

Australia on a trip to India, Palestine, and Europe. In many respects the career of Chief Justice Way is exceptionally brilliant, even in the galaxy of distinguished sons of Methodist ministers.

As a proof of the kindly feeling now existing between the Primitive Methodists and the Bible Christians, it is proposed that where the Primitives are strong and the Bible Christians weak the latter body shall be absorbed by the former; and where the Primitives are weak, they shall give up their Society to the Bible Christians.

RECENT DEATHS.

The mortality among ministers has lately been great. We have to record the decease of the Rev. Charles Lavell, M. A., of Niagara Conference. He was in the itinerancy thirty-nine years, and for about ten years sustained a superannuate relation. Most of his itinerancy was spent in the cities of Ontario and Quebec. For several years he was Chairman of District, and once at least Secretary of Conference. He was a man

greatly beloved, a real Christian gentleman, and a minister of more than ordinary ability. He was the spiritual father of Dr. Potts, and was himself brought into the Methodist Church through the instrumentality of the late Dr. E. Ryerson.

The Presbyterian Church mourns the death of the Rev. T. McPherson, of Stratford. He was more than eighty-six years of age, a native of Ireland, but of Scottish descent. His piety was more than ordinary; he lived a life of holiness.

On April 15 the Rev. John Atkinson died at Benton Harbour, almost ninety-four years of age. He organized the first Methodist society in Quincy, Ill.; was a friend of Bishop Asbury and Jesse Lee.

The Methodist Episcopal Church South has been bereaved by the death of the Rev. John E. Edwards, D.D. He was a pastor more than sixty years. His last words were, "All is well!"

Bishop R. Disney, of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, died at Chatham, Ont., April 20.

Book Notices.

Who Wrote the Bible? A Book for the People. By WASHINGTON GLADDEN. Pp. 381. Boston and New York: Houghton, Mifflin & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.25.

Dr. Gladden has a remarkable faculty for uttering timely truths in a very forcible manner. Of this his admirable book on "Applied Christianity, or Moral Aspects of Social Questions," a book which discusses the most exigent topics of the times, is a striking example. The present volume is emphatically a book for the people—for busy people who have not time nor, perhaps, ability to follow the learned discussions of Biblical critics, but who want to know the facts and legitimate conclusions of the current discussions about the Bible. Dr. Gladden gives us here the results, rather than the

process of scholarship in a plain, simple, straightforward manner. He answers questions, so far as they can be answered, which continually crop up concerning the sacred books.

He is staunchly conservative as to the essentials of Biblical criticism. He utterly rejects the vagaries of much of what is called the "higher criticism" of the times. "The theories of the destructive critic," he says, referring to the Pentateuch, "that this literature and this legislation was all produced in Palestine about the eighth century before Christ and palmed off on the Jews as a pious fraud, does not bear investigation." "It is," he adds, "an astounding statement, illustrating the length to which destructive criticism will go." "The incidental allusions strewn throughout the Pentateuch to camp life and its conditions," he remarks, "could not have