

dying out and they will eventually make loyal Canadian subjects.

Aylmer Maude, the gentleman who had most to do with bringing them from Russia to Canada, writes this book as an apology to the Government. He states that he was misinformed about the sect, and had consequently failed to tell the whole truth about them. In this book he does public penance to try and atone for his blunder. The story of the Doukhobors teaches lessons of patience, that in the long run "The meek shall inherit the earth," that in this instance the doctrine of non-resistance has real validity. He gives a history of the Doukhobors that has not before been presented, traces their connection with the Lollards, Baptists, Quakers, and other sects. It is an important contribution to one of the most interesting experiments in colonization of recent times. It contains a long letter from Count Tolstoy explaining his relations with this remarkable sect, whose real character and motives are for the first time explained in this book. It contains fifteen photos, and is a work of much interest and importance.

"Our European Neighbors. Belgian Life in Town and Country." By Demetrius C. Boulger. New York: C. P. Putnam's Sons. Toronto: William Briggs. Pp. x-321. Price, \$1.20 net.

Of books of travel we have more than enough. The hasty conclusions of the hurried globe-trotter are seldom of much value, but this Town and Country series is the result of long residence in the different countries described and a study of their institutions and people. Belgium, one of the smallest, most densely populated, industrious, and flourishing parts of Europe, is well worth study. It is made up of two races, the Flemings and Walloons, who have remained separate and distinct in language, literature, and largely in industries throughout the historic past. A very interesting account is given of the burgher life in Brussels, of the commercial classes of Antwerp, of the court and society. But of greater interest is that of the mining and manufacturing population. The writer presents a sad picture of the ravages of drink among the miners. Their only ambition is to drink and get drunk. There is one drinking-place for every five adults. Of course, ignorance and superstition result. The manufactures of Liege, where a world's fair is this year held, demand much higher intelligence. In that city

alone there are forty thousand working gunsmiths. Country life presents a much more pleasing aspect, especially among the Walloons, though in consequence of the small farms, the tillage is mostly that of hand and foot, without machinery. The dead cities of Flanders, Ghent, Bruges, Courtrai, are but the shrunken remains of their former splendor. Their old town halls and guild houses have a romantic splendor. Ghent once boasted a quarter of a million of inhabitants, but was reduced to less than forty thousand. Antwerp has, however, become one of the great ports of Europe. Belgium is the most thoroughly Roman Catholic country in Europe, much more so than Italy and equalling Spain. Nevertheless, it is thoroughly tolerant of other faiths.

"Italy from the Alps to Naples." Handbook for Travellers. By Karl Baedeker. Leipzig: Karl Baedeker. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 8 marks (\$2).

After all, there are no guide-books like Baedeker's. We have seventeen of them, and would not be without them in traveling in any country which they describe, and they describe almost every country in Europe. They are the ideals of condensed and useful information, historical, artistic, economic, down to the hotel fares and cab tariffs. This book is a condensation of three larger volumes on Italy, omitting Sicily and out-of-the-way places which comparatively few visit, but giving all the needed information about the routes and cities of the Peninsula. There are twenty-six maps and forty-two plans. It is brought down to date of 1904, giving one hundred and twenty pages on Rome, seventy on Naples and vicinity, forty on Florence, and ample information on the other cities of this land of old renown.

"The United States. With an Excursion into Mexico." Handbook for Travellers. By Karl Baedeker. Leipzig: Karl Baedeker. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 12 marks (\$3).

In this book of 660 pages is described a country much larger than the whole of Europe. While this continent abounds in magnificent scenery, its lack of historic background is shown by the possibility of this compression. Nevertheless, people should see as much of their own continent as possible, and this book will greatly aid them in doing it well. It has chapters on politics by John Bach Mc-