

Spiritual Life: Its Nature, Urgency, and Growing Excellence. By REV. J. H. POTTS, A. M. Pp. 230. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.00.

The author of this book is already known to the readers of this MAGAZINE as a graphic and vigorous writer. He here brings his cultured powers to the task of impressing upon the Church the duty of cultivating a higher type of spiritual life. He adduces, not in a polemical or speculative spirit, but with edifying practicalness, the privilege and obligation of Christians to go on to perfection—to realize in daily experience and enjoyment that holiness which it has ever been the special mission of Methodism to spread through the land. We commend this book to the careful study, of not only seekers after the "higher life," but of all who would adorn with their walk and conversation the doctrine of our Lord Jesus.

Fridolin's Mystical Marriage. By ADOLF WILBRANDT. From the German by CLARA BELL. New York: Wm. S. Gottsberger. Price 90 cents.

This is not, in our judgment, as successful a book as most of the other volumes of the fine foreign library republished by Mr. Gottsberger. It lacks the coherency, the weight, the scholarship of the splendid historical studies of George Ebers, Taylor, Dahn, Von Hillern and Eckstein. It gives, however, a graphic sketch of the queer German professor and his still queerer students. Is it the custom for professors to give their cast-off waistcoats to their favourite students?

Centenary Thoughts for the Pulpit and Pew of Methodism in 1884.

By R. S. FOSTER, one of the Bishops of the Methodist Episcopal Church. 8vo., pp. 186. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

This is a book for the times. Standing, as the Methodists of this Dominion and of the United States

do, on the threshold of a new century, it is well to look back upon the way in which the Lord our God hath led us, to weigh our duties and responsibilities, and to go forward in the name of the Lord. Bishop Foster is one of the greatest minds of modern Methodism. He is also one of the most cultured. It is a delight to read his short, crisp, stirring sentences. It will be a profit to ponder his weighty thoughts. Both pulpit and pew will find much that is worthy of most earnest consideration in these thoughtful and thought-provoking pages.

Christina; or, the Persecuted Family.

By the REV. J. DILLON. Pp. 232. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.

This is a book that ought to be in all our Sunday-schools. It is the over true tale of "Sorrow and Suffering" founded on facts, gathered from the heroic history of the Vaudois. Many of its characters are historic, and it gives a vivid picture of the persecution undergone by this little flock, enbraved to martyrdom for the religion of Jesus, to whom Milton dedicated his most spirit-stirring sonnet.

LITERARY NOTES.

A popular *Life of Wycliffe*, by John Laird Wilson, of the editorial staff of the New York *Herald*, will be issued shortly by Messrs. Funk & Wagnalls, of New York. It will form one of the *Standard Library*, and is to be published in commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Wycliffe's death, December 31, 1384.

The Report of the Provincial Board of Health, of which Dr. Oldright is the energetic chairman, contains a large amount of useful information on the important subject of Sanitary Science. Dr. Oldright's pamphlet on the subject of Sanitation is a *vade mecum* for all students of the subject.

Dawson Brothers publish a neat edition of Charles Reade's last book—"A Perilous Secret," at 25 cents.