

when it had ceased to take an active and influential part in everything that pertains to the well-being of society and the progress of the race, even its unquestionably providential origin and the marvels of its early history would not constitute a sufficient reason why it should not be superseded. When a Church has to look to the past for the vindication of its right to exist, and of the confidence which its members and those who are desirous of becoming such have in it, the glory has departed from it, and nothing but a powerful revival of spiritual religion in it can justify its continued existence. When the Spirit has left a body, however beautiful it may have been, and however usefully it may have been employed during its lifetime, the sooner it is buried out of sight the better.

The book, the title of which stands at the head of this notice, is well written, and contains much valuable original matter with which every Methodist would do well to make himself acquainted; and if there be any among those who bear this name who are not yet thoroughly persuaded of the thoroughly scriptural and apostolic character of their Church, they especially will do well to read it. In any case, they will find much in it that will be interesting and instructive, and they may find something convincing. The parallel between the origin and development of the Apostolic Church, and the beginning and early history of Methodism is striking and suggestive. But if it had been less apologetic, we confess, it would have been more to our mind.

All Glorious Within. By JENNIE M. BINGHAM. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. 16mo. pp. 220. Price 80 cents.

This is a good book for "King's Daughters," and everybody who wants to get a vivid insight of the working of that interesting order will do well to get it and read it. Indeed, to the thousands of girls and young women in our churches who are anxious to do something by which they may do good and get

good, this book may be safely recommended. Those who read only for entertainment will find it interesting, and those who have a more serious purpose will find in it practical hints and lessons which will aid them in living a useful and happy life.

The Minister's Wife: A Story. By J. K. LADLUM, author of "Was She Wise," etc. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

This is a really well-written story, in which there is not a dull page or a chapter which does not suggest some important lesson. The reader who has once fairly dipped into it is not likely to lay it down until it is finished. The characters in it are what that word imports—not mere lay figures, introduced for the purpose of saying something that could be quite as well said by anybody else; but real men and women, with well-defined and strongly marked individuality, the embodiment of ideas and lessons in themselves.

The Bond of Honour. By SARAH P. BRIGHAM, author of "The Forged Letter," etc. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. 16mo, pp. 285. Price \$1.00.

This is a story with a purpose. The aim of the author is at once to entertain and instruct. She says: "My purpose in 'The Bond of Honour' is to give to the young people a story of incident and action, founded much upon truth, that shall not only entertain, but contain moral and religious lessons, and leave upon their susceptible minds an abiding stamp for good." She has evidently succeeded.

Broken. By EINAN. London: T. Woolmer, 2 Castle Street, City Road, E.C. Toronto: William Briggs.

This is a real gem of a little book, illustrating in a remarkable manner the value of a broken heart and a contrite spirit.