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Baroness Orczy has added to her already long list of novels His Majesty's Well Beloved (Hodder & Stoughton, London, New York and Toronto, 320 pages, \$1.50). Tus story is written in the form of a letter from the clerk of an attorney-at-law to this lawyer's niece, an actress in the time of Charles II., when women first appeared on the English stage. This actress has been trained and loved, by His Majesty's Well Beloved, who is the leading actor of his day. The actor's love for his pupil grows cold, and he becomes enamored of an English lady whose lover, an English lord, insults, but refuses to fight, the actor. A plot against the king, headed by the English lord, is discovered. The intercession of the actor saves the lord, but only so that His Majesty's Well Beloved may take his revenge on his enemy in his own way.

A fresh and helpful book for young men is Yale Talks, by Charles Reynolds Brown (Yale University Press, New York City, 156 pages, \$1.00). These talks have been given to the students of various American universities and colleges. The author himself says of these talks, which he prints in the intimate style of direct address: "They are brought together here in the hope that they may be of use to other young men who are making up their minds as to their mode of life and deciding upon the purposes which are to rule the great years which lie ahead."

The Prophets in the Light of To-day, by John G. Hill, Professor of Religious Education in the University of Southern California, (The Abingdon Press, New York and Cincinnati, 240 pages, \$1.25 net) is a discussion of the bearing of the teaching of the Old Testament on the great issues of modern life.

A Methodist Church and Its Work, by Worth M. Tippy and Paul B. Kern (The Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati, Smith and Lamar, Nashville, Dallas and Richmond, 157 pages, 60c. net) belongs to a series of Training Courses for Leadership, edited by Henry H. Meyer and E. B. Chappell. The book is a thoroughly up to date discussion of the function of the modern church and of the organization by means of which that function can be most effectively performed. While written primarily with the churches of one great denomination in view, it will be read with interest and profit by all who are striving after a clear conception of the task of the local church and the best methods of performing that task.