

to have assigned a sufficiently large place to the church. But his narration is rapid, and from the events which he cleverly groups together he draws lofty philosophical views and salutary lessons which should be borne in mind by those for whom they were intended. The abbé Casgrain has well said that "the eye of the historian ever presides over the narration, views the course of events, examines them, seeks their causes and deduces their consequences."

Those who charge Garneau with having treated the conquerors with a severity bordering on injustice, must remember that he began to write soon after the bloody struggle of 1837. The horizon was threatening and the future dark. As he listened he heard the sound of the ever-approaching wave of Anglo-Saxon advance, and he wondered if, instead of a history, he was not writing a funeral oration. In the midst of the anxieties of such a situation who would have remained perfectly impartial?

The style is on a level with the thought, and reveals a writer of a high order. He has breadth, precision and brilliancy, but he is especially remarkable for his verve and energy. Exalted by his wounded patriotism, he writes with an ardour of conviction, a vivacity of expression which carry away the reader and influence him, especially if he be a Canadian. One feels that the breath of patriotism has passed over these pages.

Many archaisms and faults of style as well as historical inaccuracies may be pointed out in the first edition, but the fourth edition is entirely free from them. It is also a typographical *bijou*.

To sum up, Garneau's History is a masterly work which takes its place by the side of the great histories of our age. Garneau was an admirer of Augustin Thierry and of the school to which he belonged, but he succeeded in remaining free from trammels. His method consisted in grouping in an honest manner all the facts and events, in discovering their causes, and in pointing out their consequences and teachings. In this he was successful in a remarkable degree.

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