

relation to present conditions and exigencies.

The book presents an entirely new aspect of the great crisis to which the Church of Christ has come. It demonstrates her obligation for the immediate evangelization of the world, and shows that Christ has given into her hands all the requisite means, forces and agencies. It brings out and emphasizes the responsibility of the ministry as the divinely constituted leaders and directors in this work. It unfolds the methods and agencies by which the minister as preacher and pastor is to bring the Gospel to bear with the requisite preaching power and administrative ability for meeting the crisis and conquering the world for Christ now.

In view of the present great crisis in the work of the world's evangelization, and in view of the wide and anxious expectation of a great and world-wide awakening and quickening of the Church, this book ought to be read by all ministers of the Gospel everywhere.

Canadian Savage Folk: The Native Tribes of Canada. By REV. JOHN MACLEAN, Ph.D. Octavo, pp. 641. Illustrated. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price, \$2 50.

This is, we believe, the largest and most important book on the native races of Canada that has yet been published. It is the result of careful and thorough study of many years. During his missionary life among Indian tribes, and by subsequent investigation, Dr. Maclean has familiarized himself with the languages, traditions, religions, manners and customs of the Canadian aborigines. His previous volume on the "Indians of Canada" is a demonstration of his qualifications for treating the records of our native races. This book will be permanent authority on this subject.

He has first a comparative study of the different tribes, analyses their grammar, forms of speech, and their records and traditions. The account of lodge life, social and domestic relations, courtship and marriage, death and burial usages and the like, are full of instruction and interest. A number of engravings of Indian types, Indian pipes, utensils, ornaments, etc., have been specially prepared for this volume. Dr. Maclean states that among the semi-civilized tribes of Ontario and Quebec there is a slow and steady increase; but when we visit the tribes which have only lately come in contact with the white people, there is a very rapid decrease. There are in all in Canada about 121,000 Indians.

A Defence of Christian Perfection; or, A Criticism of Dr. James Mudge's "Growth in Holiness Toward Perfection." By DANIEL STEELE, D.D. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 50c.

Dr. Steele's "Love Enthroned" and "Milestone Papers" have won a grateful recognition as among the best books published on the subject of the higher Christian life. It is unfortunate that the doctrine of Christian perfection has been the subject of so much controversy; but we are instructed to prove all things and hold fast to that which is good. In this book Dr. Steele combats what he deems to be the errors of an unscriptural form of teaching on this subject. It cannot fail to lead to clearer and, we think, more spiritual conceptions of a most important truth.

LITERARY NOTES.

The Yale Review for May is at hand with a very rich bill of fare. Prominent among the contributed articles is one on the Economics of Improved Housing, by our old friend and Victoria alumnus, Dr. E. R. L. Gould, of Johns Hopkins University. The plea of Dr. Gould for good houses for tenant workmen is a very strong one. He grapples with the whole question from the practical and business standpoint. He is too experienced an economist to trust to mere sentiment. His entire scheme of social reform in this respect is founded on a common-sense, business and paying basis. He asks his landlord not to be ruled by selfish greed, but to be satisfied with moderate, but safe and reasonable returns, and to provide sanitary and comfortable accommodation. His facts and figures seem to prove most clearly that this will pay.

Current History. The first quarter of 1896 has been peculiarly rich in remarkable events. Our record opens with the discovery of the X rays, and gives a fine photogravure of Dr. Roentgen and a most lucid account of his great discovery and the scientific movement which led up to it. This single article is well worth the forty cents, price of the number. Mr. McLennan, of Toronto University, here receives due credit for his splendid discovery, "in many respects the most important discovery made since Roentgen's original announcement." Mr. McLennan's discovery consists in such a focusing of the rays as gives a shadowgraph in a few seconds instead of the hour formerly required. N. B.