

Methodist Conference at the Antipodes, analyzing the character of that great religious movement which has girdled the globe with its missions and institutions. The author shows, by cogent argument, the identity in spirit and character of apostolic Christianity and Methodism; the striking analogy between the condition of England at the time of the Wesleys, and that of Palestine at the time of Christ; between the founder of Methodism and the Apostle Paul, and between the rise and progress of Methodism and primitive Christianity. This book is of sufficient importance to receive a fuller notice at a future date.

Songs in the Night Watches from Voices New and Old. Compiled by HELEN H. STRONG THOMPSON. New York: Baker & Taylor Co. Price \$1.25; pp. 317. Cloth, full gilt.

Except in the case of the very highest genius, it is safe to assume that a selection of poems will contain more of high merit than an equal volume of original verse. We, therefore, owe a debt of gratitude to the good taste of the editress of the book, that she has brought together such a body of verse, which will touch the heart and console the stricken spirit, as we find here. These songs are pitched in a minor key, and are tuned to such subjects as humiliation, poverty, sickness, and death. The book is daintily printed and will be an appropriate present to a friend in sorrow or bereavement.

The Life and Times of G. F. Pierce, D.D., LL.D., Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, with his sketch of Lovick Pierce, D.D., his Father. By GEORGE G. SMITH.

This is a goodly 8vo. volume of nearly 700 pages, embellished with several portraits. The bishop and his father were great men. Both were members of the celebrated General Conference of 1844, when the Methodist Episcopal Church was rent in twain. The father was, when

he died, the oldest Methodist preacher in the world. The Bishop had been college professor, preacher in charge, presiding elder, and then finally, bishop, so their lives were full of incidents deserving of record. From necessity, Bishop Pierce was an extensive traveller. He kept a journal and wrote numerous letters. The biographer has made good use of the materials at his command, and the volume named should be read extensively. Such books are worthy of a place in every Methodist library. E. B.

The Court of Charles IV. By B. PEREZ GALDOS. From the Spanish by CLARA BELL. New York: William S. Gottsberger. Price, 90 cents.

This is another volume of Gottsberger's fine library of foreign tales, well translated. Galdos is the author of those striking stories, "Gloria" and "Trafalgar," previously reviewed in these pages. It possesses the same vivid characteristics, and gives a striking picture of Spanish life.

Fallen in the Field. By the REV. JOHN S. PAWLYN. London: T. Woolmer.

This is a touching memorial of the Rev. Alfred H. Clegg, a young Methodist missionary of great promise, who "fell on the field" in Central Africa, that grave of so many missionaries.

LITERARY NOTES.

The *Studio* (Studio Publishing Co., New York) is one of the best art magazines published. It has, in each number, three full page supplements reproducing famous pictures by the photogravure process. Its art criticisms and other articles are of permanent value.

The "Cherry Isaac" series of booklets (London: T. Woolmer) is a very serviceable collection of readable gospel stories, by J. JACKSON WRAY and other successful writers. About 350 pages for a shilling.