

tory and experience of the Huguenots a most fruitful field for thrilling stories. In this book there is no lack of the best elements in all such fiction, with the additional charm of a peculiarly attractive picture of the child-life of these much persecuted people. The book gives us a glimpse of the cruel dragonnade system, when squads of dragoons were quartered on Huguenot families for the purpose of compelling them to recant their faith. Nannette's fearlessness of the captain of these dragoons, and her influence over him, is a most charming feature of the story. After many difficulties the family, with other Huguenots, escape to London in a vessel provided by a wealthy man who had not been suspected of being other than a good Catholic.

Without being rabid or vituperative against the Romish Church, the book sets forth in a most telling way the terrible injustice done to these most worthy and useful Huguenot citizens of France.

One Little Maid. By ELIZABETH PRESTON ALLAN. Pp. 367. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1 50.

A missionary's daughter in Japan is sent to spend a year in America at a wealthy girls' boarding-school in Baltimore. Being of an earnest religious nature, she has thought of America as truly "God's country," in contrast with the misery of the heathen nation in which she has grown up. When she reaches the school, and finds how much of what is earthly still clings to those who are professing Christians, and how many have not even made such a profession, there is something of a revulsion in her feelings. The effect, however, is to make her the more eager to exert a true influence, and soon she rejoices in finding how much good there is in her friends after all. Narika, the Japanese girl who came to America with her, catches in time some of the spirit of her missionary friend. The story is very sprightly, and the life of the

girls well described, while the whole impression is excellent.

The Knights of Sandy Hollow. By MARY B. SLEIGHT. Pp. 376. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$1.50.

The "Knights" were originally a band of eight or ten boys in a dull fishing village, who, fired by the exaggerated and sensational adventures in dime novels, united for mischief of all kinds. Before long their lawlessness made them the terror of the neighbourhood. A leaven of a different sort had, however, begun its work in the little village. A most devoted and attractive young girl, who came to live at the shore with a lame brother, determined to make friends with these boys, and help them to be true knights instead of the false ones that they were. Soon after, her efforts were seconded by a cheery, hearty, young theological student who visited the sea-shore village, and preached to the people there. The boys of Sandy Hollow were of all sorts. Some of them were led into serious misdoing; but in the course of months they, as well as the place, felt the effect of the good leaven. The story is a first-rate one for boys.

The Story of a Heathen. By H. L. READE. Pp. 82. Boston and Chicago: Congregational Sunday-school and Publishing Society. Toronto: William Briggs. Price 60 cents.

In a comparatively few words, and with a simple and direct style, the writer has told of the growth, conversion, and wide influence of a Japanese boy who is now living and occupying a high official position in Japan. The story is intended to be an inspiration to every one who is striving for the highest and best things. It gives us an insight into the pluck and ambitions of the Japanese youth of the present day. With its handsome cover and excellent reproductions of photographs, it makes a book well worthy of its subject and purpose.