

transparent sincerity of purpose, of noble and generous instincts. He was greatly beloved by all who came within his influence. His very punctiliousness of honour and extreme conscientiousness made him hesitate to subscribe to articles in the Confession of Faith which presented no difficulty to men of less subtle intellect and of less wide sympathies. So, also, though himself a practical abstainer, with a sense, we think, of mistaken chivalry, almost Quixotic, he opposed, almost alone, the view that the liquor traffic was contrary to the Word of God. His ecclesiastical trial, which created intense interest throughout the country thirty years ago, is here fully recorded. This well-written biography is a contribution of permanent value to the ecclesiastical and social history of Canada.

*Strategic Points in the World's Conquest.*

The Universities and Colleges as related to the Progress of Christianity. By JOHN R. MOTT. With map of his journey. New York, Chicago and Toronto. Fleming H. Revell Company.

The Students' Missionary Federation for the conquest of the world is one of the most striking recent signs of the times. The enlisting of the active sympathy and co-operation of the young and cultured classes of the community in this great movement gives promise of most important results in the near future. Mr. Mott, filled with Christian enthusiasm, has circumnavigated the world, preaching, like Peter the Hermit, a new crusade, not for the rescue of the tomb of Christ from the Infidel, but for the rousing a fresh spirit of consecration and zeal for the salvation of souls. It is a narrative of fascinating interest and will be an inspiration to missionary zeal.

*The Martian.* By GEORGE DU MAURIER, with illustrations by the author. New York: Harper & Brothers. Toronto: The Copp, Clark Company, Limited.

A strangely pathetic interest accompanies this volume. The gifted pen and pencil which wrote and illustrated its pages have finished their work forever. It seems to be, in large degree, a transcript of the author's artist experience in Paris, a strange mixture of Bohemian lightness and a depth of human tenderness. The striking grace with which he outlines human face and figure in his inimitable drawings finds its analogue in the literary skill with which he sketches human sentiment and experience.

*The Romance of a Jesuit Mission.* By M. BOURCHIER SANFORD. Toronto: Fleming H. Revell. William Briggs.

It is a strange fact that 250 years ago, in the region north of Barrie and Orillia, were a score or more of populous Huron towns whose inhabitants had been converted from paganism by the self-denying labours of the Jesuit missionaries. The story of the destruction of that mission by massacre and persecution is one of painful interest. Some of the missionaries were burned at the stake, others perished beneath the ruthless tomahawk of the Iroquois. The story of the devotion and heroism of the missionaries has never been surpassed, but the scene of all that unavailing valour now presents little trace of their toil. Great forests have grown over the mission site, and only in the pages of history is the heroism of the missionaries recorded.

In the possession of William Beatty, Esq., Parry Sound, is a relic of unique interest. It is a bronze mortar dug from the roots of an old pine tree, bearing the date 1639. It was used by the Jesuit missionaries in pounding their grain for food 250 years ago.

It is this intensely interesting episode of Canadian history that is made the background of this stirring story. The theme is one that lends itself with readiness to romantic narrative. This is a tale of love and sorrow, of faithfulness, even unto death, that should stir the sympathetic pulses of every Canadian reader.

*Klondike and the Yukon Country.* A Description of our Alaskan Land of Gold, from the latest Official and Scientific Sources and Personal Observation. By L. A. COOLIDGE, with a chapter by JOHN F. PRATT, Chief of the Alaskan Boundary Expedition of 1894. New maps and photographic illustrations. Philadelphia: Henry Altemus. Toronto: William Briggs. Price, 50 cts.

Many things have transpired to advertise Canada throughout the world as she was never advertised before. One of the most striking of these is the discovery of gold in vast quantities in the Klondike River. Many of the newspaper reports of these rich finds are exaggerated or inaccurate. It is, therefore, of much importance to find a well-digested book giving trustworthy information with maps and photographic illustrations. Both the author and publisher of this well-printed pamphlet have supplied a keenly-felt want by this seasonable issue.