

every non-conforming minister it would serve admirably to build up interdenominational fraternity. Here is the Anglican church revealed through twenty of her sons—the ten subjects of the short biographies and the ten biographers. Obviously, it is from the atmosphere of the comment as well as from the fact commented upon that one gathers impressions. It is in what Archdeacon Raymond says of John Medley as well as in John Medley himself that one sees the Church of England. In a sense a church is on trial when she writes the life stories of her sons. Especially is this so when these stories are the stories of ten Bishops of the Church of England in Canada from the earliest to comparatively recent years. The story-teller must of necessity deal with men who were in the thick of the Clergy Reserves controversy. They must pass in review the cries and clamours of an educational controversy of no small import in the life of Ontario. They must make the comment they are moved to make by their fair-mindedness, their charity and their insight, or their prejudice, their partisanship and their blindness, as the case may be.

It is true that the author of one of the sketches speaks of the Clergy Reserves as being "settled by an Act of Parliament which was no less than a confiscation of property that had been given to the Church of England in Canada in lieu of the rights of collecting tithes for the maintenance of the Clergy", a comment not likely to be quite concurred in by some prominent Anglicans to-day. And there will probably be a half-amused and conscious tolerance of the title of the book with its delicately firm implication on the part of churchmen of other denominations.

But on the whole the Anglican church stands the test of these ten biographies well. There is a fine and ably justified enthusiasm for great men in them. In the stories racily and solemnly told there is an appeal that should reach all classes and indi-

viduals in Canadian society. It is an appeal based in the main on broad human grounds and very seldom on any partisanship of denominational or church party rivalry.

The individual reader will discriminate among the sketches for himself, led sometimes by a prior interest in the subject, sometimes by the inherent embroideries of romantic zest, sometimes by the merit and appeal of the biographer's style. After reading the book through at least two things will likely remain as impressions with most readers. The first is that these ten leaders of the Anglican Church in Canada were, taken all in all, great and "knowledgable" men, making great contributions to the worth of Canadian life. The second is that these ten Bishops, if caught in a group together, gathered from the different quarters of Canada, would be a fine-minded, merry company whose fellowship might be coveted by any human soul. So much then for Anglicanism.

The book is a fairly well-balanced report on the men under consideration. A question arises in the reader's mind concerning the treatment accorded Bishop Dumoulin. If its cleverness and lightness of touch bordering on flippancy had been companion to an additional fifteen or twenty pages of firmer handling in more serious mood the sketch would have been a more adequate portrayal of one who, if not the greatest, was not the least interesting among Canadian bishops in the Church of England.

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BULL DOG CARNEY

By W A FRASER. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart.

THIS book bears within it the very obvious suggestion that it might have been written with an eye on the movies. It contains more action than passion. It hasn't any of the quiet depth of a good novel nor any of a good novel's humanness. In fact, the book is not a novel at all, as perhaps