

heads, over five hundred of the more striking and beautiful illustrations of the great preacher. The editor quotes the remark, that while arguments are the pillars and buttresses which support a building, illustrations are the windows that let in the light. Or to use the striking figures of Guthrie, "The story, like a float, keeps the truth from sinking; like a nail, fastens it in the mind; like the feathers of an arrow, makes it strike; and like the barb, makes it stick." For private reading, or for literary use, the volume will be found of unique interest.

Heroic Methodists of the Olden Time. By DANIEL WISE, D.D. pp. 304. Illustrated. New York: Philips & Hunt, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Price, \$1.25.

Dr. Wise adds another to the many obligations under which he has laid the younger readers of modern Methodism. These are not elaborately finished character studies, but anecdotal sketches of "some of the noble men and women, whose beautiful lives adorned, and whose faithful labours built, the walls of early Methodism." Among the "heroic Methodists" sketched, are "the noble brothers," John and Charles Wesley, "the sweet singer of Methodism," "the mother of the Wesleys," "the orator of early Methodism," "the Lady Selina," "the vicar of Madeley, and his noble wife," "the dunce who became a scholar," "the Prince of Missionaries," "the Squire of Dunmore,"—Ouseley, "the Mousehole farmer's boy,"—Carvosso, "the learned shoemaker,"—Samuel Drew, "the eccentric Billy Dawson," and others. It is the sort of book boys and girls will like, and that they ought to have. It should be in our Sunday-school libraries. If our young people were more familiar with the heroic traditions of their own Church, they would make better Methodists.

The Life of Captain John Smith, First Planter of Virginia. By CHARLES K. TRUE, D.D., pp. 267.

Illustrated. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.

This is one of the most romantic stories of an age abounding in romance. A bold English adventurer. Smith served four years in the wars in the Netherlands, fought against the Turks in Hungary, was made prisoner and sent a slave to Constantinople, wins the affection of his young mistress, and by her connivance escapes. He returns to England, goes to Virginia and saves the infant colony from destruction, is captured by the Indians and saved by Pocahontas—tale dear to our boyhood—and after a life of many adventures dies peaceably in England. Boys will read this stirring story with avidity, and will learn much solid history in the reading. Dr. True has recounted it with much grace and felicity.

Church Membership, or the Conditions of New Testament and Methodist Church Membership Examined and Compared. By the REV. S. BOND. Pp. 72. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Montreal. C. W. Coates.

In this little book Brother Bond treats a very important subject; and he treats it with great clearness and force. He shows the New Testament conditions of church fellowship and the practice of the primitive ages, and points out the agreement thereto of the conditions of membership of the Methodist Church. The book is a strong vindication of the class-meeting, and exposition of its manifold advantages. Its circulation cannot fail, in a time of too lax an observance of this institution, to do great good.

Mistress Margery—a Tale of the Lollards. By EMILY SARAH HOLT. London: John F. Shaw & Co.

This is another of those books that keep the promise to the ear though breaking it to the hope. A fine opportunity to write a capital book is lost. The theme is one of the finest in English history, but the execution is very defective.