

PUBLISHERS' NOTE

THE place of the present volume in the series of Mr. Fiske's Looks on American history may best be indicated by a few words from his preface to "The Dutch and Quaker Colonies in America." That work, it will be remembered, comes next in order after "The Beginnings of New England," and in describing its scope Mr. Fiske remarks: "It is my purpose, in my next book, to deal with the rise and fall of New France, and the development of the English colonies as influenced by the prolonged struggle with that troublesome and dangerous neighbour. With this end in view, the history of New England must be taken up where the earlier book dropped it, and the history of New York resumed at about the same time, while by degrees we shall find the histories of Pennsylvania and the colonies to the south of it swept into the main stream of Continental history. That book will come down to the year 1765, which witnessed the ringing out of the old and the ringing in of the new, — the one with Pontiac's War, the other with the Stamp