

compared with the more concise Discipline of our own Church. It is a marvellous record of what God has wrought in a little over a hundred years in the growth throughout the world of this largest of the Protestant Churches of Christendom.

The Life of the Rev. Charles Wesley, M.A., Sometime Student of Christ Church, Oxford. By JOHN TELFORD, B.A., author of "Life of John Wesley," etc. London: Wesleyan Methodist Book Room. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. xiv-324.

It is rather remarkable that while so many lives have been written of John Wesley, so few have been written of his scarce less illustrious brother, the fellow-founder of Methodism, and sweetest singer of the eighteenth century. This lack has been at length supplied by the issue of this new life of the great Christian poet. It was a singularly beautiful life, no less heroic than that of his more distinguished brother, and well-nigh as full of toil and travail for the kingdom of God. It was in its domestic relations as ideally perfect as that of his brother was disastrous. Interesting chapters are devoted to "The Poet of the Evangelical Revival," to his itinerant life and labours, to his personal characteristics, his wit and humour, and other very human aspects of his life. This is a book of such import-

ance that we shall find space for a fuller review.

Mr. Telford has also prepared a popular life of Wesley at one penny, or seven shillings per hundred, which should, in this thanksgiving year, be placed in the hands of every scholar in our Sunday-schools.

Tommy and Grizel. By J. M. BARRIE. Toronto: Copp, Clark Company. Pp. vi-509. Price, \$1.50.

The innumerable readers of "Sentimental Tommy" will be eager to know how that precocious young egotist "found his way" when he reached man's estate. In this book Mr. Barrie tells the story. It is an extraordinary psychological study. He shows us the very springs of action in his character, like the works of a watch under a glass case. Tommy is by no means an ideal hero, but his very weaknesses and egotisms have an attractiveness of their own, that, to a great extent disarm our criticism. His faithful love of his sister Elspeth, and his devotion to his young wife, and his many generous characteristics give him a permanent place in our regard. But we must protest against the method of his taking off. It violates all our sense of poetic justice, and is too much like that of the ruffian, Bill Sykes, in "Oliver Twist."

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