result of causing the reader some uncertainty about the exact location of a particular quotation.

References in the footnotes and the bibliographical essay give assurance that the available materials found in the better known depositories have been carefully surveyed and extensively used, though it is not impossible that random items found in outlying places may not have been located and consulted. As an illustration it is possible that the picture of Croghan as fur trader and as land speculator might be enlarged by the examination of courthouse records at Lancaster, Carlisle, Bedford, Greensburg and elsewhere in Pennsylvania and also in Frederick, Maryland, and Winchester, Virginia.

Persons interested in American history, 1741-1782, will welcome this publication and give much credit to the author, his sponsors, and his publishers, for a valuable contribution to local, regional and indeed, national and international history.

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The Presbyterian Valley.  WILLIAM WILSON MCKINNEY, Editor.
Davis & Warde, Inc., Pittsburgh, 1958, 559 pp., notes, appendices, bibliography, index, illustrations.  $3.95.

It was with pardonable pride that two great religious denominations, each in its own book, reviewed phases of their past at the time of their historic union in late May, 1958 at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There the resemblance largely ceases. The United Presbyterians in text covering 227 pages presented a church-wide survey by one author. The Presbyterians (U.S.A.) in 559 pages (prompted by the Pittsburgh Bicentennial of 1958-1959 as well as by the Church Union of 1958) used, as a symbol of world-wide narrative, the story of 200 years of Presbyterianism in the Upper Ohio Valley. And their story is told by seven authors writing twenty-one topical essays. Both techniques are very valid. However, it is the latter that is up for review here.

Even on extended reflection, it is difficult to think of anything very important omitted from The Presbyterian Valley. Unfortunately, the only exception is not the usual plethora of concluding
statistics and factual lists—these are only partially restrained. Biography, historical narrative, publications, congregations and educational and charitable institutions, benefactors, worship and missionary features, moral and social and economic crusades or silences, even military and civic leaders, and so on make this book a plum-pudding for any reader who loves to brush up on half-forgotten items or to fill in half-understood eras. Of course, this book, edited by Dr. William W. McKinney, is a delight to those "in the family" of Presbyterianism. But it makes excellent informational reading for anyone liking religious history, especially Tri-staters.

The essays duplicate material on occasion but usually in a way relevant to the chapter topic. The quality of the essays is uneven. Some read very well. Others are pedestrian accounts trying to survey vast material in wooden determination.

A definite word of praise is owed to the editor and to the printers, Davis & Warde of Pittsburgh, for the fine end map, clean typography, useful chapter sub-headings, rich notes and bibliography, and good picture arrangement.

Almost every book has some flaws. Yet here is a book that is a most worthwhile contribution to the flourishing library of religious history by Americans.

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*The United Presbyterian Story* was written at the request of the Centennial Committee of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church of North America. As the subtitle indicates, the book is a Centennial Study of the United Presbyterian Church during the years 1858 to 1958.

Since the United Presbyterian Church cannot be understood apart from an examination of its roots in Scotland and the life of its antecedents in America, Dr. Jamison carefully describes and evaluates the early beginnings out of which the United Presbyterian Church emerged.