

comes down to Psalm L., and is to be followed by another completing the work. It is, says Dr. Briggs, the fruit of forty years' labor, and a very thorough-going piece of work it is. It contains first an introduction of 110 pages, being a critical account of the text, canonicity and interpretation of this precious legacy of the church. Dr. Briggs goes quite fully into the higher criticism of the Psalms, discussing the ancient Jewish opinion on the subject, the quotations in the New Testament, the opinions in Reformation times, modern critical theories, and the like. He asserts that critical opinion gradually came to the result that the final editorship of the Psalter could not have been earlier than the Maccabean period, and that David wrote few if any of the Psalms, the most of them being post-exilic. The book is an exceedingly minute study of this precious legacy of the church, designed, of course, for scholars rather than for public reading.

"The Methodist Hymn-Book Illustrated."

By John Telford, B.A., author of "The Life of John Wesley," etc. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 533. Price, 5s. net.

The new Wesleyan hymn-book is commanding a widespread commendation. Its issue is a fitting time to present a fresh series of studies of the notable hymns it contains, including many which are for the first time contained in a Methodist hymnary. It greatly increases the sacred associations of these time-honored hymns. For so large a book the price, five shillings net, is very cheap.

"The Coming Man." By Gardner S. Eldridge. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 197. Price 75c. net.

This is an important discussion of the new science of sociology. It revolves about a personal Christ and the coming man, who shall be the revelation of Christ. He says this of our Canadian Dr. Osler, who has been thought agnostic in his belief or lack of it. In his essay on immortality he divides the world into three classes, the Gallios who care nothing about the question, the scientist who finds no data for the belief, and the St. Theresas to whom it is given to know the mysteries. The attitude of the scientists, he claims, towards the St. Theresas should be one of reverence. This, says our author, is the noblest admission of

modern thinking. The greatest glory of the coming man is the joy of service, "all individual enterprises are gradually fading out in the coming glory of the one eternal enterprise of God—the public good, the weal of man, the redemption of the race. The great business of man in the future will have to do more and more with the universal and eternal welfare of man." This is a strong, illuminating book.

"Limitations, Divine and Human." By W. F. Slater, M.A. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 213.

This book contains the ripest thoughts of a veteran student on topics which have occupied a ministry extending over half a century. The older outlines of theological opinion, he says, have been largely effaced by a tide of historical and scientific information. The time has come for retracing some of the ancient landmarks and reconstructing a new foundation on the primeval rock. He treats of the limitations in God, caused by the unbelief in man; the limitations in man, in traditional faith, in conscience, in revelation, in personal endowment and spiritual limitations. It is a thought-provoking and stimulating book.

"The Preacher and His Work." By Rev. Henry Graham, D.D. New York: Eaton & Mains. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 294. Price, \$1.00 net.

This book contains also the thoughts ripened by a ministry of many years. It is, however, of practical, every-day life and its duties that the author writes—sermon making, church and pastoral work, prayer and class-meetings, Sunday School, temperance work, and the like. It will be a book of much service to a busy pastor.

"The Story of Richard Martin." By Joseph Dawson. London: Chas. H. Kelly. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. 274.

The life story of any faithful Methodist preacher, if it be well told, cannot fail to be of interest, instruction and inspiration. This is especially true of such a marked personality as Richard Martin. The author of "Peter McKenzie, His Life and Labors," has found a congenial theme in this sturdy veteran—a man of wide travel, of consecrated piety, of fervent zeal. It is an important contribution to the lives of the saints.