

prove a delightful *souvenir* of many well-remembered scenes. For stay-at-home travellers, who must do their touring at their own fireside, they will prove one of the best substitutes for foreign travel. Indeed, with their ample descriptions and graphic illustrations of the things best worth seeing, from the best points of view, and under the best conditions, the attentive reader may derive a more intelligent appreciation of very many of these places of interest than restless globe-trotters, whose impressions of travel are blurred by the kodak-like rapidity with which they are snatched, without, however, the kodak's accuracy and retentiveness of impression.

From a somewhat extended acquaintance with most of the places portrayed and described in these pages, we can bear personal testimony to the photographic accuracy with which they are delineated with pencil and with pen.

Footprints of the Jesuits. By HON. R. W. THOMPSON, ex-Secretary of the Navy. Author of "The Papacy and the Civil Power." Cincinnati: Cranston & Curtis. New York: Hunt & Eaton. Toronto: William Briggs. Octavo. Cloth. 509 pages. With portrait of author. Postpaid, \$1.75.

That subtle and sinister system, which, in the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries had belted the world with its missions, and won renown and execration in almost every land, gained some of its greatest success in the United States and Canada. The Jesuits had numbered as converts hundreds of thousands of baptized pagans in India and the Moluccas, in China and Japan, in Brazil and Paraguay. They almost entirely controlled the religious education of youth in Europe; and kept the consciences of kings, nobles, and great ladies, who sought at their feet spiritual guidance and counsel. They had won well-merited fame for attainments in ancient learning, for modern science, for pulpit eloquence, and for subtle statecraft. Under the

disguise of a Brahmin, a mandarin, an astrologer, a peasant, a scholar, they had compassed the world to make proselytes to Rome. Deciphering ancient manuscripts or inscriptions, sweeping the heavens with the telescope, or digging the earth with a mattock, editing the classics or ancient Fathers, or teaching naked savages the Ave or Credo, they were alike the obedient and zealous servants of their order, to whose advancement their whole being was devoted. They were at once among the greatest friends of human learning and the most deadly enemies of civil liberty.

Mr. Thompson has given years of painstaking study to the Jesuits. His treatment is thoroughly judicial. He quotes very largely from recognized Catholic authorities. He does not write as a Protestant against the religious teaching of Romanism. He does not allow himself to be tempted into a discussion of the loose moral code of the Jesuits. He writes as a patriot in defence of the institutions of his own country, as a statesman in defence of civil liberty everywhere, and he writes because the facts which he has gathered from all quarters concerning the origin, principles, and history of "the Society of Jesus," compel the conviction that civil liberty is imperilled by the very existence of this society in any land. These facts he presents, and in so discriminating and withal so forceful a manner that the book must at once take its place as an authority upon this vital subject. An excellent portrait of the author forms the frontispiece, and the book is a beautiful specimen of typographical art.

James Inwick, Ploughman and Elder. By P. HAY HUNTER, author of "Sons of the Croft," etc. Edinburgh and London: Oliver, Anderson & Ferrier. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, \$1.25.

By some strange delusion many persons fancy that the Scotch are deficient in humour. They cite the old saw about the need of a surgical instrument to get a joke into their