

## NOTES AND QUERIES.

806. WESLEY'S *Kempis*.—In an article in the *London Quarterly and Holborn Review* for January, 1941, the writer discussed different editions of Wesley's *Kempis*, including one in "The Simple Life Series," published by A. C. Fifield in 1905. Mr. Duncan Coomer, the Treasurer of the Methodist Sacramental Fellowship, suggested in a letter that a *Kempis* edition published about 1908-10 was based on this Fifield edition, as it included a preface signed "A.C.F." Careful comparison shows that the Book-Room edition is an absolute replica, one or two details excepted. The advertisements on page (2) are of Methodist Books instead of "The Simple Life Series." The general lay-out of page (3) (the title page) is the same, but the publisher's name and address have been altered to "London: Charles H. Kelly, 25-35 City Road and 26 Paternoster Row, E.C." The facsimile of the 1777 title-page is omitted. Apart from these details the editions are identical, both printed by Butler and Tanner, and almost certainly from the same plates. We thus see that the Methodist Book-room was not above following the example, and possibly seeking the co-operation, of an outside publisher who had issued one of their greatest classics.

It was from this Book-Room edition, with its rather mixed pedigree, that Mr. Duncan Coomer copied Wesley's Preface for inclusion in the M.S.F. Reprint of *A Companion for the Altar*, in 1936.

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807. METHODISM IN BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND.—Mr. James K. Gill calls our attention to an erroneous statement he has discovered in *A New History of Methodism*. It is said (II. 252), in reference to Brisbane: "In 1848 a Chapel was built, where the Albert Street Church now stands, by a Mr. George Little, and was opened on March 10th, 1849."

Mr. Gill is writing up the history of the Methodist Church in Brisbane, and his researches have led him to the conclusion that the Chapel referred to was not built by a Mr. George Little, and that the present Albert Street Church does not stand upon the same site.

Mr. George Little was one of the oldest commercial settlers in the district, and a genuine philanthropist. It is not known