

Books And Their Authors

CONFEDERATION AND ITS LEADERS.

By M. O. Hammond, Toronto. 319 Pages. Price, \$2.50. McClelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Ltd., Toronto.

With a master touch M. O. Hammond, City Editor of the Globe, in a fine volume, discusses "Confederation and Its Leaders." It is timely just when public thought is turned to the jubilee of Confederation. It is a work studiously wrought out from a great mass of diversified information. Mr. Hammond spent time and money in following up clues, and in interviewing those alive who shared in the amalgamation of all the provinces. Altogether the work is one that will abide. It will find a place in the country's libraries and will be oft-quoted in recalling the years of agitation, contest and compromise to erect the British North America Act and place the Dominion on the high-road to greatness. Of it in 1909, Earl Grey said: "Confederation has put a soul into the Dominion, has put a national spirit into the people of Canada whose lustre and growth are at once the hope and glory of the British Empire."

With marked clearness and discernment Mr. Hammond has found time to examine the part played by the leaders of that day in the various provinces in bringing about the union; the men were diverse in view but sincere in purpose, and their attitude is given in an illuminating way.

Public Library Bulletin

Some Chosen Books of Interest—These Books Are Free to All Citizens.
 God, the Invisible King—H. G. Wells.
 Man in Court—F. D. Wells.
 How to do Business As It is Done in Large Cities—P. Easton.
 Business Correspondence.
 Advertising, Selling the Consumer—J. L. Mahin.
 Russia in 1916—S. Grahame.
 Crests and Badges of Regiments of Yeomanry.
 Flags of British Empire and All Nations.
 Official Crests of Royal Navy.
 Crests of Our Imperial Forces.
 Regimental Ribbons and Buttons of British Army.
 A Volunteer's Story—H. Shaban.
 One Young Man—J. E. H. Williams.
 In the Northern Waters (Our Navy).
 Mr. Phillips—H. Ward.
 Few Fragments of His Life—B. Bairnsfather.
 Benoit Castelnau—M. Prevost.
 Only a Dog—B. M. Smith.
 Hurrah and Hallelujah—J. P. Bangs.
 In the Claws of the German Eagle—A. R. Williams.

THE HAPPY HERO.

By Frank Carrel, The Telegraph Printing Co., Quebec, Publishers. 249 Pages.

Here is a book at last which will appeal to all classes of readers. Fiction readers will find interesting anecdotes, readers of history will find the life replete with historical allusions, biography revellers will find the life stories of strange men who inhabited faraway lands, religious subjects will find a discussion of the beliefs of so-called heathens, while readers of politics will find references to the political institutions of various countries. In fact, readers in all lines of literature will discover in this excellent volume which is above all, an account of a trip around the world, portions which cannot but interest and instruct them.

A ROUND THE WORLD CRUISE.

By Frank Carrel, The Telegraph Printing Co., Quebec, Publishers. 249 Pages.

Nearly every second page in the book, which is large but not bulky, is faced by clear cut illustrations taken from photographs—about 150 of them—which add considerably to the pleasure of reading this timely volume.

THE HAPPY HERO.

By Eric Lever Townsend. 32 Pages. Price, 35c. The Musson Book Co., Toronto, Publishers.

This is a wonderful letter by a lieutenant in the 15th London Regiment to his parents, to be read only when he shall have crossed the Great Divide. A boy of twenty, with all the allurement and hopes of a happy and useful life before him, he answered his country's call, and for the Empire's need was "faithful unto death."

THE HAPPY HERO.

In this great epic letter he reminds his parents of the saying attributed to Solon: "Call no man happy till he is dead," and comforts them with the reflection that, having lived the happy life of youth, thanks to their

"self sacrifice, love and devotion," he faced death with serene countenance: "I am happy, whereas if I had lived—who knows?" He was a soldier, one of thousands called to do and die, and he has no regrets. He writes:

"It has always seemed to me a very pitiful thing that little difference the disappearance of a man makes to any institution, even though he may have played a very important role. To a very small number it is given to live in history; their number is scarcely one in ten millions. To the rest it is only granted to live in their united achievements."

The soldier who fights and dies for the eternal principles of Right and Truth lives on in the "united achievements" that are won. "But for this war," he proceeds, "I and all the others would have passed into oblivion like the countless myriads before us. But we shall live forever in the results of our efforts. We shall live as those who by their great sacrifice won the Great War. The measure of life is not its span, but the use made of it."

In this letter the soul of a boy is like a holy place opened to all comers. With death waiting at his elbow, he sits down to comfort his father and mother. He sought carefully for tender words that would sweeten the bitterness of loss. His intense sincerity makes his words glow. "I am happy." He had escaped from the material view of life, seeing it not as dross to be hoarded up, but as treasure to be spent. The gay courage of it is baffling. "But we shall live forever! Our spirits and our memories shall endure," is a triumph song from the graves across the seas, where Death is busy in the harvest field.

Nothing is here for tears, nothing to weep, or knock the breast, no weakness, no dispraise or blame, nothing but well-earned fair.

I. MARY MACLANE.

By Mary MacLane. 317 Pages. Price, \$1.40. Thomas Allen, Toronto, Publisher.

