

## BOOK REVIEWS

Samuel S. Hill, editor, *Encyclopedia of Religion in the South*. Macon, Georgia: Mercer University Press, 1984. 878 pp. \$60.00.

Samuel S. Hill, Professor of Religion at the University of Florida, has distinguished himself as an outstanding historian and interpreter of religion in America. His research and writing on religion in the south is especially noteworthy. It is not surprising, therefore, that he was selected to edit this fine reference work on a topic in which he is expert.

Among the hundreds of brief articles in this *Encyclopedia* there are many that deal with Methodist personalities, movements, and churches, too many to cite in this review. Although the *Encyclopedia* is not, and could not be, exhaustive in its inclusion of everyone and everything deemed important in southern religion, it stands as a reliable and authoritative reference work. For institutional libraries, scholars and others interested in American religious history this substantial volume provides a wealth of information, insight and clues for further research.

—Charles Yrigoyen, Jr.