

When asked the secret of his success in dealing with Indians, Mr. McKenna says there is no secret, that it is only necessary to show no fear, to have for these people an honest, wholesome sympathy born of some knowledge of their history, traditions, circumstances and character, and to speak always with sincerity and truth. When it is remembered that the great Indian Mutiny was precipitated by the persistence of the British soldiery in riding rough shod over the long established beliefs customs and observances of that people, the wisdom of Mr. McKenna's remarks is apparent.

The time and energy given to the service of his country have left Mr. McKenna but little leisure for literature. He has confined himself in the main to historical studies, biographical sketches, short articles and occasional reviews sometimes published over his own name and sometimes anonymously.

In 1887 he assisted his kinsman Sir Charles Gavan Duffy in the preparation of his "Proposal for an Irish Constitution" and in a letter acknowledging his services the great statesman wrote: "When that event comes off, which we hope for, I trust that instead of being a spectator in the gallery, you will be an actor on the floor. The confederation of Kilkenny summoned trained Irishmen from the armies and public services of Europe to help the mother country; and it is an example worth following."

Mr. McKenna is the author of publications on "The British Columbia Indian Land Question" and "The Hudson's Bay Route" both published by the Dominion Government. In 1901 in connection with Judge Rimmer, he prepared the "Joint Report on Matters in Dispute between the Dominion and Ontario", which was printed the some years by the Government. He prepared the "Bill to Consolidate and Amend the Land Laws of Canada" which is now embodied in the Dominion Lands Act," (Chapter 55: Revised Statutes, 1906.)

His other publications are "A Pioneer Trappist," "A Canadian Example," "The Indians of Canada," "The Indian Laws of Canada," "Protestant Schools in Catholic Quebec," "Are Canadian Catholics Priest-Ridden"—a study of the laws and customs of Paroisses and Fabriques of Quebec; "What Fills our Jails," "Sir John Thompson; a Study," and various essays in magazines and reviews including one on "Two Ethics in Sociology," a rejoinder to the Rev. Dr. Forsyth's essay on "Calvinism and Capitalism" in the Contemporary Review.

It has been said of his literary work: "He has his own way of regarding men and thing. He has been, and he ever will be,