

BOOKS AND THEIR AUTHORS

DROWNED GOLD

By Roy Norton, 268 Pages, Price \$1.80. The Houghton Mifflin Company, Boston, Publishers. The submarine warfare of Germany, the sinking of a merchant vessel with a cargo of three million dollars in gold and a charming love story all figure in this novel, which is written in autobiographical style.

While on a voyage to a South American port an accident occurs, and the ship puts into port. There the captain meets an old French patriot, who desires to send three million dollars in gold over to France. Captain Hale accepts the commission, and starts off on his journey. But there is a spy aboard, keen to secure the plans of Jimmy's invention. The ship is torpedoed with the gold aboard, but the Germans fail to secure the plans, which at the end are safe in Jimmy's hands.

Time passes until the war ends, and then Jimmy and Captain Hale, on board a specially built submarine, go out to salvage the sunken ship with its precious cargo. When they reach the scene, they find the former German submarine commander on the scene before them. In a battle of wits and bluff they eliminate the German and return to seek the treasure. Then another ship arrives, commanded this time by Miss Marty Ferritt, a girl who many years before had captured Captain Tom's heart. They agree to go into partnership in the hunt for the treasure, and through the use of Jimmy's invention and the submarine, they find it and are made wealthy and happy for the rest of their lives.

WHEN JOHNNY COMES MARCHING HOME

By Mildred Aldrich, 286 Pages, Price \$1.50. The Macmillan Book Company, Toronto, Publishers.

Although the war, and even in the early days when the Germans came so close to Paris, Mildred Aldrich, an American writer, lived in a little house on a hilltop overlooking the Marne; that river which on two occasions proved to be the grave of the Hun's hopes and ambitions. From her little hilltop sanctuary she sent home to America long letters full of the war, full of the sufferings of the people, full of the heroism of France and of the courage and devotion of her soldiers. Four of these books of letters have already been published, and they did much to let the people of the United States see what conditions really were in the war zone. In response to an appeal from a large host of friends, Mildred Aldrich has now published another book of letters, entitled, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," dealing more particularly with the closing days of the war and with the period following the signing of the armistice.

Miss Aldrich's viewpoint of the war is the viewpoint of one who has seen the whole of it, from the first dark days until the glorious days of victory. Her letters are brimful of touching personal experiences, but they do not stop there. They are more of an analysis of the emotions of the French people during the last hundred days of the war, of the days when the strength of America was being rushed to France to take part in the great conflict. She tells of the eagerness of the French people in welcoming the American soldiers, but she does not make the mistake of laying too much stress upon their part in the struggle. She tells of the old days when the British and French had their backs to the wall and were fighting unaided to keep

back the German hordes until relief came. She does not make it seem as if the American soldiers were the heroes, but subordinates their activities to their proper perspective and gives them only the amount of credit which is their just due. This attitude on the part of an American writer will do much to dispel the disgusting American cry of "We won the war."

Then with the vision of a seer, she visualizes the return to his home country of the warrior who has played his part in the war. She sees the difficulties which will confront him when he throws off the uniform and gets back into "civilian" life, and she has the proper note of sympathy and understanding for him. She believes in the new aristocracy, the aristocracy which will be based on the accomplishments in patriotism during the years from 1914 to 1919. She expresses herself in this way, "I feel more every day, while I watch the old regime—another old

AT A BOOKSTALL

True Poet, I have lingered o'er thy page, With heart a'throb; among the tattered books. As one who wanders idly through dim nooks Finds a rare flower at last; so unknown I found thee on the vendor's stall, the age, Rolled backward suddenly; mid amber streaks Ruth gleamed again; in evening glow the rocks Round Camelot's towers swung, the unholy rage Of the cross martir died from my ears; and there Dream-thrilled, unheeding rapturous cries, I stood Seeing the morning flame o'er Ilion fair; Beaked galleys, purple sailed, spurned the wide flood; The Aegean burned; while Helen's sun-kissed hair Caught the bright sheen as in a golden snood.

—JAMES B. KENYON.

regime—going out, that there is to be an aristocracy of achievement. I hope that every one with real heart and true sentiment will cultivate this idea, and that every family that has a boy over here—whether he returns to them or not—will be taught to believe in the new aristocracy, and to cherish and proudly hand down to future generations of the family the memory of the boy who fought in the Great War, and who every town and city and village will have in the French fashion, inscribed on the walls of one of its public buildings, the list of its heroes."

There is not something very true and grand in this idea? Speaking to the people of a city like Kingston, which has had so many of its sons on the national list of heroes, it seems like an inspiration in view of the fact that nothing has yet been done to perpetuate the names of our local heroes. Here is an idea and an inspiration which should cause considerable thought. Mildred Aldrich speaks from the rich experience of a life lived in the midst of war, of a life of five years spent in giving succor to the sick, the wounded, the refugee and the homeless. Her latest book of letters from her hilltop on the Marne is full of suggestions and full of interesting and vital light on a subject which has been a source of great perplexity ever since the boys began to come home from the war zone. For this reason, if not for its literary excellence, it is well worth while.

