

to buy the yams and pigs they had still to sell, we said good bye, and got out to the ship again before dark."

MEMOIR OF THE REV. JACOB J. JANEWAY, D. D., by Thomas L. Janeway
D. D., Philadelphia, Presbyterian Board of Publication. 12 mo., pp. 304.

The subject of this memoir was a minister of the old school Presbyterian Church of the United States, who held a high place in that body, having been a faithful pastor for many years, an active labourer on behalf of the various schemes of benevolence of that body in particular as well as of the Church at large, the author of some useful works and distinguished by a most saintly character. This memoir, written by his son, the author tells us "is designed to evoke the secret of his success—to exhibit his inner life rather than his outward—to trace the stream to the swelling fountain in his soul, rather than to follow its course. A man of God, who held deep communion with his Saviour, and whose outward life was so free from the spots of God's children, because of his fellowship with the father and with his son, is presented in extracts from his private journal, whose existence could hardly be said to be known till after his decease." The incidents of his life are soon told. He was born at New York in 1774, ordained at Philadelphia, on the 13th June 1799, where he laboured as a pastor till the year 1828 when he accepted a Professorship in the Western Theological Seminary established at Alleghany city. In this situation however he continued but a short time. He afterwards joined the Dutch Reformed Church, in which he was Vice President of Rutgers College, but returned to the Presbyterian Church, in which he spent his closing years in various labours of love. The memoir which unfolds much of his inner Christian life, exhibits a man of gentle nature, of lovely character and of deep communion with God. The whole spirit of the work is admirable and there must be something wrong in the reader, whether minister or layman, if he fail to derive profit from its perusal.

AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF WILLIAM NEILL, D. D., with a selection from his sermons. By the Rev. J. H. Jones, D. D., Philadelphia. 12 mo., pp. 272.

This work is a memorial of one of the most venerated ministers of the Presbyterian Church of the United States. He was licensed in the year 1805, ordained the following year, and continued to preach Christ and him crucified till his death in August 1860. The autobiography was prepared as he says, "to note down and arrange some recollections of my past life, for the gratification of my children and other friends when I am gone; and also for the purpose of celebrating the goodness of Divine Providence towards one, who was exposed from early childhood to the hardships of orphanage, and the temptations of the world; and who without earthly guardian vested with authority, was left to follow the propensities of a wayward and depraved heart." His father was killed by the Indians when he was an infant about a year old, and his mother died about three years after, and the facts recorded manifest the truth of the declaration, "a father of the fatherless and a judge of the widows is God in his holy habitation."

His ministerial history as here recorded exhibits him as faithful and laborious, but it also presents one of the crying evils of the American Churches, the frequent removal of ministers. His changes were doubtless made conscientiously, but the evil of the system is no less apparent even in his case.