

Bethlehem and Jerusalem—all these are inwrought with the story warp and woof of the Scriptures. As here presented the reader will find in them new appreciation and love of the Bible and new spiritual insight and strength. Dr. Gregg procured salutations from many of the churches abroad, at Jerusalem, at Athens, at Cairo, at Rome, to his own Church. One of the most interesting of these is from the church of John Wesley in England, the old City Road Chapel, the mother church of Methodism throughout the world, to the Church of John Knox in America. The book has fifteen excellent illustrations.

Sermons in Stones and in Other Things. Some Practical Lessons for Life Drawn from Every-day Surroundings. By AMOS R. WELLS. New York: Doubleday & McClure Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

Professor Wells was for a good many years, we believe, an instructor in science in an American college. He employs in in this chapter the scientific method of illustrating moral subjects. He finds "sermons in stones, books in running brooks, and good in everything." Plant life, starland, electricity, the telephone and camera, printing and gardening, furnish themes for strong, terse, pithy talks on the highest Christian themes. Talk of science spoiling poetry! It gives it an illumination which it never had before. Of this the poems of Tennyson and Browning and the sparkling chapters of Professor Wells are striking illustrations.

Supplementary History of American Methodism. By ABEL STEVENS, LL. D. 8vo. New York: Eaton & Mains. Cincinnati: Curts & Jennings. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.50.

Like a voice from the other world comes this posthumous volume by the Macaulay of Methodism, a man who has told to a wider range of readers than any other the wonderful story of Wesley and his work. This volume covers about a quarter of a century, from 1866 to 1891, together with an appendix bringing it down in brief to 1897. Dr. Stevens had a great subject and he has treated it greatly. He has sketched the growth of the Church throughout the broad continent, especially in the new West. He has described the growth of its missions in many lands, the development of great movements, lay representation, theologi-

cal education, women's work, the organization of the young life of the Church in the Epworth League, the Sunday-school development, university extension and the like. Fourteen portraits of makers of American Methodism are presented, with vivid pen-and-ink sketches of many scores beside.

The American in Holland. Sentimental Rambles in the Eleven Provinces of the Netherlands. By WILLIAM ELLIOTT GRIFFIS, L.H.D. Boston & New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. viii-403. Price, \$1.50.

Dr. Griffis is not a native of Holland, but he has a strong admiration of the country and sympathy with its people. He has studied it during six visits—not rapid tourist journeys, but leisurely rambles and sojourns. He has made a special study of its history and has edited an admirable student's edition of Motley's "Rise of the Dutch Republic." He is well equipped, therefore, for this sympathetic account of Holland and its people—not merely its larger cities, but each of its eleven provinces, its highways and byways of travel and out-of-the-way places. His purpose is to reveal the romance and poetry underlying the Dutch epic of toil and triumph.

The whole land still thrills and throbs with the heroism of the stirring conflict of the Dutch under the immortal William the Silent with Alva and the Spaniards. England is under obligations to the Dutch for one of the best constitutional sovereigns she ever possessed, William III. When the Boers of the Transvaal and the Free State are incorporated in the South African Confederacy, they will become, we believe, as loyal Britons as are the Scotch who fought so long against the English, but who now carry the Union Jack in triumph to the ends of the earth.

Dr. Griffis gives charming sketches of Dutch home life, of the universities of Leyden and Utrecht and church and civic life. The book is illustrated with nearly a score of half-tone engravings.

The Old Book and the Old Faith. Reviewed in a Series of Lectures by ROBERT STEWART MACARTHUR. New York: E. B. Treat & Co. Toronto: Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 432. Price, \$1.50.

There is a marvellous vitality about this old book. It has withstood the assaults