

## A BOYS' STORY

Speaking of the boys and girls, we have been delighted to receive from Messrs. S. W. Partridge & Co., London, England, J. Macdonald Oxley's story, **in Paths of Peril** (128 pages, 50c.). This, is under another name, "The Acadian Huguenot," which proved so great a success early in 1903 as a serial in EAST AND WEST, for which it was specially written. The story is of the time of La Tour, and the scene is the old Acadian forests and forts. Many of our boys and girls will be glad to see Raoul and his adventures in permanent form. The book should have a good sale for school and Sunday school libraries. The six full-page illustrations by J. E. Laughlin add much to its attractiveness.

## THEOLOGY

To the author of **The Creed of Presbyterians** (Egbert W. Smith, D.D., **Boyle-Stewart, Ltd.**, Toronto, 50c.), we feel sure, as we read, that the writing of the book was a true labor of love. There is the ring of heartfelt conviction in every sentence. The writer holds the creed he expounds and defends, or rather the creed holds him. Of the five chapters, the first gives an account of the formulation of the Presbyterian creed by the Westminster Assembly of Divines; the next two point out the fruits of the creed in the national life of Britain and those continental countries where it has been held, and of America; the fourth contains scriptural illustrations of the creed; and the closing chapter shows its catholicity. The introductory autograph letter from Rev. Principal

Caven is an exquisite specimen of the Principal's fine touch. Books like Dr. Smith's serve a good purpose by intensifying the loyalty of Presbyterians to that system of doctrine, which has nerved so many heroic souls for the service of God, and sustained them in the hour of trial and persecution.

## THE RUSSIAN JEWS

The larger portion of **Within the Pale**, by Michael Davitt (A. S. Barnes & Co., New York, \$1.20 net), is occupied with a narrative of the massacre of Russian Jews in Kishineff on the 19th and 20th of last April. Its author visited the scene of the terrible occurrence about a month later, and gives the results of a painstaking investigation. The language of the letters is moderate to a degree, and the authorities cited leave no room for question as to the reliability of their statements. With great calmness and self-restraint the story is told of outrages so horrible, that their perpetrators seem more like fiends than men. One's heart would be hard indeed, if he were not moved to sympathy with the 2,750 Jewish families who suffered in the riots, and to indignation against their cruel persecutors. Besides the narrative of the recent massacre, the book has an interesting history of the Jews in Russia from the earliest times. Its title, "Within the Pale," refers to the fact that, ever since the early years of last century, all the Jews in Russia, with the exception of a few privileged classes, have been compelled to live within a certain district on the western frontier, marked off as the Pale of Settlement.

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