

pearls of wisdom escape their study. But the careful, conscientious and discriminative taste of Dr. Potts selects from this vast mass the most precious and important topics, arranges them in consecutive order, presents them in convenient form for reading and reference. Dr. Potts judiciously remarks: "The works of John Wesley are a gold mine of doctrine and instruction; but, like other gold mines, they contain a few things which are not gold." Our readers will find in this volume the rich bullion of his choicest thoughts, deepest experiences and wisest judgments. The book appears at a singularly appropriate juncture, when the attention of all Christendom has been conspicuously directed to the life and labours of the Founder of Methodism by the Centennial anniversary of his death.

*Sketches of Jewish Life in the First Century—Nicodemus: or, Scenes in the Days of our Lord; Gamaliel: or, Scenes in the Times of St. Paul.* By JAMES STRONG, S.T.D., LL.D., Professor of Exegetical Theology in Drew Theological Seminary. Pp. 141, illustrated. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Cincinnati: Cranston & Stowe. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 60 cents.

In this interesting volume the venerable Dr. Strong appears in a new role—that of an imaginative writer. He gives good reason for adopting this form of literature in reproducing vividly scenes from Jewish life in the days of our Lord and of the chief of the apostles. We venture to say that many of our readers, especially among our young readers, will obtain a more vivid conception of that old Jewish life with which the New Testament is so intimately associated from these pages than from many a ponderous tome of learned comment and criticism. In the second part our author presents ingenious reasons for concluding that St. Paul was not childless and unmarried, but was both a loving husband and tender father. The book is well illustrated, and is admirably adapted for Sunday-school libraries and household reading.

*The Temple and the Sage.* By V. C. HART, D.D. Author of "Western China," etc. Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal and Halifax.

The Rev. Dr. Hart's previous volume on "Western China" has established his claim as an authority on the subject of Chinese religions and religious questions. In this volume he gives a perspicuous and interesting account of the great Chinesesage, Confucius. Herecounts the story of his life and the religious worship which has grown up about it, with its elaborate liturgy and sacrificial institutions, its ancestral worship, and the like. As Dr. Hart goes forth to lead the little band of Canadian missionaries who are about to encounter the perils of mission life and mission work in that far-off land, his last souvenir to the Canadian Churches will, we trust, be very widely read, and will create an intelligent interest in a remarkable people, to whose conversion to Christianity he devotes his life.

*Wesley: The Man, his Teaching and his Work.* Being Sermons and Addresses delivered in City Road Chapel at the Centenary commemoration of John Wesley's death. Revised by the authors. Pp 431. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs.

The City Road services in connection with the Wesley Centenary were a very notable and worthy commemoration of that important event. The sermons and addresses are by men of light and leading of Wesleyan and its sister Methodisms and of the other Churches. Both sermons and addresses are of a very high and important character. It was eminently fitting that they should be collected into a volume and preserved in permanent form. Among the distinguished preachers on this occasion were: Rev. Charles H. Kelly, Rev. Chas. Garrett, Rev. David Waller, D.D., Rev. W. F. Moulton, M.A., D.D., Rev. Dr. Dale, Congregational; Rev. Principal Rainy, D.D., Free Church (Congregational); Rev. John Clif-