

ses unusual facilities for obtaining information concerning this remarkable people. The Zunis are a very religious race, and keep a perpetual fire burning to honour the return of Montezuma ; not he whom the Spaniards had the undoing of, but a distant ancestor, deified after his disappearance, whose honoured name was conferred upon the unhappy Mexican monarch. Mrs. Stevensor's essay is an entertaining account of Zuni mythology, and of the secret, some of them, conventual and celibate orders, existing among this people. Children are early initiated into the rites of the simpler orders, and zeal, hardly second to that of Christian parents for the religious instruction and welfare of their children, is shewn by the Zunis in superintending and guiding the beliefs and rites of their offspring. The essay is well illustrated with coloured pictures whose brilliancy would delight the eye of a child and be the despair of an aboriginal artist. There are Roman Catholic missions not far from the Zuni country, and some Presbyterian and Methodist ones farther north, but I am not aware of any work being carried on among the Pueblo people, although my mission atlas, that of Dr. Vahl, for which I am indebted to his friend and correspondent, our Mr. James Croil, is three years old. It is much to be desired that a people naturally so religious should, like the ancient Athenians, have their Paul to declare to them the knowledge of " the God that made the world and all things therein." The Bureau of Ethnology is doing good work in drawing attention to the less known Indian tribes, and in collecting information concerning their history, customs, language, and religion, which cannot fail to be of service to the intelligent missionary. The ardent longing of the Zunis for their redeemer Montezuma, is it not within them a divine impulse to seek and find the only Redeemer of our lost humanity ?

