

It is a happy arrangement to give the histories of Judah and of Israel side by side, thus showing their parallelism in time. The text followed is that of the revised version. The words of historian, psalmist and prophet are brought together as near as possible in the order in which they were written. The amount of abridgment has been nearly two-thirds. The Shorter Bible is an attempt to break through the crust of familiarity which has grown over the Bible by presenting it after the manner of ordinary books of history and information. The chronology of the New Testament is much better decided than that of the Old Testament and the arrangement here given is still greater value. This goodly volume of a thousand pages cannot fail to make the Word of God a living voice to those who will study its meaning.

Hand-Books for Bible Classes. The Epistle to the Ephesians. By PROF. CANDLISH, D.D. Edinburgh : T. & T. Clark.

This series of hand-books contains many very useful little works on Biblical subjects, and some of the highest excellence, such as the commentaries of Dods on Genesis and Davidson on Hebrews.

This brief commentary on Ephesians is not a work of great power or startling novelty, but it is a careful piece of work, written from a soundly evangelical, albeit Calvinistic, point of view. For elaborate critical discussions of difficult points, we shall turn to Meyer and Ellicott, Findlay and MacPherson. But Dr. Candlish's hand-book we can slip into our pocket and read at odd moments, and find in it a generally satisfactory treatment of this great epistle.

The introduction is adequate and interesting, showing admirably the state of the world when Paul from his prison in Rome writes this epistle to the churches of proconsular Asia, so full of the dominant and inspiring thought of the unity of the Church in its exalted and glorious Head, and so vigorous in its exposition of Christian ethics over against incipient Gnosticism. In his detailed exegesis Dr. Candlish displays sound judgment and up-to-date scholarship.

Methodist Year Book for 1896. Edited by A. B. SANFORD, D.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 10 cent each; \$1.00 per dozen.

Not elsewhere can one procure so full and reliable information concerning not merely the Methodist Episcopal Church, but the Methodism of the world, as in this pamphlet. It is a marvellous record. The little one has indeed become a thousand. The reports of the various benefit societies, of the great publishing interests, church extension, educational institutions, temperance organizations and the like form an invaluable body of information.

The Victorious Life. The post-Conference addresses delivered at East Northfield, Mass., August 17-25, 1895. By REV. H. W. WEBB-PEPLOE, Prebendary of St. Paul's Cathedral, London. Edited by DELAVAN L. PIERSON. New York: The Baker & Taylor Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

In his introduction to this book the Rev. Arthur T. Pierson writes: "Prebendary Webb-Peploe is well-known in Great Britain as the head of the Evangelical or Low Church party in the Anglican Church, and one of the chief promoters of the Keswick movement, which has been so closely associated with the advance of spiritual life as to come to represent almost a new era of practical religious thought and experience." We consider this book of such practical spiritual benefit that we have handed it to one of our best writers to make it the subject of a special article.

Keeping Others in the Sunday-school.

It is said to be a problem how to keep scholars of a certain age in the Sunday-school. A growing tendency to be manly requires a little more time for mannish laziness. Young women the same with feminine qualifying words. Teachers are often perplexed, and even wise and capable teachers are greatly bothered as to how to reach those whose good sense is under grave suspicion. Parents ought to see that these do not forsake their expected and provided places. Young companions can do much, however, to aid in this matter. It is possible to present attractions through your companionship to serve as an ally to parent, preacher and teacher. Instead of associating altogether with those thoroughly congenial, try your hand on some who are not. Believe me it needs but a very slight bond of attachment to bind at the critical juncture of "Sunday-school graduation." Your efforts will also weigh far more because made from a standpoint more easily recognized as sympathetic and disinterested. The others who work for them are recognized as in the business. You are an outsider like them, and you can do many things more effectively. Many are the practical ways of working: Make appointments to call for them, hunt them up when they are absent, make it your business to form week-day associations with them. Watch and pray, labor and wait; some day these will be loyal and constant attendants. Your work may not be recognized, but it will be there.—*Young People's Leader.*

WHAT dost thou here—here in this short life, here in this earnest world, here where you have one chance, and but one, forever?—*Robertson.*