

attracted admiring auditors from all parts of Germany, from France, England and Greece. In 1841 he became the successor of Hegel at the University of Berlin, and was lauded as the "*Spiritus rector* of the century, who through philosophy, was to lead philosophy back to Christ."

In this book of Dr. Watson's, we have the key to his system, which will here be studied with greater advantage by the average reader, than in the fourteen volumes of the master's philosophical works.

*Centenary of Methodism in Eastern British America, 1782-1882.* Published under the direction of the Centennial Committee. Pp. 123. Halifax: S. F. Huestis. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

Our brethren in the Maritime Provinces, are now engaged in the very interesting work of celebrating the Centennial Anniversary of the planting of Methodism in that part of Canada. It was a very happy thought, and very successfully carried out, to prepare and publish this volume, as a memorial of the occasion. Certainly the hand of God is very visibly seen in the planting of that germ, from which has grown such a goodly tree. Every Methodist, not only in the East, but in the West as well, will find his faith strengthened, and his zeal quickened by the perusal of this very interesting volume. We have first, an excellent introduction, by Dr. Mc Murray; then, an admirable sermon, by Mr. Lathern, from which, by permission, we have made copious quotations in this number. We have not, however, given the half of it. Then follows a magnificent address, by Dr. Douglas, on the historical, and doctrinal development of Methodism. This alone is worth the price of the book. The Rev. J. Sutcliffe contributes a sheaf of interesting jubilee recollections, and the Rev. S. F. Huestis, a forcible address on centennial responsibilities. We hope that many of our readers will procure this volume, and the Rev. T. Watson Smith's *History of Methodism in Eastern British America*. They

are two of the most stimulating and edifying books we have read for a long time. It is well, in these days of ease and luxury, to remind ourselves of the heroism, and privations of our Methodist ancestry, in these lands.

*The Hour Will Come: A Tale of an Alpine Cloister.* By WILHELMINE VON HILLERN. From the German. By CLARA BELL; pp. 273. New York: William S. Gottsberger. Toronto: Willing & Williamson. Price, 75 cents.

*Higher than the Church: An Art Legend of Ancient Times.* Same author and publisher, and same book seller. Price, 75 cents.

The former of these stories vividly reproduces the cloister life of the monastery of Marienberg, in the High Alps, six hundred years ago. Across the centuries we feel the throbbings of kindred emotions, kindred joys, and kindred sorrows to those which agitate our hearts today. By a strange chance an infant is adopted by the n.ons and trained up for the tonsure and cowl; but the great primal, God-implanted, instincts of nature against which he tragically strives prove stronger than even the monastic repression under which he is trained. The characterization of the old monks, some noble and pious, some vindictive and selfish, is very admirably done, especially the sketch of the human sympathies awakened in their hearts by the presence in their midst of a little child. The interpretation of the varied aspects of nature, of the mountain loneliness, glaciers and storms is highly poetic. These old Benedictine monasteries, with all the faults and errors of the system of which they were the creation, were in an age of rapine and violence, almost the only refuge for thoughtful and studious minds, and were the sanctuaries in which were preserved during the Dark Ages the learning and literature of earlier times.

The second book is a quaint old art legend about the carved high altar of the Cathedral of Breisach, on the Rhine, similar to that which