

Dr. Briggs has done good service to the cause of Protestantism by reprinting in such handsome style these classic letters, which overwhelmed with ridicule the Jesuits two centuries ago, and led to their banishment from France and Canada. The study of this book will be an admirable antidote to the revived aggressions of this unscrupulous order which has won renown and exaltation in every land.

The Mormon Delusion; Its History, Doctrines, and the Outlook in Utah. By REV. M. W. MONTGOMERY. Pp. 352. Congregational Publishing Society, Boston and Chicago. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Price cloth, 75 cents.; paper, 50 cents.

In this book we have Mormonism brought down to date. Other books on this same topic, more or less valuable, have appeared at different times; but they are incomplete in that they deal only with certain periods of Mormon history, or with special phases of the Mormon problem. This is an all-round treatment of the whole subject, which is peculiarly satisfactory in the full information which it gives. But the book is not pleasant reading. There is hardly a page which does rouse one's righteous wrath. From the first imposition of the Book of Mormon as a divine revelation down to the Mountain Meadows massacre, the story is one that stirs one's deepest indignation.

After a perusal of all the facts contained in this volume, the wonder increases as to how such a barefaced fraud ever could have gained any following. The founder of the Mormon Church, Joseph Smith, self-styled a prophet, as a boy was dull-eyed, vagabondish, and remarkable only for his exaggerations and untruthfulness. He began his prophetic career, by telling fortunes for pay, locating underground veins of water with a forked stick, and disclosing the places where hidden treasures were buried. From first to last he was a conscienceless impostor, pretending to work miracles, to receive revelations, and, although often ex-

posed, still securing fresh dupes and widening his sway.

That which Joseph Smith began, Brigham Young carried on with a still stronger hand. Joseph Smith but laid the foundations; Brigham Young built the mighty superstructure. More unscrupulous, more daring, more a leader, more despotic, Brigham Young, during his life, compacted the believers in Mormonism into an organization which implicitly obeyed his will. No matter how horrible the deed, he had but to indicate his wish, and it was done.

It needs that just such facts as are narrated in this book should be known everywhere in order that public sentiment shall dictate to the authorities at Washington such radical and continued action as shall eradicate this evil entirely. The book is published at an unremunerative price, because of the fact that it is desired that it shall be widely read and scattered as an educative document.

The Dream of Agnoscens: a Poem of the Times. By WILLIAM HUDSON. London: Huxtable and Galway. Pp. 245, price \$1.10.

This is a very remarkable book. It is cast in the form of a dramatic poem of very free construction. It is largely lyrical in form, and introduces scenes in the invisible world, in a west-end club, in a wayside inn, in a country mansion, in Westminster Abbey, in Whitechapel, in a hospital, in Tartarus, in Paradise and in Heaven. Among the characters are representatives, past or present, of Agnosticism and Pessimism, of Prayerless Culture and the Worship of Humanity, of Godless Evolution and the Worthlessness of Life, and of the Criticism that destroys confidence in teachers as well as faith in God.

The design of the poem is to restate the doctrines of Providence, the ministry of angels, and the mystery of sin; to exhibit the profanity of irreverence, the necessity of revelation, and the insufficiency of opinion; to illustrate the power of revealed truth, the grace of the Christian life, and the victory of faith;