

DE LAET. southern coast of New France, and of all that occurred in that country up to his time between the French and English.

In the fourth book he gives quite a good description of Florida, drawn mainly from the annals of Anthony de Herrera. He recounts all the attempts of the Spaniards to settle there under John Ponce de Leon, the licentiate Vazquez de Ayllon, Pamphilo de Narvaez, Hernando de Soto, and Louis de Moscoso ; the expeditions of the French to that part of Florida now occupied by the English and Spaniards ; the settlement of St. Augustine by Peter Menendez, after that general had expelled the French from Florida, and the resistance which he had to make to the attack of the English under Sir Francis Drake.

SAGARD. 1636. HISTOIRE DU CANADA, & VOYAGES, QUE LES FRERES MINEURS RECOLLECTS y ont faicts pour la conuersion des Infidelles. Divisez en quatre liures. Où est amplement traicté des choses principales arriüées dans le pays depuis l'an 1615 iusques à la prise, qui en a esté faicte par les Anglois. Des biens & commoditez qu'on en peut esperer. Des mœurs, ceremonies, creance, loix & coustumes merueilleuses de ses habitans. De la conuersion & baptesme de plusieurs, & des moyens necessaires pour les amener à la cognoissance de Dieu. L'entretien ordinaire de nos Mariniers, & autres particularitez, qui se remarquent en la suite de l'histoire. Fait & composé par le F. Gabriel Sagard Théodat, Mineur Recollet de la Prouince de Paris. A Paris, chez Claude Sonnius. M.DC.XXXVI.

The author of this work spent some time among the Hurons, and relates naively all that he saw and heard on the spot, but he had not time to see things well enough, still less to verify all that was told him. The Huron vocabulary which he has left us, proves that neither he nor any of those whom he consulted was well versed in that language, which is a very difficult one ; consequently that the conversions of the Indians were not very numerous in his time. In other respects he seems a very judicious man, zealous not only for the salvation of souls, but also for the progress of a colony which he almost saw begin, and saw nearly annihilated in its origin by the English invasion. He gives us, on the whole, few interesting facts.

GROTIUS. 1642-1643. HVGONIS GROTHI DISSERTATIO DE ORIGINE GENTIVM AMERICANARVM. 1642. 4o.

The views of Grotius were not approved, and the next year a criticism appeared under the title—