

almost inexhaustible, and will be differently treated according to the standpoint of individual education and experience. Isaac Taylor notwithstanding his many errors, is worthy of careful study and the same may be said of others less friendly than Taylor. The most recent work on this great subject has just appeared from the press of Derby and Jackson, New York. It is a goodly volume of 588 pages entitled "Methodism Successful, and the internal causes of its success," by the Rev. Dr. Telft. The work has a letter of approval from Bishop Janes, who speaks in high terms of the qualifications of the author, and of the manner in which the work is done. Regarding Methodism as the most powerful religious influence now existing in England and America, unparalleled in rapidity and extent. Dr. Telft designs to show the causes of the phenomenon, and his arguments and illustrations deserve attention not from Wesleyans only, but from others; persons and parties who view with no friendly eye the operations and results of Methodism. We have marked for insertion in this number, a very sensible paragraph respecting the position of woman in Methodism, which may be considered a plea in favour of women taking part in the conduct of religious worship.

The writer of literary notices in a late British monthly evinces a dread of new poetry, and thinks a good deal of it worthless. He even goes so far as to say "Half a dozen recent volumes we must, in every kindness, refuse to name." In America as in England there is a tendency to poetizing, and some is poor enough. But Tickner & Fields, of Boston, (B. Dawson & Son, Montreal) have just issued a very neat volume, having the unpretending title page, "*Poems, by Rose Terry,*" They are short and sweet outpourings of a

generous heart, chastened by griefs and animated by hopes; both acknowledged as proceeding from the source divine which seeks the benefit of man. There is real genuine poetry in this volume, and therefore it will live.

Crosby, Nichols, Lee & Co., of Boston, (B. Dawson & Son, Montreal) have been issuing a series of stories for young people, of a very interesting character, having a moral aim and calculated to be useful. The sixth volume of the series is before us, entitled "*Little by Little, or the cruise of the Fly-away.*" It is a nautical story, and will do the young folks good to read. A nice book for the boys and girls as a Christmas or New-Years' present.

One of the most tempting and really valuable books of the season has just been issued by Tickner & Fields of Boston (B. Dawson & Son, Montreal,) having a beautifully illuminated title page, "*Favourite Authors, A companion Book of Prose and Poetry,*" bearing the motto "My books, my best companions." We have here choice selections from twenty-eight of the best authors of England and America. A finely finished portrait of the author accompanies each extract; the paper, printing and binding are all alike superbly beautiful. From among the group of great personages we can only mention Tennyson, Browning, Scott, Mrs. Jameson, Mary Russell Mitford, on one side of the Atlantic, and Hawthorne, Whitier, Saxe, Holmes and Longfellow on the other; but those not here named are not less illustrious, and we are quite confident that "*Favourite Authors*" will become a favorite book.

*Guesses at Truth, by Two Brothers,* is not to us a new book, but the edition before us is new; the typography