

thropy was improving the condition of the insane. In pursuit of this object she travelled far and wide, from Halifax to Constantinople; influenced state, provincial and imperial legislatures, and ceased not from her labours till the infirmities of eighty years had made them no longer possible. The story is one of fascinating interest and is a record of dauntless endeavour and heroic achievement. "All her views of life took an idealistic shape. She craved the society of refined, intellectual and morally superior people. She revelled in poetry. She was a worshipper of intellectual greatness. She was full of heart-break for affliction. She drank in passionately the religious prophecies of teachers like Canning. And yet her love of knowledge, beauty and spirituality were at the last remove from selfish absorption in the pursuit of them. Poverty, ignorance and degradation distressed her as keenly as their opposites allured her; and the moment she could command the means she began to gather together the children of neglect and misery, to make them sharers in a richer life."

Jesus Christ and the People. By MARK GUY PEARSE, author of "Thoughts on Holiness," etc. London: Charles H. Kelly.

This is another of Mark Guy Pearse's beautiful discourses, given chiefly, we judge, in the West End Mission. They are illuminated by the spiritual insight, the poetic imagination, the quaint or touching story, and the conscience-gripping appeal by which this prince of preachers knows how to unfold, expound, and enforce the Word of God.

Old Mortality. By Sir WALTER SCOTT, Bart. 12mo. Pp. vi.-504. Boston: Ginn & Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

At a literary club in Toronto not long since, a vote was taken as to the greatest of Scott's historical

novels, and "Old Mortality" carried off the palm by a large majority. It gives the most graphic and, we think on the whole, most correct estimate of the noble and heroic Scottish Covenanters that we know. It describes a heroic episode in the civil and ecclesiastical history of Scotland. Messrs. Ginn & Co. have done good service by this educational edition, in which the difficulties of the Scottish dialect are explained in copious foot notes and in compendious glossary.

Hand-book and Index to the Minutes of Conference: Showing the Growth and Development of the Wesleyan Methodist Constitution from the First Conference, 1744, to 1890. By the REV. CHARLES E. WANSBROUGH, with an introduction by the REV. GEORGE OSBORN, D.D. London: Wesleyan Methodist Book Room. Toronto: William Briggs.

The title of this book is a sufficient indication of its character. It would be rather dry reading taken continuously, but is admirable for reference, and makes available nearly 150 volumes of Minutes which is otherwise merely a wilderness of words. An appendix gives a text of the Poll Deed and the form of discipline used in 1797.

The Expository Times is a high-class monthly, published by the famous house of T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh. It is devoted to condensed reviews of New books and fuller treatment of expository topics. Mr. D. T. McAinsh, Toronto, is the Canadian agent. Price \$1 a year.

The April number of *The Methodist Quarterly* presents an able table of contents. It contains an article by Dr. Stafford, on "Unity of the Race." A paper by Dr. Johnston, on "Culture of the Voice." One by Rev. R. N. Burns, B.A., on the "Intermediate State." One on the "Pensées of Pascal," by Rev. Wm. Jackson; continuation of Professor Hirschfelder's discussion on Messianic Prophecy, and other papers.