

purity of faith and practice. It is an admirable *resume* of the Protestant argument on this important subject.

*What shall I Read? a confidential chat on Books.* 12mo. pp. 186. New York: Nelson & Phillips; and Methodist Book Room.

Like a person sent to gather herbs of healing, or plants for food, in a garden full of flowers and weeds, some wholesome and some deadly, without any knowledge of botany, is a boy or girl in a world full of books, some full of wisdom, and others full of evil, without any teaching how to distinguish the one from the other. One good book may give the youthful mind an impulse and inspiration to a noble and beautiful life. A bad book may poison and pollute it for ever. To guide the immature taste to the good and to warn it of the evil, is the object of this little book. The judgment indicated by the anonymous author is a sound and cultivated one—the range of subjects and writers is wide, not excluding a due proportion of poetry and higher class fiction.

*English Pictures drawn with Pen and Pencil.* By the Rev. SAMUEL MANNING, LL.D., and the Rev. S. G. GREEN, D.D. 4to, pp. 216. Religious Tract Society and Methodist Book Rooms.

As the Jew, from the land of his exile, looked back with love and pride and veneration to the land of his fathers, so of the English-speaking race,—every one who is worthy of the name—to whatever part of the world they may have wandered, look back with tender recollection to the dear old land from which they have sprung. Its very name, its well-remembered scenes, its grand historic memories—all invest it with a noble and patriotic interest. To such sons of England this elegant volume with nearly two hundred engravings of the fairest scenes and historic sites, will be a rare delight. It comprehends rambles on the silver-winding Thames, the

wild sea coasts, the Cornish crags, the Yorkshire moors, the English poet-haunted lakes, the busy "Black country," the Snowdonia with its liquid language and its noble hills, and the gentle scenery of the Isle of Wight.

*First Works for a Probationer.* By Rev. J. T. CRANE, D.D. pp. 24. New York: Phillips & Hunt; and Methodist Book Rooms.

This pamphlet treats succinctly the following points: Rise of Methodism in England, Rise of Methodism in America, M. E. Church in 1878, How the Church is Organized, Doctrines of the Church, General Rules, Christian Fellowship, How the Church is Supported.

*What Katie Did.* By the author of "The Ambassador's Journey," "The Angel's Lesson," "Who is to Blame?" etc. pp. 36. New York: Phillips & Hunt; and Methodist Book Rooms.

This is an interesting and helpful temperance story, telling how a little girl eight years old prayed, planned, worked, and denied herself to save her father, and how she succeeded.

*Class Meetings and their Improvement.* By the Rev. LUKE WISEMAN, M.A. Third edition. 32mo. pp. 80.

This is an admirable little book, by one of the most thoughtful minds in Methodism. It should be in the hands of every class-leader. It costs only five cents.

The Rev. Dr. Carroll, the well-known historiographer of Methodism, has in press, to be issued shortly, a biography of the Rev. "Father Corson," whose venerable form was so familiar for many years at the annual Conferences of our Church. From the sympathy between the biographer and his subject, and the ample material available, a volume of unusual interest and importance may be expected.

The price of the *Cyclopedia of Methodism*, reviewed in our last number, is \$7.75 instead of \$6.75, as then stated.