

and the world is a better world to-day because these men lived and toiled and suffered and died.

Dr. Harris' later and larger volume, which in its admirable get-up reflects much credit upon our own Publishing House, deals with a narrower theme, but treats it in so interesting and comprehensive a manner, that it will doubtless receive what it deserves, a hearty welcome into many homes. The title might mislead the Protestant reader into supposing that the volume has nothing for him. This would be a pity. This book, apart from its especial interest to the Catholic reader, is a distinct contribution to the archaeology of our country. The author has read widely, and makes excellent use of the stores of information which he has gathered.

The introductory chapter upon the mound-builders and copper-workers introduces us to a forgotten people, the Attiwandarons, and unearths much valuable information not within the reach of the ordinary reader. The early history of the Niagara peninsula is recalled in an attractive way, and references to Protestants are generous and in good taste. Dr. Harris is happy in his character-sketching. One old priest, familiar to our boyhood, Father Grattan, lives again in the pages of this interesting volume. If this review were written in a critical spirit, it would be possible to cross swords with the author in his interpretation of historical events, but criticism is not our purpose. The author seeks to be fair, and has certainly succeeded in giving us a volume of great interest and no little value.

MISSIONS AND SOCIAL PROGRESS.*

Dr. Dennis may not be the first to propose a philosophy of missions, but no one else has ever developed such a philosophy with the wide induction of facts, with such a keen insight, and with such inspiring and eloquent demonstration. Dr. Dennis' first volume described the appalling conditions of social and moral evils in the non-Christian world; the ineffectual remedies which were offered, and the causes of their failure; and pointed out that Christianity was the only social hope of the nations. In this volume he shows the marvellous results in the uplift of man as an individual, and in communities through the power of the Gospel. He well says:

"The service of missionaries, although a quiet factor in the growth of civilization, making no great stir in the world, produces effects which are of decisive import in social, and even national, development. When we consider the comparatively small number of labourers—only a few thousand, widely dispersed in many lands, and in the case of medical missionaries only a few hundred—the results are remarkable in their volume and dynamic force.

"In a sense altogether unique, Chris-

tian missionaries may be regarded as the makers of the twentieth-century manhood of advancing races. They stand for upward social movements among backward peoples. There are indications that strong and earnest minds in Christian circles fully recognize this fact, and regard the Foreign Mission enterprise with deepening interest and ampler vision. The transcendent significance of the purpose of God is becoming more apparent; the sublimity of the task as a divinely appointed method, its power as a divinely commissioned agency, its increasing momentum as a world-embracing movement, are arresting, perhaps as never before in modern times, the attention of all who hope and pray for the coming of the Redeemer's kingdom."

This book cannot fail "to broaden the vision of the friends of missions, and to establish a deeper interdenominational consciousness in the whole circle of Christian labourers for the kingdom of our common Master. A Christian federation of the world in allegiance to the Supreme Ruler, and for the expansion of His kingdom, is by no means an impossibility. The story of modern missions is a prose epic. It tells how man puts himself 'alongside of God in history, and works with Him among the laws and forces of human nature and the facts of human life.' It is a record of brave and unselfish living. It recounts the gentle deeds, the humble ministries, the patient sacrifices, and the cheerful toils of earnest men and devout women in quest of the welfare of man-

* "Christian Missions and Social Progress." A Sociological Study of Foreign Missions. By the Rev. James D. Dennis, D.D., in three volumes. Vol. II. New York and Toronto: Fleming H. Revell Co. Toronto: William Briggs. Octavo, pp. xxvi-486. With many full-page half-tone plates. Price, \$2.50.