

a sovereign than whom none was ever more beloved. In this book the graceful pen of Mrs. Lippincott gives us, not a stately or very formal history, but a light, sketchy, gossiping account, interspersed with many anecdotes, of the public and, so far as is seemly, of the private life of Queen Victoria. "I have long felt," she says, "that the wonderful story of the life of the Queen of England—of her example as daughter, wife, and mother, and as the honoured head of English society, could but have, if told simply, yet sympathetically, a happy and ennobling influence on the hearts and minds of my young countrywomen." It is a beautiful picture of domestic happiness, of a depth and tenderness and purity not often seen in palaces, that is revealed to us. The story of the death of Prince Albert, and of the Queen's lonely, grieving widowhood, is touchingly told. Its pathos affects every heart, and makes the Empire join, as with one impulse, in the prayer:

May all love,
His love, unseen, but felt, o'ershadow
thee,
The love of all thy sons encompass
thee,
The love of all thy daughters cherish
thee,
The love of all thy people comfort
thee,
Till God's love set thee at his side
again.

Sketches and Anecdotes of American Methodists. By DANIEL WISE, D.D. Pp. 352. New York: Phillips & Hunt, and Methodist Book Rooms, Toronto, Montreal, and Halifax. Price, \$1.25.

This is a very timely volume for the centenary of American and Canadian Methodism. It sketches chiefly the founders of that early Methodism which was common to both countries. The first of these, Barbara Heck, may be called the mother of Methodism in the New World. Francis Asbury, Jesse Lee, Freeborn Garretson McKendree, George, Hedding, belonged scarce less to Canada than to the United States. The name of Daniel Wise

on the title-page is a guarantee that the sketches will be well written and instructive. This book, with its companion volume, "Heroic Methodists," should be in all our Sunday-school libraries. Our young people should be brought into loving sympathy with the noble and devoted men and women whose memory is here embalmed. The book gives a picture of good, motherly Barbara Heck, and several other portraits.

The Life of Paul. By D. H. TAYLOR. Teachers' Edition. Cr. Svo. Pp. 367. Boston: D. Lothrop & Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

No biography in the world, we think, is of such absorbing interest as that of the great apostle of the Gentiles. This heroic character will largely engage, during the current year, the attention of 12,000,000 of Sunday-school scholars. The great works of Conybeare and Howson, of Lewin and Farrar, of course deal exhaustively with the subject. But their magnitude prevents many from attempting their study. We have here the very book for busy teachers and Bible students. It is written in vivacious and interesting style, and gives the result of the latest studies on the subject. It has a good map and several illustrations. The one entitled "A Roman Soldier," represents, however, one of the Pope's Swiss Guard, not of a soldier of Paul's day; and that marked "Entrance to Rome" is a view of the Arch of Titus from the Colosseum.

Italian Rambles, Studies of Life and Manners in New and Old Italy. By JAMES JACKSON JARVES. Pp. 446. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price \$1.50.

Mr. Jarves, who has resided several years in Florence and other parts of Italy, has given us in this book an inside view, such as the passing tourist does not obtain, of life and character in that romantic and storied land. He takes us to places off the regular route of travel