

calamity never befell a people than the conquest of Canada by British arms."

What England did for Canada she has done for the United States everywhere, and this first contact of France, and then of England with the savage life of America, it has been Mr. Parkman's good fortune to describe. While we are reading an interesting story we are tracing out the rude hamlet of the forefathers; and the pioneer, the trapper, the priest, and the fur-trader lead in the march of civilization. Though the stories of these pioneers in conquest and religion seem already remote and legendary in face of the occupation of the land they once held by a present civilization, and though the trapper and the Indian are now shorn of their pristine glory and will soon become the relics of a by-gone age, the volumes of Mr. Parkman can never grow old in interest. They contain too much which is inwrought with our very life to become obsolete, and they are so largely the history of the first era of civilization in America, that, though the fascination and charm of legendary story are felt on every page, they can never pass into the list of old romance. Mr. Parkman has visited France several times to examine the French archives in connection with his historical labors.

His publications in his chosen field are: "The Oregon Trail;" "The Conspiracy of Pontiac;" "Pioneers of France in the New World;" "Jesuits in North America;" "Discovery of the Great West;" "The Old Régime in Canada;" "Count Frontenac and New France under Louis XIV.," and "Montcalm and Wolfe." Mr. Parkman is at the present time (1888) engaged on another volume which is designed to complete the series.