Gertrude Atherton calls this book "So original that no one else in the world would have written it," forgetting also to remark that perhaps, no one else would want to, when he shall have crossed the Great Divide. A boy of twenty, with all the allurement and hopes of a happy and useful life before him, he answered his country's call, and for the Empire's need was "faithful unto death."

self, laid bare to the reader her private vanities, her whims, her passions, the thoughts she thinks. The book is startling. It jumps from a scrub woman to John Keats, from an intellectual appreciation of poetry to a touching conception of motherhood. On one page is a letter to God; and on the next a discussion of respectability and refinement which brings one to earth with a jolt. At times it is coarse, vulgar and disgusting. One lays it down feeling regret that he ever came across it.

CANADIAN BUTTERFLIES WORTH KNOWING.

By Clarence M. Weed. 280 Pages. Illustrated. Price, \$1.50. The Musson Book Co., Toronto, Publishers.

This is another of those charming and instructive series of "Worth Knowing" books, one of which, "Canadian Birds Worth Knowing," was reviewed on this page two weeks ago. The present volume discusses the more abundant and widely distributed butterflies of eastern North America from the point of view of their life histories and their surroundings. The author has consulted the works of many famous naturalists and added to their writings the result of his own original investigations. He acknowledges that there is still more to be learned concerning butterflies, and therefore indicates the more important opportunities awaiting investigation. The book is handsomely illustrated by forty-eight plates, thirty-two of which are in color. It provides a valuable contribution to the literature of nature study subjects, and should find a place in every school and college. It is just such a book as every boy and girl should own, and would doubtless take great delight in owning.

Literary Notes.

G. B. Lancaster, who wrote "The Law Bringers," a powerful novel of the Canadian North West, which deserves to be even more widely read in the dominions than it is, has a new novel with Hodder & Stoughton, entitled "Fool Divine." The Divine Fools of the world are the dreamers, the idealists with a feeling for the romance of life and an impulse to go in search of it, and the hero of this book is one of them. With such a hero, who finds for heroine a baffling strangely fascinating girl, "who may be just a beautiful, hapless Helen, or a Judith," "Fool Divine" develops into one of the most picturesque, powerfully dramatic novels this famous author has written.

great deal of the present are to be found in Nevin O. Winter's authoritative volume—"Texas: The Marvellous," published last year in The Page Company's "See America First" series. Mr. Winter is now at work on a companion volume, "Florida: the Land of Enchantment," to be issued in the "See America First" series in the early fall.

Archie Bell, the well-known traveller, whose new Spell book, "The Spell of China," will be published later in June by The Page Company, Boston, is touring through Canada gathering material for a book on the Dominion, to be published in the "See America First" Series, early in 1918. Mr. Bell writes his publishers from Alberni, Vancouver Island:

"Here's where the fishermen come back with thirteen pound trout, and where a good 'fruit' of salmon shows fish as thick in the streams as logs in a raft of timber. It is Switzerland with a Sicilian summer."

Louis M. Breitenbach, the Detroit author, whose Hadley Hall series of boarding school stories for girls has endeared her to the hearts of thousands of young people, writes her publishers, The Page Company, Boston, that she is soon to sail for France to engage in war relief work.

The July Yale Review.

If three or four articles were to be sketched from the July Yale Review in order to exhibit the strength of the number, they would probably be Emile Cammaerts' ultimatum on the only possible future for Belgium, the two brilliant criticisms of Congress by Medill McCormick and Charles Merz, the searching attack upon muddy thinkers by Vida Scudder in "The Doubting Pacifist," and Petrunkevitch's illuminating analysis of the Russian Revolution. But this group would represent the variety and interest of the number inadequately. It does not include the inspiring essay on the results of the fine political experiment in the Philippines by Bishop Brent; nor the timely explanation of why America's meat decreases as America's population increases; nor what is perhaps the first authoritative statement of the tremendous changes in the once impregnable British Constitution to be published in America: "Lloyd George and his Government," by H. W. Massingham, editor of "The London Nation," the journal most representative of the liberal opposition to the present English government.

The Round Table.

The June Number of this quarterly magazine contains many a thoughtful article. This publication is a masterly review of the politics of the British Empire, and while

some of the views expressed by the writer are not always acceptable to the mass of Canadian readers, they are nevertheless thoughtfully conceived and carefully written. Among the most interesting and instructive articles in the June number is a lengthy one dealing with Turkey, its Past and its Future; America's Entrance into the War; New Developments of the Constitution of the Empire; A War of Liberation; and The Education of the Citizen. Special articles treat of political, educational and industrial conditions in the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand.

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BRAVE YOUNG TRUMPETER

Stopped Four Runaway Horses at Petawawa Camp.
 From Petawawa comes a story of heroism that equals many of those from the front, and the credit goes to the youngest driver of "B" (Kingston) Artillery Brigade.
 A few days ago the 74th Battery, of which this lad is trumpeter, was on a mounted parade. Four horses on a lumber ran away across the field. Davis mounted his horse, rode up to the four galloping animals, stopped them, mounted one and brought the five back to camp without any damage being done.
 The officers and men of the camp were greatly pleased over the young lad's pluck and nerve work.

Want Will Changed.

The county council of Lennox and Addington want the clause in the late Reuben Daniel Schamerhorn's will providing that a House of Refuge be built within three years changed to four years. A committee has been appointed to locate a suitable site and to ascertain the probable cost of a House.
 He is an idle man who might be better employed.

To the Investors of Kingston!

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