

which hardly does justice to Dr. Rau's many monographs on the theme. Pre-Aryan American Man, The Aesthetic Faculty in Aboriginal Races, and the Huron-Iroquois, a typical race, are written in a charming popular style, and contain various instructive facts and fanciful hypotheses, but reach no finality. On the subject of Hybridity and Heredity there is a paper with many points of interest; and the last, on Relative Racial Brain-Weight and Size, is one which the late Sir Daniel's special studies in Craniology well fitted him to write. The book is a pleasing souvenir of a man whom Canada delighted to honor, and who, in many ways, was worthy of the distinctions he received. It cannot be said that this work, which Miss Wilson has edited admirably, will enhance its author's reputation as an authority on American Anthropology, but, on the other hand, it in nowise detracts from it. The Williamson Publishing Company of Toronto are the Canadian agents for its sale.

A third Canadian work is *Castorologia*, or *The History and Traditions of the Canadian Beaver*, by Horace T. Martin, F. Z. S. It is published by Messrs. Drysdale & Co. of Montreal, and is a credit to them. Its 240 well-printed pages, 58 excellently executed illustrations, and elegant binding, make this purely Canadian book most suitable for a holiday present. All that can be

said about our animal emblem, the Beaver, is contained in these pages. Mr. Martin by original writing, by quotation in prose and in verse, by diagram, statistic, and illustration, sets the Beaver forth, as he appears in mythology and among the relics of ancient life, in his habitat, his place in Natural History, in his architectural skill and economic value, and in a host of other ways too numerous to mention. Whatever else Mr. Martin knows, and his range of reading and study seems to be large, he knows the Beaver thoroughly, even to his anatomy and taxidermy, his medical properties and his place in heraldry. Nor should I fail to observe his illustrated history of the original beaver hat, now replaced by a lighter, artificial, silk superstructure of the masculine human head. By all means look into this many sided and most curious and interesting monograph.

Sir William Muir, K. C. S. I., &c., has published, through The Tract Society, a very handsome volume of over 600 pages and three illustrative maps, the second and revised edition of *The Caliphate, its Rise, Decline, and Fall*. There are few more instructive pages in history than that which sets forth the wonderful story of Arab conquest and domination, which extended from Bokhara in the east to Cordova and Seville in the west, with all the peculiar political and religious conditions, the litera-