

Master has said It is enough, come up higher.

Rev. W. Steer, one of the fathers of our Israel, died in November last. He entered the ministry in 1834, but has sustained a superannuated relation since 1854. He was a man of great meekness. It was evident to those who were most intimate with him that he was for many years ripening for heaven. Of him it might well be said, "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

As these notes are being prepared,

tidings has come to hand of the death of the Rev. William Price, who commenced his labours as an Itinerant Minister in 1839, and laboured uninterruptedly until 1871, since which time until December 13th, 1882, he sustained a superannuated relation. For several years he occupied some important circuits, and for two years was Chairman of District. Latterly he has lived much in retirement, but, now he lives in his Father's house to go no more out forever.

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## BOOK NOTICES.

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*A Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Corinthians.* By JOSEPH AGAR BEET. Cr. 8vo, pp. 546. London: Hodder & Stoughton. Methodist Book Rooms: Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Price \$3.15.

We had the pleasure, some three years ago, of reviewing Mr. Beet's Commentary on St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. That Commentary at once took rank as one of the ablest expositions, in the English language, of that difficult Epistle. We are glad to see that it has already reached a third edition. The present volume is the second of a series on the Pauline Epistles, to be followed, Providence permitting, by others covering the entire field. This book is marked by the same accurate scholarship, the same candid meeting of difficulties, the same close reasoning and lucid exposition as his former volume. The author studies carefully the grammatical meaning of St. Paul's words, and then seeks to "look through his actual thoughts into his abiding conception of the Gospel and of Christ." He claims for his work a position unique among commentaries in its direct bearing on the evidences of Christianity. We congratulate the Methodism of to-day on the fact that it maintains the wedlock of learning and piety; and that in Whedon and Cummings, Pope and Beet, it presents worthy successors of the Clarks and Bensons, Watsons

and Cokes of its earlier years. We are glad that Mr. Beet has, in this volume, laid aside some of the remarkable typographical contractions employed in the first volume of his commentary. The advantage of the space saved was counter-balanced by the unfamiliar appearance it gave his page.

*Criteria of Diverse Kinds of Truth as Opposed to Agnosticism.* By JAMES MCCOSH, D.D., LL.D., L.D. 8vo., pp. 66. New York: Chas. Scribners' Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 50 cents.

This is the initial number of a philosophical series, by Dr. McCosh, on some of the most momentous subjects of modern thought which have long engaged his attention. The first of these is, we judge, a complete answer to the cavils and negations of Agnosticism. Such answer Dr. McCosh furnishes, by showing, notwithstanding the necessary limits of human knowledge, that there are fundamental truths which cannot be denied. He shows that the revived heresy of Agnosticism is, in its very nature, self-contradictory, for what can be more absurd than to affirm that we know that we can know nothing. The treatise is admirably designed to give mental confidence to inquiring minds, especially to young men troubled with the philosophical doubts which seem to pervade the very atmosphere of the age in which we live.