

Modern Thoughts on Ancient Stories. By the REV. JOSEPH BUSH. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

The old Hebrew literature furnishes many noble themes for the study of modern times. In a fresh, vigorous, and original manner the author of these papers discusses the character of Jacob, Joseph, Balaam, Ruth, Elisha, Ahab and Jezebel, Nehemiah, and those warning beacons in the New Testament, Pontius Pilate and Judas Iscariot.

The Beth Book. Being a Story From the Life of Elizabeth Caldwel Maclure, a Woman of Genius. By SARAH GRAND, Author of "The Heavenly Twins." Toronto: George N. Morang.

We have not had time to read this book, but Mr. W. T. Stead, in December, reviewed it as the most prominent book of the month, and a writer in the *Methodist Times* says: "There is a good deal in the strong teaching of this amazing volume with which we most cordially agree, but whether the author has done well to put it in a story we are not so very sure. We shall be glad if she could see some other way of gaining her ends."

Daily Thoughts for a Year from the Letters of Samuel Rutherford. Selected by EVA S. SANDEMAN. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 35 cts.

Rutherford's letters are Christian classics dear to the hearts of thousands. It was a happy thought to select some of his glowing sentences of Christian experience for daily meditation. The book is beautifully printed in the *Helps for Life's Guidance Series*, printed in red and black.

Nirrama. By DR. PAUL CARUS. Chicago: The Open Court Publishing Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.00.

This is a quaint booklet printed on crepe paper with queer Indian pictures covering the whole page. It gives some interesting stories, parables, and philosophy, illustrating the Buddhist faith, held by two-fifths of the human race.

The Methodist Year Book for 1898. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 142. Price, 15 cents.

This little book is packed full of information about the Methodisms of the world, and especially about the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Religious and Missionary Intelligence.

BY THE REV. E. BARRASS, D.D.

WESLEYAN METHODIST.

The Book Committee has decided to publish a new psalter. It is stated that the book will contain one hundred Psalms (A. V.), fifty hymns which are not in the Wesleyan hymn-book, such as "Eternal Light," "Lead, Kindly Light," "Onward, Christian Soldiers," etc., also a number of children's hymns and a few anthems.

A gentleman has given £5,000 for the maintenance of Wesley's house adjoining the chapel in City Road. The interest only is to be used. The three rooms which were used by Mr. Wesley are to be sacredly kept in the same order in which he left them. One room will be used for Methodist relics. The workers of City Road Circuit are to meet here. The chapel, house and premises are

visited by thousands every year from all parts of the world, and will be a sacred spot to Methodists to the end of time. March 2nd, being the anniversary of Mr. Wesley's death, will be observed as the day for the dedication services in setting apart Wesley's house for the above named purposes.

The Secretary of State for India has made the following strong statement: "The Government of India cannot but acknowledge the great obligation under which it is laid by the benevolent exertions made by missionaries, whose blameless examples and self-denying labours are infusing new vigour into the stunted life of the great population placed under English rule."

Mr. R. W. Perks, M.P., proposes to inaugurate a Commemoration Fund of