DR. JONATHAN

By Winston Churchill, 159 Pages, Price \$1.25. The Macmillan Company, Toronto, Publishers.

Winston Churchill, the famous American novelist, has forsaken the ranks of novelists to write "Dr. Jonathan," a play in three acts. The play was written during the war, but no manager could be found who had sufficient courage to produce it. Owing to the extreme views on labor questions which he gives expression through the leading characters, the Pindar family, living in a New England town which boasts of a large munitions factory, are the chief characters. Asher Pindar is the owner of the factory and his attitude towards his employees is the cause of much trouble. He treats them well, but he will on no account recognize their unions, and this is the cause of the dissension. His wife, Augusta, is a woman who would, in the terms of the immortal Bobbie Burns, be called one of the "untro' guid." Yet her attitude towards Minnie Farrell, a girl of the town, is most unforgiving, probably because she suspects that there is some kind of an engagement with her son George. This son is really the main character in the story, for at the beginning he goes off to the war, and on his return, in a battered condition, it is he who makes the way clear to a settlement of the strike by opening up the

way to a recognition of the claims of the workmen. Dr. Jonathan Pindar is the big man of the little play, for his ideas are the same as those which finally settle all the trouble. He is somewhat of a psychopathologist, and his theories as to the management of the labour problem are far in advance of his age, but they are ideas which seem to point the way to a settlement of all strife and trouble in labor circles all over the world. Outside of the development of his ideas, there is little of outstanding note in the play. There is, of course, the romance of Minnie and George, which terminates happily, but that is hardly touched on.

The real object of the play is to show the proper modern method for untangling the new social problems which confront the world. He holds up true industrial democracy as the saving power of the world, and suggests that the men who fought for democracy and liberty on the battlefields will be the leaders in the fight

POETRY AND THE WAR

When the war broke out, people were concerned as to the effect it would have upon their own special pre-occupations. Particularly did they worry over that art which they called poetry. They were interested in the world upheaval. There were those who predicted its barrenness, if not its extinction; others affirmed that poetry springs from strong emotion and thrives upon it, that time should be far more rich in such than in less stirring and prosperous

THE QUERRILLS

By Stacy Amourin, 272 Pages, Price 6s. Methuen and Company, Ltd., London, Publishers.

The Querrills are a peculiar family. They are self-centred, and the held instinct of self protection is developed in them to an intensive degree. They are a family in a small town not far from London, England, and they would have got along very nicely were it not for the fact that the three sons get into some kind of settlement with London, and in their labors disaster overtakes the family. It would be impossible for any self-respecting newspaper to fully review this book on account of the revolting details which crop up in every other chapter. The Querrills are indeed a strange family. Their policies of interfering in other things that those concerning their own private affairs seem to lead them into trouble. But their system of drawing a mantle of protection around the erring members of their family is, in the first place, perhaps a natural trait, and, in the second place, the cause of much perversion of character.

The idea in the mind of the author is not a very wholesome one. He uses the disasters of the Querrills to bring out the thought that it is not wise to undertake any reform in which one might be blamed for interfering in any other person's affairs. He seems to suggest that even the war was nothing more or less than an unwarranted interference in the affairs of a country which did not concern us. The reviewer cannot for a moment countenance this idea, and, in addition, the author might have tried to work it out without bringing in the sordid details of a case of criminal assault and the death after court-martial of a man who really was a gallant officer and gentleman. The taint of indecency runs all through the book. It is certainly not one which any man could recommend to his wife, far less to his family, and it is one of those novels which should never have been written in its present form. For the good of English literature, it is to be hoped that it passes away without a wide reading.

THE VALUE OF CURRENT BOOKS

It is rather a difficult task to give an idea of the value of good current fiction, the value is practically limitless. There is absolutely no excuse for ignorance nowadays, for people with only a limited education can improve themselves by reading good books. Fiction embraces so many different phases of life, including music, drama, art, romances of society and politics, travel, Bible and modern history, religion, adventure crime in all its branches, and wonderful tales of the world war. We have romances in society, politics and commerce that give enlightenment on the different ways of the world. You read of politics, of pull, and graft and the queer opinions some people have of honesty and morality, and of the building up of great business firms, and of the stock market, where fortunes are made and lost.

Then we have Bible history. What books are more fascinating than the romances of the Bible such as "Pete's of Frodoon," "Veronica," "When the Sun Stood Still," "Prince of the House of David?" And there are romances of modern history, of the fall of kings and empires, wars of different periods, and religious uprisings, that all go in the making up of history in European countries. We read of the stirring romances of the time of Cromwell, and the old Scottish kings. There are interesting tales of the republics of South America, and of our own North America. Are not the romances on these subjects not only interesting, but also very instructive? To those with only limited means what a blessing are books of travel. For you can surely travel with a good

book written by people you know, and who can describe the scenery so vividly that you can almost see it yourself, and who understand the ways of the people and the customs of the country they are describing. No matter which country you wish to know more of, there is always a good book describing it to your satisfaction, with an interesting romance in the bargain.

