

man's life, his tragic end, and the search for, and finding at last of his body, silent forever, and composed as if for burial, are baptized in a pathos that will melt the heart of him who reads, and the whole book will create a new interest in the great missionary enterprises of the Christian Church. India, nor China, nor Japan, nor the Islands of the Sea, will furnish anything more true to the missionary spirit exemplified in Christ's own life than is afforded in this book. It does not belong to Canada, nor to any denomination, but is a contribution of interest to all the world, to the story of civilization, as developed by the teaching and example of Christ.

*A United Church.* By the Rev. E. A. STAFFORD, D.D. William Briggs, Toronto.

A pamphlet of 72 pages, discussing the possibilities of a great Church in Canada, through the union of the Church of England in Canada, and the Presbyterian and Methodist Churches in Canada. The discussion confines itself to the question of Church government rather than to the unification of doctrine, as the writer seems to be convinced that practically there has been a great approach toward each other, on the part of these Churches, in respect to the inner life, and statements of doctrine, and that the fulness of the Spirit of Christ for the work of the evangelization of the world would adjust all questions of doctrine, so far as harmony in this respect is necessary to the well-being of Christianity. The development of the Ecclesiastical system, through the early ages, is briefly traced, showing the mighty influence of ecclesiastical laws upon the history of the world, and then the change in the days of the Reformation when the Church, ceasing to rule the State, became subject to it, especially as exemplified in the national Church of England, and the multiplication of Church constitutions, and the limitations and advantages of ecclesiastical legislative bodies under this changed order of things. Then an examination of these three existing constitutions, with the possibility of their coalescing into one. The different conditions of Church membership, and the extent to which discipline deals with the individual in each body, is examined with some minuteness, and the conclusion is