

BOOKS AND THEIR AUTHORS

THE BATTLE NOBODY SAW

By Rev. Byron H. Stauffer, 190 Pages, Price \$1.50. The Ryerson Press, Toronto, Publishers.

In these days when fiction has so great a hold upon the public mind, when the problems of reconstruction are being discussed in countless volumes, and when the churches are, as it were, in the melting pot, it is somewhat of a surprise to find a volume of sermons published in a popular edition.

This book, composed of a number of his best sermons, presents Stauffer in every phase of his character. In it he shines as a story teller, he drives home Gospel truths as in his best days in the pulpit, his literary style is unquestionable, and the humanity of his great heart shows up in every chapter.

As the material for these sermons he has used many of the old familiar Bible stories, and has clothed them after his own fashion thereby giving them a charm and significance which are quite original.

MARY OLIVER—A LIFE
By Mary Sinclair, 280 Pages, Price \$2.00. The Macmillan Company, Toronto, Publishers.

Miss Sinclair's novel of last year, "The Tree of Heaven," has already taken its place as one of the finest pieces of writing in modern fiction. Her new book, "Mary Oliver," is a worthy successor to that in fact it comes as the more mature expression of the author's genius.

without stint to her lover, it is broken by her mother's death, which leaves her desolate. There we leave her at the age of forty-seven, drawing nearer to the truth, alone in the world, and enjoying the fruits of peace and happiness for which she has struggled for forty years.

APPROACHES TOWARDS CHURCH UNITY

By Newman Smyth and Williston Walker, 170 pages, Price \$1.25. The Yale University Press, New York, Publishers.

Reunion of the churches has now become a practical question. The end of the war leaves this as the next Christian thing to be done. As one of the results of the war, the long agitated question of uniting the Christian churches has assumed a deep significance in the programme of reconstruction.

The story opens with Mary at the stage of childhood. Her life is described in the terms and images of that period. The outstanding features are the repressive influences of her parents, her great love for her brothers, and the gradual unfolding of the characteristics which sway her later life.

THE LAND OF STRONG MEN

By Rev. A. M. Chisholm, 432 Pages, Price \$1.50. Thomas Langton, Toronto, Publishers.

As the title suggests this is a tale of the wild western country in the days before railroads and automobiles brought it close to civilization. It is a tale of the struggle of a young ranch owner, Angus Mackay, against the blackest fortune that could befall any man.

He goes astray and other misfortunes threaten to overwhelm him. But into his life comes romance and happiness in the person of Faith Winton, who owns an adjoining ranch. In the midst of his trouble he marries her and together they face the battles.

Here is the story for those who are fond of adventure and romance combined. The rugged men fighting a rugged land, the hate and love, the that are strong and powerful, and the unfolding of pages of their lives makes a thrilling story.

Biographies of Well-known Authors.

Lieut.-Col. John McCrae. The late Lieut.-Col. John McCrae, whose name will probably be immortal, was born in 1872. He began his career at the University of Toronto in 1893.

The anti-saloon army of the United States has distributed one hundred thousand copies of Capt. R. P. Hobson's book, "Alcohol and the Human Race," as a feature of the prohibition campaign.

Marshall Jones Company, who last year brought out "Letters of Susan Hale," have now published a volume of clever lyrics collected by Miss Hale.

William S. Braithwaite has written "The Story of the Great War" for young people, and it will be published this month by the Stokes Company.

STIFF NECK, LUMBAGO

Aches and Pains of Rheumatism Sometimes Almost Unbearable. There are weather conditions that make rheumatism worse. They are not the same in the cases of all persons.

Public Library Bulletin. Some Non-Fiction Books of Interest for OCTOBER. Kidder's Architecture and Builders' hand book.

What I have given they squander; what I would still give they disdain.

So, for a while, neglected Nature muses, and then, if still ignored, turns to her own purposes and forgets. The trees leaf, the streams run, and all the growing things push upward.

Notes of Interest For Booklovers.

George Duhamel, whose "Civilization" was published last summer, was before the war a successful surgeon, and also the critic of poetry for "Mercure de France."

CHEERS FOR ALFONSO

Enthusiastically Greeted in Streets of London. London, Nov. 1.—Don Alfonso XIII, of Spain, was enthusiastically greeted in London yesterday when he passed through the heart of the city on his way to attend a luncheon given by the Spanish Chamber of Commerce.

TWO GERMAN NOTES

Allies Asked to Hasten Direction of Baltic Evacuation. Paris, Nov. 1.—Baron von Lersner, head of the German peace delegation, has sent two notes to Paul Dasta, secretary of the peace conference.

NO HOSTILE DESIGNS

Peru Explains the Presence of Troops Near Chile. Valparaiso, Nov. 1.—The recent excitement regarding possible aggressive designs by Peru against Chile is now accounted for by the arrival of Peruvian soldiers at Moquegua, Peru.

REDS ARE DISTURBED

Special Propagandists Sent to Archangel Front. London, Nov. 1.—The Bolshevik Government at Moscow is so disturbed over the situation on the Archangel front that it has sent a political communist detachment of 54 men there to encourage the troops, according to official advices.

Winter in Algonquin Park.

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ture. Is spending the summer at Martha's Vineyard, hard at work on the history of the Lafayette Escadrille.

"The Fire Flingers," William J. Nedra's new novel, is to be produced as a movie with Rupert Julian, who may be remembered for his performance in "The Kaiser, the Beast of Berlin," as the hero of the story.

H. G. Wells is nothing if not a successful iconoclast. Few other writers could have parodied the Book of Job without being called to task for irreverence and yet many a preacher will get one, if not many, sermons out of "The Undying Fire."

"The Clintons and Others," by Archibald Marshall, shows how the British novelist puts the creative power of characterization into his work. These short stories leave with the reader a sense of the personalities, who do not pass out of the mind as mere performances do.

The library at Middleton, Orange County, N.Y., supplies books to farmers by parcel post, and reports the plan very successful.

Two rather good books of literary biography, "Our Poets of Today," (book) and "The Women Who Make Our Novels," (Overton). They are not deeply analytical studies, but they present many facts that we like to know, with information as to the writings of the various authors.

Very special interest attaches to the publication of "The Years Between," Kipling's new book of verse, because it is fourteen years since the publication of any similar collection of his verse, and it thus brings together the best that he has produced during that long period.

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"Ventures in Common Sense" is the title of a collection of extracts expressing the philosophy of everyday life which is being published as the second volume of the Free Lance series edited by H. L. Mencken.

The publication committee of the Y.M.C.A. reports that it has distributed among soldiers and sailors during the war over a million copies of "The Beloved Canada," which they reprinted in pamphlet form from Donald Hankey's "Student in Arms."

Joseph Conrad's "Victory" has been dramatized in England.

The house and tomb of Robert Louis Stevenson, the famous author, at Samoa, have been restored by the British. Under German rule his beautiful home "Valima," and the tomb bearing an epitaph written by himself, were almost ruined by neglect.

Maurice Maeterlinck, Lord Desanary, St. John G. Ervine and Robert Graves are among the European men of letters who will come to the United States next year to make lecture tours.

John Norman Hall author of "Kitchener's Mob" and "High Adventure."

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