

The Presbytery having taken up consideration of the Aged and Infirm Ministers' Fund, the *first* and *second* regulations were unanimously approved of, on the *third* an alteration was agreed to, making \$100 the *minimum* allowance, the *fourth* and *fifth* regulations were approved of unanimously; on the *sixth* an alteration was agreed to, making the Presbytery (subject to an appeal to the Synod) the judges—exclusive of the Synod's Committee—in the matter of the retiring allowance from congregations, in all cases of application for an allowance from the Fund, and enjoining them to report to the committee, and an additional regulation was suggested, to the effect that the Synod should not be regarded as being prevented by the previous regulations from granting an allowance to parties who may not be entitled to the same in accordance with the said regulations.

## Book Notices.

PRAYING AND WORKING, BEING SOME ACCOUNT OF WHAT MEN CAN DO IN EARNEST.—By Rev. W. Fleming Stevenson, Dublin. New York: R. Carter and Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This is a book which we can recommend without hesitation, as a work admirably fitted to encourage and stir up Christians to works of faith and labours of love. It presents to us several individuals who, by their energy and devotedness, have accomplished great results. John Falk, a leader in the establishment of reformatories for the young—Immanuel Wichern, whose name is well known in connection with the Rough House and the German Inner Mission—Theodore Fliedner, the trainer of deaconesses at Haiserwerth—John Evangelist Goßner, the "good father" of Berlin, who faithfully preached the gospel in the Church of Rome, and built up various benevolent institutions—and Louis Harms, the earnest promoter of African missions, are here presented to our view, struggling with their various difficulties, and accomplishing, by God's blessing, noble results in their respective spheres. These narratives may be of use in leading some to devote themselves with energy and faith to some one department of Christian usefulness. The present is, no doubt, an age of earnestness and activity. But the activities of many are not well directed. They are dissipated amidst a multiplicity of objects, instead of being earnestly directed to one object. Some may learn too, that despite disadvantages and difficulties of various kinds, real, believing, energetic souls will, by the blessing of God, do good. The book is one of a class which will, we trust, be extensively circulated.

THE LAST DAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION.—By the Rev. W. Hanna, LL.D., author of the Life of Dr. Chalmers. New York: R. Carter and Bros. Sold by D. McLellan, Hamilton.

This very interesting volume contains a narrative of the various incidents in the last day of our Lord's suffering life, from the arrest in the garden to the burial in Joseph's sepulchre. This is done by harmonizing the accounts of the several Evangelists, and thus forming a connected narrative. The lectures contained in the volume were written in the ordinary course of pulpit preparation. Without the parade of scholarship, the author gives the results of much labour and of a careful study of the best commentators. He has an interesting chapter on the physical cause of the death of Christ. His views on this point are corroborated by the opinions of some of the most eminent medical men of the present day.