

tion. In 1880 there were about 230,000 Jews in the United States, now there are 1,200,000. Every fourth man in Manhattan Island is a Jew. The New World is the land of promise, whither the Russian and the Pole flee to escape the tyranny of the land of their birth. Even in the New World the spirit of persecution of the Jews so prevailed that for adhering to the faith of his fathers he was at one time punishable with death. Jewish magic is the subject of an interesting article, giving much quaint and curious information.

Sir Moses Montefiore seven times visited Palestine in the interest of his people, established hospitals and almshouses, promoted agriculture, built synagogues and tombs. Even the Sultan of Turkey issued a firman denouncing the charge of ritual murder, of which Russia alone of all nations still accuses the Jews. He became the personal friend of Queen Victoria, was by her knighted, and reached the age of one hundred and two years. These references will indicate the great variety and range of treatment in this great work.

"The History of Methodism." By John Fletcher Hurst, D.D., LL.D. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Seven volumes. Octavo. Price, \$15.00.

At last we have an adequate history of world-wide Methodism, one worthy of the majestic theme and worthy of the great scholar by whom it was written and edited. Bishop Hurst's accurate and comprehensive learning particularly fitted him for the treatment of this august subject. This is the crowning work of his life. It is at once a monument of his consecrated labour and of the triumphs of the Church he loved. It is a strong, terse, ample presentation of that great movement which has encompassed the world. It glows with life, yet we feel that it is based on thorough research.

The treatment divides itself naturally into three parts, first, three volumes on British Methodism, England before the revival, the Wesleys and their helpers, Wesleyans after Wesley, the Scions and Secessions, and the recent Forward Movement of Methodism in the Old Land. Three volumes more treat American Methodism, its picturesque and romantic beginnings, the ministry of Barbara and Paul Heck in both the United States and Canada, the development of the Young Church and the Young Republic, its Ex-

pansion, its Progress and Diffusion, its Affiliations, and the Southern Phalanx.

A large and fascinating volume of over six hundred pages describes "World-wide Methodism." Of special interest to ourselves will be the story of Methodism in Canada, which is well illustrated with portraits and pictures of persons and places connected with its development. Then follow Wesleyan Churches and missions in Australia, New Zealand, and Oceanica; then missions in Mexico, West Indies, and South America; Methodism in Scandinavia, Germany, France, Switzerland, Italy, Austria-Hungary, and Bulgaria; Methodist conquest in India and Malaysia; Chinese and Korean missions; Methodism in Japan; and light in the Dark Continent, Liberia, Congo, Angola, and South Africa.

Such is the outline, but it gives no more idea of the book than a skeleton does of a man. It is not an articulation of dry bones, but a living thing. In one particular, especially, it surpasses every history of Methodism yet written, that is in the artistic illumination which it receives. The hundreds of illustrations are gathered from authentic sources. The caricatures of Gilray and Hogarth have been drawn upon to illustrate the condition of England before Methodism, the horrors of Gin Lane, and the prisons of the period, and the fashionable follies and vices of Tunbridge and Bath, and of the gaming table. A striking series of symbolical vignettes head the chapters, that, for instance, of the beginnings of Methodism in New York showing the saw and sword of Embury and Colonel Webb, and the distaff and shears of Dame Barbara Heck. The splendid photogravures of historic portraits and scenes, among them the unique Wesley group of our own J. W. L. Forster, are admirably printed. We follow the footprints of the Wesleys from their Epworth parish throughout their far wanderings and adventures at home and abroad. The quaint old churches, the historic places and scenes are faithfully reproduced.

A literary feature of much interest is the striking and often alliterative titles of the chapters, as Oxford Memories, Men and Manners; The Coming Creed; First Fruits of Field Preaching; Fascinated Mobs, Methodists and Magistrates; Building the Bulwarks; Erin's New Era of Light and Life; and later, The Apostle of Nova Scotia, Missions and Education; Methodism among the Maoris; Sunbeams and Shadows.