

the Church militant. He entered the ministry in 1851. He was President in 1885 and discharged his onerous duties with great acceptability. As a preacher and platform speaker, he had not many equals.

Rev. J. C. Ogden, of Nova Scotia Conference, was preparing to remove to his new circuit, but was called to his eternal home. He came from Yorkshire and was received as a candidate for the ministry in 1874. He was a minister of more than ordinary ability. Heart failure was the cause of his death.

Rev. G. P. Story, Newfoundland Conference, was suddenly removed from earth to heaven. He was

editor of the *Monthly Greeting*, and soon after the late Conference, at which his services were duly acknowledged, the end came. He entered the ministry in 1876. Six years ago he was appointed Guardian of the Home. In all the positions which he occupied he discharged his duties with great fidelity. His last words were "All is well."

Rev. Ozias Barber, formerly a member of the Wesleyan Conference, Canada, died at Joliet, Ill., where he had resided a few years.

The General Conference is now in session as these notes pass through the press. A condensed report of its proceedings will appear in our next issue.

Book Notices.

The Picturesque Mediterranean, its Cities, Shores and Islands, with illustrations on wood. By J. MACWHIRTER, A.R.A., J. MULLEY-LOVE, R.I., J. O'CONNOR, R.I., W. SIMPSON, R.I., W. H. J. BOOT, S.B.A., C. WYLLIE, E. F. COMPTON and others. Quarto, two volumes. New York: Cassel Publishing Co. Price, \$17.00.

Unquestionably the most interesting sea in the world is that to which the ancients gave the name of Mediterranean—"In-the-middle-of-the-earth." He who knows the story of this sea and its adjacent shores, knows in large part the history of the world's civilization. Bordered by Europe, Asia, and Africa, with their many diverse races and dynasties, it has acted and reacted in shaping the course of history from the earliest times to the present day. Of it Byron spoke:

"Thy shores are empires, changed in all
save thee—
Assyria, Greece, Rome, Carthage, what
are they?
Thy waters wasted them while they
were free,
And many a tyrant since; their shores
obey
The stranger, slave, or savage; their
decay
Has dried up realms to deserts."

The sumptuous volumes under review are the most adequate treatment of this storied sea with which we are acquainted. Neither illustrations nor text proceed from one pencil or pen. That would be impossible. It is only by division of labour, by distributing its different parts among experts in these different departments, that this theme, or group of themes, can be successfully treated. Hence the descriptive parts of this magnificent work are discussed by such accomplished tourists and descriptive-writers as M. Betham-Edwards and Canon Tristram, for the Syrian coast; Charles Edwardes, for the Grecian Islands and Calabria; Miss Lucy M. Garnet, for the Dardenelles; T. G. Bonney, for the Adriatic and Tuscan coast, and our own Canadian Grant Allen for Marseilles, Nice, the Riviera, and Algiers. The illustrations number many hundreds, and we think have never been surpassed as magnificent specimens of the engraver's art. They owe almost as much to the excellence of the presswork and the sumptuous, thick, cream-laid paper on which they are printed.

For those who have visited those classical shores these volumes will