

Book Notices.

"The Old Puritanism and the New Age." Addresses before the Woburn Conference of Congregational Churches at Malden, Massachusetts, April, 1903.

In an age of laxity of thought and practice and of religious enervation it is well to breathe again the bracing air that comes from the Puritan past. It is well for the sons of the Puritans to catch once more the spirit of their sires. In this volume certain undying truths are once more affirmed, as the historical significance of Puritanism, its doctrines, its message as to forms of worship, and conduct of life. One strongly written and practical address of this series is that by the Rev. Dr. Sims, formerly pastor of Bond Street Congregational Church, Toronto, now of Melrose, Boston. Dr. Sims urges as the message of Puritanism to the Church of to-day that its worship shall be rational and not mechanical, spiritual but not sensuous. The literalness and severe plainness of the old-time Puritans may give place to more stately churches, and to the organ's solemn peal and choral chant, but our worship must be inspired with the old truth and the old faith. It is a sane, wise, temperate plea for the recognition of beauty in art and service whose "sweet reasonableness" will commend it to every reader.

"Sketches of Indian Life." By Rev. F. Frost. Printed for the author by William Briggs, Toronto. Pp. 297. Price, \$1.00.

The Indians of Canada have always lent a picturesque character to our early history and frontier achievements. This is well expressed in the words of the Bishop of Algoma in the introduction to this book: "This broad and fair Dominion once was theirs. Upon its shimmering waters their frail canoes danced happily in the golden sunshine. Through its vast forests they roamed and hunted at will—its lords. A feeble, decaying people, bereft of almost everything they once held dear, confined within narrow limits, scantily provided for, but picturesque and fascinating to the last, they claim at our hands to-day, as their just and lawful due, a knowledge of the 'better coun-

try,' and, so far as we have it in our power to secure it for them, a title to its never-ending joys."

Mr. Frost has been for thirty years a missionary among the red men on the northern shores of Lakes Huron and Superior. He knows their manner of life, their character, their folklore. With a sympathetic pen he describes incidents of missionary experience that give us a better idea of the religious side of the Canadian Indians than do most of the books of adventure and fiction which profess their portrayal. It is an admirable contribution to missionary literature. It is well illustrated, and bound in imitation of birch bark.

"The New Testament in the Christian Church." Light Lectures. By Edward Caldwell Moore. New York: The Macmillan Company. Toronto: Morang & Co. Pp. xii-367. Price, \$1.50 net.

The formation of the New Testament canon and the principles of exclusion and inclusion are a subject of profound interest and importance. "There is no book in English," says the author, "which presents the results of the labours of scholars during the last fifteen years in the study of the growth of the New Testament canon and in that of the attribution to the early Christian writings of a scriptural authority." It is to meet this need that the author summarizes his studies on Zahn, Harnack, Holtzmann, and other writers on this important theme. Not that he slavishly follows authorities. The subject has been thought out independently, and his conclusion expressed with clearness and force. The importance of this subject demands a fuller review, which we will present at an early date. The author lovingly dedicates his book to his wife, without whose encouragement the studies it embodies would not have been maintained.

"Sir Henry Morgan, Buccaneer." A Romance of the Spanish Main. By Cyrus Townsend Brady. Author of "For Love of Country," etc. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company. Pp. 445. Price, cloth, \$1.50; paper, 75 cents.

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