

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED—Continued.

vaccinationists, Therne becomes rich, a member of Parliament, and a prosperous physician. The town of Dunchester, the scene of his trials and triumphs, is swept by smallpox, after Dr. Therne has helped to secure the abrogation of the obligatory law regarding vaccination. He loses his place, the respect of the people, and, worst of all, his beloved young daughter. The story carries point in England, where the new law introducing the "conscience clause" has certainly made a deep hole in the vaccination regulations, and, in Canada, the subject is not without interest. We doubt, however, whether any doctor would play Dr. Therne's cowardly part.

SPAIN: ITS GREATNESS AND DECAY.—By Martin Hume. Cloth, maps, 460 pp., 6s. C. J. Clay & Sons, Cambridge University Press Warehouse, Ave Maria lane, London. This timely work, dealing with Spain from 1479 to 1788, is from the pen of a most painstaking and accomplished historian of Spanish annals. The introduction, by Mr. Edward Armstrong, of Queen's College, Oxford, presents a well-balanced view of the country during the years when it dictated European policy and was a powerful force in the affairs of the world. Major Hume begins his narrative in 1527, at the birth of Philip II., afterwards the husband of our English Queen Mary. For this period the author is already noted as a sound and careful authority, and his book will be welcomed by students and teachers in Canada as a valuable new contribution to the study of the time. For popular reading, its style is also well adapted, and the result of the recent war with the United States renders fresh examination of the causes which have led to Spain's decline a very agreeable task. The volume is one of the Cambridge Historical Series and may be safely recommended to Canadian readers.

BRULE'S DISCOVERIES AND EXPLORATIONS, 1610-1616.—By C. W. Willshire. Cloth, illustrated, 185 pp., \$2. The Helman-Taylor Co., 23-27 Euclid avenue, Cleveland Ohio. Those who keep up with Canadian historical works will find this a necessary addition to their list. Etienne Brule, the noted explorer and woodsman who joined Champlain in New France shortly after the founding of Quebec, made valuable journeyings and discoveries in what is now Ontario, and in the Northern States. He acted as interpreter for Champlain, was the first white man to go down the Lachine Rapids, discovered Lake Superior, etc. He is supposed to have been killed and eaten by the Huron Indians. The author has gone over the available

material with skill, and presents a vivid narrative. The book contains seven reproductions of early drawings and maps by Champlain and others.

THE GREAT LORD BURGHLEY.—By Martin Hume. Cloth, gilt top, 511 pp., 12s. 6d., port. frontis. James Nisbet & Co., Limited, 21 Berners street, London, Eng. A special study of the present Prime Minister's great ancestor was well worth the making. As a careful student of the Elizabethan period, the author has investigated all the available materials, and has had access to the valuable stores of MSS. at Hatfield. As an estimate of Burghley's character nothing could be more honest and searching, and we regard the work as an extremely entertaining contribution to the historical materials regarding the period. Designed, evidently, for popular reading, the book is also thorough and authoritative. The references are all given. Step by step, without weariness to the reader, the author unravels the mazes of Elizabethan statecraft, and traces William Cecil's course from first to last. That the virtues of prudence and insight have descended to his successor, Lord Salisbury, may clearly be inferred, and to the present Prime Minister the book is dedicated.

THE LONG WHITE CLOUD.—By William Pember Reeves. Cloth, illus. and maps, 421 pp., 6s net. Horace Marshall & Son, Temple House, Temple avenue, London, Eng. Mr. Reeves is the Agent-General of New Zealand in London, and his book is a most readable story of the colony—its history, scenery, geographical features and political development. Mr. Reeve's literary style is excellent, and even if Canadians had no interest in New Zealand, which they have, they would read the book with great pleasure. We do not know of any work on New Zealand which has any vogue in Canada, and such a book is needed. There are 24 handsome full-page illustrations of colonial scenery, public men, etc., and the printing and binding are unexcelled. Such books as these should be given largely as school prizes, for they are instructive as well as entertaining. For such a handsome volume the price is moderate.

RALPH DENHAM'S ADVENTURES IN BURMA.—By G. Norway. Cloth, extra, gilt edges, 6 illus., 2s. 6d. W. P. Nimmo, Hay & Mitchell, Edinburgh. Ralph is the son of a widow, has received a sound Christian training, and starts out to make his way in the world by accepting a position in a commercial house in Burma. Shipwrecked on the way out, Ralph's adventures are numerous and varied, and the view of

life in Burma is interesting to old as well as young people. Lost in the jungle and treed by a tiger, Ralph shows the stuff that is in him, and, after settling down to work in Rangoon, becomes wealthy and prosperous. The book is now in this market and should sell well.

CASTLE ORIOLE, OR THE KING'S SECRET—By Charles Hannan. Cloth, 319 pp., 6s. John Long, 6 Chandos street, Strand, London, Eng. In "Castle Oriole" the author gives us a decidedly sensational novel, with an intricate plot and many adventures. In the romantic days of England, when king's intrigues in small affairs and the domestic affairs of a family of rank supplied material for a dozen tales, Castle Oriole was inhabited by an elderly count and his beautiful wife. She and her friend the Countess Isabel are involved in danger by a false lover. A king's message and a lover's letter become mixed up. Lady Isabel is saved from disgrace by the fidelity of a young gardener at the castle, and spared from the royal seraglio by the king's generosity. He enriches and ennobles the gardener, who marries Isabel. The dangers, both moral and physical, which threaten the chief personages in the story, go to make up a very exciting tale.

A HERO KING.—By E. F. Pollard. Cloth, 426 pp., 6 illus., 5s. S. W. Partridge & Co., 8 and 9 Paternoster Row, London. One of the handsomest gift books of the day is this well written story of Old England in the days of King Alfred the Great. The authoress has written sympathetically of the period, and depicts the wars and policy through which the King led the kingdom to peace. The religious tone makes it suitable for Sunday-school libraries.

LOYAL LOCHABER.—By W. Drummond Norie. Cloth extra; 477 pp.; illus.; 10s. 6d. Morison Bros., 52 Renfield street, Glasgow, Scotland. The historical, genealogical, and traditionary character of this handsome volume make it extremely interesting to Highlanders in Canada, of whom there are so many here. The book is dedicated to the chief of the clan Cameron, and those who are proud of the smack of Jacobitism in their opinions, meaning thereby nothing but a faithful regard for the courage of their own ancestors and by no means any disloyalty to Her Majesty, will be more than delighted with the book. The author traces the history of the district from early times, relates the exploits of Montrose and Dundee, and deals with the "Fifteen." Then, a whole section is devoted to the "Forty-Five" and the devotion of the Highland clans to Prince Charlie. The last part deals with "Lochaber After the