constructed on the true inductive principle. The author seeks to understand the environment and circumstances under which the Pauline epistles originated, and the

condition of the new Christian communities to which they were addressed. These letters are regarded as an organic whole, having an internal unity and one common pervasive spirit. The style of the Apostle the author asserts to be at once attractive and difficult. He says:

"There is nothing hazy, nothing loose or nebulous, in St. Paul's theology. His leading terms, the great watchword of his doctrine, are framed to last forever. They are as crystalline in definition as they are massive and deep in significance. His governing ideas are developed and applied with matchless logic,—a logic, indeed, more Rabbinical than philosophical in form, but that goes straight as an arrow to its mark, and that welds into its argument as it moves onward things highest and lowliest, and seizes at each point the readiest expedient to clear its course and to build up the highway for the ransomed of the Lord.

"Bold as are St. Paul's methods of reasoning, they are no less sure. His subtlety is the subtlety of truth