

Rev. A. A. Little, the present pastor, and the thirteenth since its organization, came to this field in 1895, and from the record which closes the volume, the old church, now far on in its second century, is abreast of the times, and has lost none of the vigor of its youth.

Our Book Table.

The following books can be obtained from the publishers direct, or from John P. Morton & Company, of this city. In ordering, mention the *Christian Observer*.

THE FOUNDATION ROCK. A Story of Facts and Factors. By Sarah M. De Line. 12mo. pp. 368. Cincinnati: Jennings and Pye. \$1.25.

This book is written with the purpose of providing a story that will bring the young to a realization of the importance of beginning life with high ideals and noble purposes. It is told mostly by the heroine in her journal and by letters, and relates the experiences of this young girl in managing a very large estate which came to her just at the end of her school life. She showed herself wise beyond her years in the way she met her good fortune, and especially in taking for her counselors good, Christian people. She soon learned that her happiness lay in going with Christ's people, and in using her vast means for the good of suffering humanity. There are many young people introduced, and they all pair off most properly, the heroine herself finding a very noble hero.

The author's style is rather stilted, and some of her long dissertations are tiresome, yet the excellent tone of the book will commend it to many.

THE HISTORY OF STEELE CREEK CHURCH, Mecklenburg County, N. C. Compiled and Written by Rev. John Douglas. Revised and Extended to the Close of the 19th Century by the Historical Committee. 8vo. pp. 83. (For sale by Mr. R. C. Freeman, Dixie, N. C. Price, 50 cents.)

This historic old church, in Mecklenburg county, N. C., was organized, as far as can be ascertained, as early as 1760. Thus its history and that of those stirring colonial days are very closely united. Its third pastor, Rev. Humphrey Hunter, we are told here, attended the convention in Charlotte, May 20, 1775, and "enjoyed the privilege of listening to the reading of the *first public Declaration of Independence* in the United States, and joined in the shout of approval which burst forth." This incident is mentioned to show that this sketch is full of real history, enlivened by anecdote and personal experience.

There is mention here of many ministers in other States who were reared in this church, or whose parents came from it. For instance, Rev. J. B. Swann, of Bullocks Creek, S. C.; Rev. E. D. Brown, of Kinston, N. C.; Rev. Dr. W. H. Neel, of Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. B. M. Cowan, of Kerrville, Tenn.; and Rev. Dr. S. M. Neel, of Kansas City, Mo. We doubt not there are people scattered all through our country who will feel a personal interest in this volume.