

god are on the losing side. Maybe not tomorrow, or next week, or next year, or for many years, will we make substantial headway against their dull and stolid phalanx. But we are cheered by the thought that again and again in the world's history have they been thrown into wild rout, while precious ground was gained in the fight for the kingdom of God on the earth.

It looks as though another pitched battle were in sight. Insurgency, the union of body and mind and spirit in the service of the world, is to be found elsewhere besides at Washington. The whole earth is stirring with the larger Insurgency. In England, Russia, Turkey, Germany, Spain, China,—the whole world over—a spirit of restlessness, of dissatisfaction with ancient evils, is stirring the souls of men. This thing is of God. He who fights it is allied with the powers of darkness. He who breathes it and lives it, for good or for ill, has for his support the almighty powers of love and truth.

BOOKS

THE MAKING OF A NATION.

Lady Merton, Colonist. By Mrs. Humphry Ward. New York. Doubleday, Page & Co. Price, \$1.50.

In her latest work the author, who has heretofore dealt largely with English aristocracy and politics, makes a new departure and gives her readers a taste of the American wilderness with its throbbing pulse of aspiration and progress.

The splendor and promise of the new land, with its rapidly developing resources, thrills the whole being of the young English woman, Lady Merton, with an enthusiasm that quite transforms "the product of twentieth century culture, refinement and luxury" into a possible helpmeet for the brave, loyal Canadian, George Anderson, with whom she falls irrevocably in love. Journeying with her invalid brother in a private car through the lake, mountain and forest scenery of the Canadian Pacific railroad, she finds the young mining engineer with his unselfish devotion, his passionate love and service of his country, a marked contrast to the English suitor, who has followed her from the old world only to sigh for his Cumberland house, his classical library and the comely and dignified ways of life, while she is burning with an ardor inspired by the possibilities of a magnificent new country, with its eyes scanning the universe for the light of progress.

Without intention, perhaps, Mrs. Ward denies the tradition of heredity in the noble manhood of George Anderson descended, as the story proves, from a drunken criminal father, whom he loyally acknowledges, as he believes, in the face of outraged love, and defeat of all his brilliant pros-

pects of public usefulness. Happily and justly, both love and friendship rally to his support in the tragedy which he meets with the courage and honesty of a true hero.

The charm of the story rests chiefly in the large atmosphere of the region in which its scenes are laid. In its descriptive passages the vastness, grandeur and beauty of the Canadian world is blown in upon us with a freshness and power that inspires us with Lady Merton's own enthusiasm and faith in the future of the country of her adoption.

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IN THE CIVIL WAR WITH A MUSKET.

History of the 103d Regiment Pennsylvania Volunteer Infantry. 1861-1865. By Luther S. Dickey, Corporal of Company C, with Sergeant Samuel M. Evans as Collaborator.

This is one of the few thorough-going contributions to the history of the American Civil War which have the peculiar value of telling the story from the point of view of the man who carried a musket. The horizon of these writers may not have been as wide as that of their generals, but within its scope they saw more keenly. Though the general swept a wide area with field glasses, the privates and non-commissioned officers knew what was going on about them. And if the man with the musket be competent, as in this instance he is, to gather historical documents, critically to consider them in the light of his own knowledge, and then to give adequate expression to his conclusions, his work is likely to be better, within his narrower field of observation, than that of the men higher up—or, perhaps in this connection one should say, "farther back."

Making no pretense to do more than collate the records in readable form of one regiment of the Civil War, in minute detail and for the special interest of its survivors and the descendants of its members, Corporal Dickey has not only succeeded in this purpose, but has also made a convincing defense of the Division in which his regiment served at Fair Oaks (Seven Pines) from aspersions upon its conduct in that battle which had become history. Military books are not often interesting—outside of military circles—but this one comes within the exceptions to that rule.

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A STUDY IN NORMALISM.

The Philosophy of Happiness. By R. Waite Joslyn, LL. M. Normal Publishing Co. Elgin, Ill. Price, \$1.00.

An analysis of the conditions that conduce to a normal state of happiness will be interesting to the reader who enters readily into the author's