

INTRODUCTION.

A REQUEST has come to me from the Publisher to write an introduction to Miss Marsh's book, "Where the Buffalo Roamed." The title of the book leads one to expect large elements of romance, pathos and tragedy, and this expectation will not be disappointed.

We have here the history of the Great New West of Canada, in the form of a series of sketches. They begin with the fascinating chapter which describes the country when it was a land primeval in which there lived in solitary grandeur the lordly Indian—

"Free as when Nature first made man,
Ere the base laws of servitude began."

With the Indian, in a sort of comradeship, there dwelt in that land the buffalo and the deer, and all the tribes of the animal world whose haunts had not yet been broken into by the crack of the white man's rifle, and whose lives were not spent in constant effort to elude the cruelty of men who hunt the innocent for sport.

Here and there throughout the book we find touches that reveal to us the lover of nature and the friend of the dumb creatures of God. This special feature has