

Martin Luther and his Work. By JOHN H. TREADWILL. New Plutarch Series. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.

All Christendom, in November of this year, celebrates the four-hundredth anniversary of the birthday of "the monk who shook the world." In connection with that event this book forms an admirable fresh study of one of the noblest lives ever lived. It is based upon original investigation, and treats the subject with fullness and vigour. The pictures of the times are graphic, and in the copious citations from the letters of Luther we get a clear insight into his great strong heart. The playful, loving letters to his wife, his father, and his little Hans, will endear the hero-soul to every reader. His will—he had only \$600 to leave—his immortal theses, the text of the infamous indulgences, which were hawked about like penny ballads, and many other documents of exceeding interest, are given; also a steel portrait from a contemporary painting.

Joan of Arc. By JANET TUCKEY. New Plutarch Series. 12mo., pp. 240. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.

No more heroic figure walks the corridor of history than the Maiden Martyr and deliverer of France. Celebrated in song and story, portrayed in sculpture and painting, she lives in the heart of the nation as the ideal of purity, of chivalry, of romance. As we stood upon the spot, in the old city of Rouen, where, four centuries and a half ago, the soldier maid, in the youthful beauty of her twentieth year was burned to death, we blushed to think English hands had aught to do with that cruel murder. In this volume a woman's sympathetic hand has traced the touching story of this heroic woman—a story more strange and tragic than any tale of fiction. Copious notes and a fine portrait accompany the volume.

The Well in the Desert, an old Legend of the House of Arundel. By EMILY SARAH HOLT. Pp. 184; and *May Lane, a Story of the 16th Century.* By C. M. M. Pp. 144. New York: Robt. Carter & Bros. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

Miss Holt is one of the few writers who can with success reproduce the *zeitgeist* of a bygone age. Many have essayed this difficult task but most have failed. This is a story of English life in the 14th century, and of those Reformers before the Reformation, known as "the Gospellers." We have only words of commendation for this admirable book.

May Lane describes Christian life in England two centuries later, and is a worthy pendant to the larger and more important story.

Elements of Methodism. By D. STEVENSON, D. D. Cincinnati: Walden & Stowe. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price 75 cents.

This work is a series of short lectures addressed to one beginning a life of godliness. It is especially designed for probationers in the Methodist Church. It explains the Articles of Religion and Rules of Society in a manner which cannot fail to commend their "sweet reasonableness" to the young, and indeed to all seriously disposed persons. It meets a felt want in Methodism, and we hope will be widely read. We would recommend it as, next to the Bible, a *vade mecum* for young converts.

Through the Linn; or, Miss Temple's Wards. By AGNES GIBERNE. Pp. 356. New York: Robert Carter & Brothers. Toronto: William Briggs.

In "Coulyng Castle," the author of this book showed her ability to paint for us a graphic and truthful picture of the past. In her "Sun, Moon, and Stars," she shows her mastery of celestial science. In this book she depicts with equal ability episodes of modern society, full of instruction and warning to young readers, especially young girls. This is a much stronger book than the average Sunday-school library.