

ish bigot and bloodshedder, Menendez), Abbé Faillon's work, fragment though it is, must be reckoned one of the most satisfying stores of information for the period treated. How much Dr. Parkman owes to him, readers of that brilliant writer's earlier works must be aware. Pierre Boucher, Governor of Three Rivers and the founder of a well-known family, wrote a history of New France, in which he gave some valuable information on the resources of the country. It was published at Paris in 1663, and was reprinted at Quebec by E. Frechette in 1849. The history of the Ursulines of Three Rivers sheds welcome light on the character and habits of the people that owed M. Boucher allegiance. The treatise called "Les Veritables Motifs de Mes Sieurs et Dames du Montréal," recently republished, under Abbé Verreau's supervision, by the *Société Historique*, and the "Histoire de Montréal," of Dollier de Casson, published by the same society and by the Literary and Historical Society of Quebec, should be read, along with Abbé Rousseau's lately published "Vie de Maisonneuve," by the student of Montreal's beginnings. The works of Marquette\* and Hennepin are utilized in Parkman's "La Salle," in which con-

\* At a recent meeting of the Society for Historical Studies, the President, Mr. John Talon-Lesperance, exhibited a series of most interesting and valuable relics, associated with Father Marquette and his discoveries. It comprised the original map, showing the great river and the route of the explorers, a journal in Marquette's beautiful handwriting, a letter from the same source and a photographic *fac-simile* of his signature, as it appeared in the church register of the ancient parish of Boucherville. These manuscripts, as Mr. Lesperance explained, had been kept with scrupulous care in the Archives of the Society of Jesus in this country, until the death of the last surviving member of the order, the venerable and venerated Father Cazot. On his decease they passed, for safe-keeping, into hands to whose worthiness of the trust their condition to-day bears witness. The society passed a unanimous vote of thanks to Father Jones, S.J., who had kindly lent the manuscripts to Mr. Lesperance. Immediately after the meeting, they were restored to their anxious guardian at St. Mary's College.