Adventure! The books of thrills and perils. What is more thrilling than to follow the characters to unknown lands and their discovery of new country, and of minerals, especially tales of how they risk their lives time and again. These are tales of brave men and women. Crime! Have you ever felt the excitement of chasing an imaginary criminal all over the world with a wonderful detective on his trail, ferreting out clues, solving by science, crime in nothing more exciting than there is fiction.

And then we have wonderful books of the world war and romances in the war ridden countries. There are thrilling tales of strategem on land and sea and the discipline in the army, navy and air force. We read tales of bravery almost beyond belief. How much we all owe to the tireless energy of our fighting men. These are only some of the subjects that are written about in fiction. People who do not read very much will never know what they are missing, for the love of books is a wonderful thing, and life would be poor indeed if the pleasure of reading was denied us.—Gladys Meloy.

MEASURE UP YOUR READING. Have you ever chanced on some work by a famous writer and wondered why you found it hard to read—why you could not get anything from it to repay you for the effort of reading it? Yet you would hesitate to say, even to yourself, that there was really nothing worth while in the book. But, no doubt, you might honestly have said so, if you committed no literary sacrilege in asserting that, while Shakespeare is probably the greatest dramatist the world has produced, there are some of his works which may be omitted from your reading without any loss to you. Although Wordsworth's sonnets are among the best we can find in English literature, there are passages in his "Excursion," which are tedious, prosy and utterly valueless from any point of view, and some of his minor poems might have been written by the veriest school boy. Your appreciation of Kipling's "Recessional" need not lead you to look for literary gems among his "Barrack Room Ballads" and because his "Plain Tales from the Hills" enable you to see real life, it is not necessarily implied that there will be anything for you in "The Jungle Book."

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What Our Skin Is Like
How the Nails Grow on the Fingers
How the Teeth Grow
The Nerves of Smell
The Marvel of Hearing
The Lords of the Wild Kingdom
A Concrete Ship in the Water
The Wonderful Birth of the Wheat
How We Dig Up Sunshine
Making the Desert Bloom
Canada the Wonderland
The Republics of South America
The Boy Carpenter's Box of Tools
And others.

Are You Glad When Your Child Asks You A Question?

Your child's questions show his desire for knowledge—a desire that should be strong in every human being. The boys and girls who do not ask questions are the men and women of future years who fill the SMALL positions in business. The more questions a child asks the greater will his knowledge be — IF YOU CAN ANSWER HIM CORRECTLY. But why not let him answer himself? If he is old enough to read, get him the

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Biographies of Well-known Authors.

Walt Mason. What reader of the Whig is not an admirer of Walt Mason, humorist, poet and newspaper paragrapher? Although looked upon as an American, Walt was born in Ontario, a little village in Ontario County a few miles back of Oshawa. He was born in the United States in 1880. He has been associated with different American newspapers, and has had an adventurous career, being down and out on more than one occasion. He has always risen above his misfortunes, however, and when he began to syndicate his prose poems he first knew what success meant. Since 1907 he has been associated with William Allen White on the Emporia Gazette. His rhymes and prose poems are syndicated in newspapers all over Canada and the United States.

Robert Gordon Anderson. Robert Gordon Anderson, author of "The Cross of Fire," is sales manager of G. P. Putnam and Sons. He has had a varied career. At seven he was taught in a country school house. He later graduated from the University of New York. He has lived and worked on ranches in the west. He has worked in and managed a bookstore. He has been a traveling salesman. He was a reporter and special feature writer on different newspapers and has conducted an editorial column on a large New

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York daily. He has written advertising copy for a large advertising house which advertised everything from collar buttons to "Pierce-Arrows." He has done a great deal of photo-play work and has collaborated with many authors on successful books. He finishes the story of his life by saying, "And I have had many other jobs that it wouldn't do to put into print, but my book is the first important job to me."

Johan Bojer. Johan Bojer, the great Norwegian novelist, and author of "The Great Hunger," was born in Trondhjem, Norway, in 1872, the son of a poor serving girl who was unable to take care of him. She put him in the hands of a peasant family who reared him as their own child. He attended the village school, and later, while working for a merchant, he studied at the Latin school. Denied the benefits of a living and working in various countries, observing life of all sorts and conditions. While still a young man he returned to his native village and attended a military school for two and a half years, devoting much of his time to reading extensively in European literature.

When he left the army he went to work with a village grocer, who soon discharged him for having left the plug of a petroleum barrel open. He finally having produced a successful one-act play, "A Mother," gave his whole time to literature. He has written a number of dramas, two volumes of short stories and several novels.

The Appleton publishing house announces that Anthony Hope's new mystery story, "The Secret of the Tower," has gone into the fourth printing.

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