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and turmoil and wrote under the in- photographs illuminate the text. would pass comparatively unnoticed. fluence of the prevading emotions. No better interpreter could be desire AMERICA AND THE WORLD WAR. ed than the author of "Dr. Johnson and his Circle," for he commands a By Theodore Roosevelt. McLeod & Dr. Andrew D. White, the noted scholarly and eloquent pen. Milton possesses some sense of the high issues, immediate and eternal, on which human existence ought to be report of ex-President Roosevelt's conscious that it hangs. There is no attitude towards the present war, as one in England who voices this so forcibly expressed by himself, and es- for the purpose of stimulating the

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ous scathing criticisms of the policy, of President Wilson, both as to land and naval forces. These rather fierce attacks suggest that the writer has allowed his political animosities to triumph. He also pays his compliments not infrequently to the 'professional peace prattlers, the ultrapacificists, who, with the shrili clamor of eunuchs, preach the gospel of the milk and water of virtue and scream that belief in the efficacy of diluted moral mush is essential to salvation." Universal military training, something resembling the Swiss system, is advocated for the United States by Mr. Roosevelt. His suggestion of a world league of natious is picturesquely presented, while to enforce peace and justice is not at women readers of the best well-tried quaint and unfamiliar places, replete all a new one. It has much, howmass of historical fact and legend she essary repetition. A careful revis- opens in an early issue of EVERY-

AMONG THE BEST BOOKS.

Allen, Toronto, Publishers. R. diplomat and statesman, and the first president of Cornell University, has compiled a list of the books which have given him the most profit and abiding pleasure. The list was made interest of students at Cornell University to good reading.

Among the books which have influenced his life he places first the Bible. - Among the passages of the Bible which he especially recommends are the grander Psalms, the nobler portions of Isaiah, and, above all, the sixth chapter of Micah; and in the New Testament, the utterances ascribed to Jesus Himself, of which the Sermon on the Mount is supreme, with Saint James' definition of foure religion and undefiled," and Saint Paul's description of charity. He says that in perfection of English diction there is in the whole range of literature nothing to surpass the story of Joseph and his brethren.

As to classic writers, Dr. White names in Greek the more striking parts of the Hiad and of Thucydide, and in Latin Caesar, Virgil, and, above all, the Odes of Horace, the Agricola and Germania of Tacitus and the letters of Cicero.

In English he names from Shakespeare's writings Hamlet, Julius Caesar, Macbeth, Henry IV, Henry V., A Midsummer Night's Dream, and, on a lower plane, As You Like It. Ado About Nothing, Twelfth Night and The Merry Wives of Windsor.

From Milton he names Comus, Allegro, Penseroso, Christmas Hymn and, above all, the Sonnets. He also recommends certain passages from Paradise Lost and from Samson Agcommends Speech for the Liberty of Unlicensed Printing. After Milton he suggests Words-

worth's Intimations of Immortality and especially his Sonnets. Next he names Tennyson's. Memoriam. Among other English writings he suggests Henry Wotton's Happy Life, Grey's Elegy, Goldsmith's Deserted Village, Burns' Cottar's Saturday Night and Tam o' Shanter, Keats Ode to a Grecian Urn, Bryant's Thanotopsis, Lowell's Massacio and his Biglow Papers.

As to oratorical writings, Dr. White says that the three greatest speeches the English language are: Daniel Webster's Reply to Hayne, Burke's plea for The Conciliation of America, and Abraham Lincoln's Address at

In fiction he gives the place to Walter Scott's Quentin Durward, Ivanhoe, Guy Mannering, Peveril of the Peak, Rob Roy, Kenilworth, The Monastry, The Abbot, Count Robert of Paris and The Talisman. In the list of modern English fiction he selects Thackeray's Vanity Fair, The Newcomes, and Henry Es-Hawthorne's Scarlet Letter, Charles Reade's The Cloister and the Hearth; Eggleston's Hoosier Schoolmaster, Kingsley's Westward Ho, and in present fiction Kipling's books. anguill's Jewish novels, Countess Arnim's Elizabeth in Her

W. D. Howells and Winston Church-

two or three recent publications of

Garden, and her other stories

and as the best short story Anatole Self-defence is discussed at some France's Crime de Sylvestre Bon-

> considers Anatole France's Les Dieux In German he picks Lessing's Nathan the Wise, Goethe's Faust an

> Schiller's great plays. In the whole realm of historical fiction, he says: " I would name one romance which has seemed to me " the greatest ever written in any language, Manzoni's Promessi Sposi.

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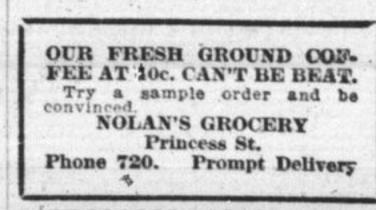
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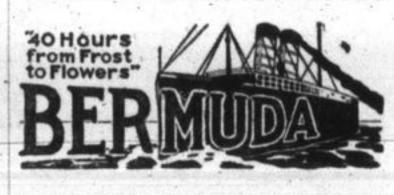
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