

V. CHURCH HISTORY.

The Pilgrims and Their History. By Roland G. Usher, Ph.D., Professor of History, Washington University, St. Louis. New York, The Macmillan Co., 1918. 310 pp. \$2.00.

Professor Usher has succeeded not only in producing a very readable story, but has made some additions to our knowledge. His claims in the latter direction are modest. Dexter and other scholars have spent an infinite amount of labor upon this event, and, as Professor Usher says, it is not likely that any substantial additions will be made in the future to what they have discovered. The author takes an unusual view of some features of the history. For example, he denies that there was any serious active persecution of the Pilgrims before they left England for Holland by either the church or the state, and he seems to establish his contention. Again, he maintains that the body which emigrated to Holland was much smaller than is generally supposed.

But the real contribution of the book is not that it adds materially to our knowledge. It is rather that the author has made so readable and so vital a story. He has studied into the details of the life of the Pilgrims and the conditions of living, and has succeeded in reproducing these vital elements in a remarkable degree. Avoiding the technicalities of history in his presentation of his material, he has everywhere preserved the scientific attitude. The work is well done.

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Wesley as Sociologist, Theologian, Churchman. By John Alfred Faulkner, Professor of Church History in Drew Theological Seminary. Methodist Book Concern, New York and Cincinnati, 1918. 193 pp. 75 cts.

The title of this small volume exactly describes its contents. It is a study of the great evangelist and reformer in the three aspects of the title. Dr. Faulkner is one of the ablest and most accomplished historical scholars of the Methodist Church in America and has made Wesley his constant study. He is in his investigations, fair and fearless in his judgments, clear and full in his statements. He is, therefore, peculiarly well fitted to deal with these disputed aspects of the life and work of the great founder of Methodism. He corrects in this book some of his own earlier opinions.

It is not so generally known that Wesley was deeply interested in the social conditions of his day, keen in his observations and