

the trials and triumphs of virtue and the sustaining power of religion in adversity, are finely shown. The illustrations are very good and really illustrate, which pictures sometimes do not.

Is There Salvation After Death? A Treatise on the Gospel in the Intermediate State. By E. D. MORRIS, D.D., LL.D., of Lane Theological Seminary. Cr. 8vo, cloth, \$1.25. New York: A. C. Armstrong & Son. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

Amid the pressure of business at this time of the year, we have not had time to do justice to this important work. We have put it into competent hands for an adequate review in our next number. In the meantime we quote the opinion expressed by the *New York Evangelist*:—

"Clear in method and cogent in argument, it is saturated throughout with the large literature of its subject, is free from all acerbity and unfairness, and is loyal to God's Word as the final test of Christian truth. It will settle doubt and confirm faith."

Beams of Light on Early Methodism in America. By GEORGE A. PHŒBUS, D.D. Pp. 338. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Price \$1.25.

This volume is drawn chiefly from the diary letters, MS. documents and original tracts of the Rev. Ezekiel Cooper. It has thus an autobiographic as well as historic interest. This story of the marvelous growth of Methodism in the New World goes back to 1776 and comes down to about 1804. It is full of the romance of a Christian chivalry, nobler than that of arms.

A Harmony of the Gospels in the Revised Version. By S. D. WADDY, Q.C., M.P.

The bearer of an honoured name, to which he has himself added lustre by his services to the Church of his fathers, a busy Queen's Counsel and

member of Parliament, has here accomplished a valuable service for every Bible student. By an ingenious arrangement of the text of the Gospels in parallel columns, Mr. Waddy has given us a consecutive life of our Lord in the language of the Revised Version of the New Testament. The book will be invaluable for Sunday-school teachers and for all Bible students. It gives a view of the Blessed Life, which cannot be gained in any other way.

Beauty Crowned; or, the Story of Esther, the Jewish Maiden. By the REV. J. N. FRADENBURGH, Ph.D. New York: Phillips & Hunt. Price 90 cents.

The learned author of this book brings all the evidences of history and archæology to bear upon the romantic story of Esther. He reconstructs for us the past of the stately palace of Shushan. He has interwoven into the narrative numerous classic and oriental illustrations which make it more real to our imaginations. He shows that the historic truthfulness of the story may be considered demonstrated beyond controversy. A world of curious information throws a flood of light on this ancient oriental book.

Our Country: Its Possible Future and Its Present Crisis. By REV. JOSIAH STRONG, D.D., With an Introduction by Prof. Austin Phelps, D.D. Pp. 229. 12mo. cloth, 50c. New York: Baker & Taylor Co.

This remarkable book, in the few months which have elapsed since its publication, has passed through successive editions till it has reached the fiftieth thousand. With a brilliantly marshalled array of unimpeachable facts, it portrays America's material, social and religious condition and probable trend, points out the perils which threaten her future—perils from Romanism, Mormonism, intemperance, socialism, and the like—and, with wonderful clearness and tremendous force, both shows the means of averting danger and inspires enthusiasm for the task.