

No more appropriate souvenir can a Methodist preacher leave with his congregation than a selection from the discourses which have stirred their thought and moulded their life, that he, being absent, may yet speak to their hearts. A considerable portion of this volume is made up of consecutive expositions of the life of Jesus. The author rightly comments upon the strange avoidance of the special study of the character of the Virgin Mary, on account of the superstitious reverence paid her by the Roman Catholic Church. But that, surely, is no reason for this neglect.

In the second section of the book the author discusses some of the most important social questions of the day. The Methodist Church has always given a clear, strong, ringing utterance on the temperance question, the importance of total abstinence, and the abolition of the liquor traffic. In that respect this volume utters no uncertain sound. We do not know that we agree fully with Brother Lanceley's interpretation of the first miracle at Cana of Galilee, but certain we are, that it affords no warrant for the argument in favour of wine-bibbing, sometimes thought to be adduced therefrom. From the pregnant text, "Art thou for us or for our adversaries?" we have a strong and cogent argument in favour of prohibition. So, too, in the sermons on the pulpit and social questions, and the brotherhood of man, the common obligation of sympathy and helpfulness are strongly enforced. The last sermon is a thoughtful study of the messages of Christ to the seven Churches, from which striking practical lessons are adduced. Brother Lanceley is a man of striking individuality and originality of thought and diction. Both of these characteristics come out strongly marked in this volume. It is full of pith and vivacity, and will well bear reading more than once. A capital picture of the author and a vignette of the new McCaul Street Church accompany the volume, which is very handsomely gotten up.

Jesus the Messiah in Prophecy and Fulfilment. A Review and Refutation of the Negative Theory of Messianic Prophecy. By EDWARD HARTLEY DEWART, D.D., Editor of *The Christian Guardian*, Toronto. Pp. 256. Toronto: William Briggs. Montreal: C. W. Coates. Halifax: S. F. Huestis. Price \$1.

Like everything which Dr. Dewart writes, this book is a strong, clear, cogent setting forth of his mature judgment. It is based on broad and earnest study of the important subject of Messianic prophecy. It is the best exposition of the conservative and, as we deem, the orthodox views of modern scholarship with which we are acquainted. In a series of lucid chapters it discusses the origin and development of Messianic prophecy, and its elucidation by its fulfilment. The author takes up, one by one, the chief prophecies which predictively refer to Christ, then discusses the general and typical Messianic prophecies, and shows the correspondence between these predictions, and their fulfilment in the life and death of Jesus Christ. By an extensive citation of eminent scholars he shows what weight of evidence and authority there is on behalf of the conservative view. We cordially agree with the following sentiment: "The supreme object of studying prophecy should be to find out its meaning, rather than the sense in which the prophet or his contemporaries may have understood it. To all who believe that the great truths of prophecy were communicated to the prophets by the Spirit of God, the vital question must be, What is God's thought? Everything is secondary to this."

Excursions in Art and Letters. By WILLIAM WETMORE STORY, D.C.L. Oxon. Pp. 295. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.25.

It has remained to an American sculptor to give us the best book, literary and descriptive, on Rome—