

deny "noon at twelve o'clock," as the French say. All the personalities of Hebrew history, from 2000 B.C. to 10) A.D., affirm a living chain of organs linked together, the same great life, the same great destiny. It must be understood that it is to the destructive Higher Criticism that the writer refers, not to the reverent and constructive study of the constructive critics.

"Hebrew Ideals." From the Story of the Patriarchs. A Study of Old Testament Faith and Life. By Rev. J. A. Strachan, M.A. Edinburgh: T. & T. Clark. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 170.

This book, says the author, is an attempt to give a sympathetic interpretation of Hebrew ideals as set forth in the Old Testament Scriptures. Such subjects as worship, warfare, peace, mercy, judgment, laughter, tears, love and heaven are explained in the terms of the patriarch sages and seers of the olden time. It is specially a book for preachers. Will be found exceedingly suggestive and inspirational in its studies of the oldest classic in the world.

"Fruit from the Tree of Life." By J. Hardwick. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 384.

Carrying out the idea of its title this book dispenses day by day some of the choicest treasures of the Tree of Life. The tree had its twelve manner of fruits, so each month is given to the study of such all-important themes as life, love, joy, peace, humility, holiness, power, faith, obedience, wisdom, truth and patience. What goodly fruit is this for the feeding of hungry souls. A page a day will enrich the spiritual life and aid the growth in grace.

"With the Sorrowing." A Handbook of Suggestions for the Use of Pastors, Missionaries and other Visitors in the Homes of Sorrow. Edited by Frederick W. Palmer. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 160. Price, 75 cents, net.

One of the most sacred and tender duties of the Christian pastor is to visit the suffering and sorrowing in their sickness or bereavement, and, to use the striking phrase of Dr Torrey, from the Scriptures, the pharmacopœia of their holy healing, to take the special medicine for the suffering soul. The selections in prose and verse are full of comfort and consolation.

"The Allens of Harrock." A Tale of Three Loves and Contrasts in Character. By Edward H. Jackson. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. viii+357.

The stories issued by the Wesleyan Conference office, unlike much of the flood of fiction which issues from the secular press, can always be depended upon as sound, wholesome, in harmony with evangelical teaching, and especially the doctrines of Methodism. This tale of English life traces a family history from the lad's love of boyhood to its ripe and happy fulfilment in after years. It traces development of character, the solving of some of the exigent religious problems of the day. The motive finds expression in the Laureate's words—

"Plowmen, shepherds have I found, and more than once and still could find,  
Sons of God and kings of men in utter nobleness of mind."

The book is handsomely illustrated, but one of the pictures attributes to the student group an indulgence in pipes and cigars not warranted by the descriptive text. To this we object.

"A Mother's Year." Compiled by Helen Russ Stough. New York, Chicago, Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Pp. 215. Price, \$1.25 net.

A delightful book of counsels from many writers on the various aspects of mother love and mother lore. The resources of our literature in prose and verse have been explored for these sweet and tender messages on which the mother heart may ruminate day by day. The book is beautifully printed with rubricated pages.

"Songs of the Heart." By Alfred H. Vine. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 96.

Another volume of verse of a well-known Methodist writer, the author of "The Doom of Saul" and "Songs of Living Things." These books are striking evidence that Methodism possesses much of the old-time force and fervor of its poetic muse.

"Thomas Collins." A Typical Evangelist. By the Rev. Simpson Johnson. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 118.

A short life study of a famous evangelist whose large life is one of the best biographies ever written. The stirring tale is here told in condensed form.