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BOOKS AND THEIR AUTHORS

THE BIRTHRIGHT

A Search for the Canadian Canadian and the Larger Loyalty, by Arthur Hawkes. Published by J. M. Dent & Sons. Price \$3.00.

Mr. Hawkes, whose clever writing is known to Canadian newspaper and magazine writers, has put his pen to no more vigorous and illuminating work than in producing this stimulating volume for perusal by thoughtful Canadians.

Especially does Mr. Hawkes criticize the primary council of central imperialist issued in Lionel Curtis' study, "The Problem of the Commonwealth," where it is claimed Canadians are lacking in the broad essentials of government.

The facts which Mr. Hawkes has collected and presented with such force must impress deeply any seriously minded Canadian. They are a stirring arraignment of governmental conditions in the Dominion and are marshalled in compelling sequence.

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Mr. Hawkes' treatment of the alien problem is so different from the ordinary conception that he has proved himself to be a daring and fearless writer, unmovable by the intolerant and bigoted attitude of many persons who seem to have forgotten that there is much good in the best of us and much good in the worst of us while there are potential possibilities of greatness in all of us whether we are pure bred or hybridized Canadians.

THE GAY-DOMBES.

By Sir Harry Johnston. 397 Pages. Price \$3.00. The Macmillan Company, Toronto. Publisher.

Sir Harry Johnston, although a newcomer to the ranks of English novelists, has for many years been well known in the circles of the literature of exploration and discovery as the author of several books on Africa and its inhabitants.

Susan after the faithful servant who attended her mother. A son of the same couple, Paul Dombey 3rd, is one of the important characters, and other five children of Walter and Florence all play parts in the story.

For a proper reading and understanding of this novel, it is very necessary that the reader should have a thorough understanding of the history of the Dombey family. Without this, several passages become confusing, in spite of the long explanations and the details given by the author.

As a novel, it is a trifle heavy, but decidedly uncommon. It is a novel of a type which seldom occurs in the political groups of the latter part of last century towards the Imperial policy of Britain.

"PRODUCTION AND TAXATION IN CANADA."

By W. C. Good. 122 Pages. J. M. Dent & Sons, Ltd., Toronto. Price \$1.50.

This book, written from the farmer's standpoint, is by a man who is a practical farmer and who also possesses both a university and an agricultural education.

Tagore's Latest Success.

Sir Rabindranath Tagore's novel, "The Home and the World," the first long novel of his to be published in English, is being enthusiastically received by the critics.

"Saint's Progress," the new novel by John Galsworthy, which has been published by the Scribner's, is based on the everlasting tragedy of the cleavage, now for every generation, between parents and children.

GEMS OF NEW VERSE

There is the loneliness of people; There is the loneliness of one who stands alone in the vastness of the world.

Biographies of Well-known Authors.

John Ruskin.

The centenary of John Ruskin's birth has afforded no small pleasure to his admirers, and it is gratifying that he is still a living influence.

Ruskin had an immense vogue for many years of the Victorian era, and this was followed generally by a reaction. A well-known literary critic discovered him and became an enthusiastic admirer of him as the apostle of the "Religion of Beauty."

English Recognition For Zona Gale.

Rarely does an American book receive the attention in English papers that is being given to Zona Gale's latest novel, "Birth."

A Few Notes About Wells.

According to the New York Post, H. G. Wells, who has been discovered by God of late years, has now discovered the devil.

Humanizing Society.

Lovers of English literature will be struck with the applicability of several of the essays of Matthew Arnold to existing industrial conditions.

fluences impalpable, spiritual and viewless. He defines democracy as "a force in which the concert of a great number of men makes up for the weakness of each man taken by himself."

His conception of the progress of men and nations fits present conditions admirably. "Perfection will never be reached, but to recognize a period of transformation when it comes, and to adapt themselves honestly and rationally to its laws, is perhaps the nearest approach to perfection of which men and nations are capable."

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Notes of Interest to Book-lovers.

Dickensians everywhere will welcome "The Dickens Circle" by J. W. T. Ley, recently published in this country.

in sympathy with the effort to establish Jewish colonies in Palestine, but is opposed to the re-organization of Palestine as a Jewish state.

Under the title of "Musings and Memories of a Musician," Sir George Henschel writes of his own life charmingly and intimately.

Out of sheer desire to see what it was like, Walter Noble Burns shipped a "greenhorn" on a whaler a number of years ago, and made the voyage from San Francisco up into the Arctic.

Major Charles G. D. Roberts' new book entitled, "Jim, the Story of a Backwoods Police Dog."

Katrina Trask, whose plays, "The Mighty and the Lowly," and "In the Vanguard," have met with wide favour, has a new play ready for publication.

The Macmillan Company has published a book entitled "International War: Its Causes and Its Cure."

A third printing of Amy Lowell's "Grandes' Castles," the author's most recent volume of verse, has just been ordered.

Word comes from London of the death of Mrs. William Le Morgan, widow of the famous novelist who died about a year ago.

A new novel entitled "Handley's Corner," by Kate Horn, is described as a perfectly human love story.

Criticism at its best is an art, like poetry, and is inspired by the experience of literature.

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