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Select Poems of William Wordsworth.

Edited with notes by WILLIAM J. ROLPHE, Litt.D. Cloth, pp. 258. Price 56 cents. New York: Harper & Brothers. Toronto: William Briggs.

Dr. Rolphe has rendered inestimable service to English literature by his series of annotated English classics, of which this is the forty-seventh volume. The text is beautifully printed, with a number of excellent illustrations and a map of what Lowell happily calls "Wordsworthshire." The notes are concise, amply illustrative, and give a choice selection of criticisms by great commentators on Wordsworth.

The Red Mountain of Alaska. By WILLIS BOYD ALLEN. 8vo. Cloth, gilt, pp. 348. Boston: Estes & Laureat. Toronto: William Briggs. Price \$2.50.

Campbell's descriptive line—

"The wolf's long howl on Oonalaska's shore,"

indicates all that was known of this remote region till within a few years. It has now become the favourite tourist and hunting ground of the continent. This graphic story of adventure will make its scenic and sporting attractions better known. The descriptions are vouched for as accurate. The numerous illustrations are admirably done. Young readers will delight in the wholesome adventure of the story. We have seldom read anything more touching than the account of the Christmas of the explorers in the heart of Alaska.

Tales by Heinrich Zschöke. Pp. 283. New York: G. P. Putnam's Sons. Price \$1.

The "Knickerbocker Nuggets" are among the daintiest little books, within and without, ever issued from

the press—fit companions of the Aldines and Elzevirs which are the delight of the bibliophile. They will include the standard classics of many languages. The present volume contains four of Zschöke's most characteristic tales, translated by Parke Goodwin and W. P. Prentice. They have the quaint and half allegorical flavour of much of the best German fiction. "The Walpurgis Night Tale," is a powerful parable, showing how dallying with temptation may lead a man, to his own horror, to violate almost all the commands in the decalogue. The tragedy of the situation is relieved, but the moral is not impaired, by the discovery that it is only a Walpurgis night dream, and not a real occurrence.

Vitus Bering. By PETER LAURIDSEN, with introduction by FREDERICK SCHWATKA. Chicago: S. C. Griggs & Co. Toronto: William Briggs.

The name of this great explorer and that of the straits which he discovered, have been incorrectly spelled Behring; but Professor Lauridsen has shown this the true spelling to be Bering. In the first half of the eighteenth century the Russians were charting the North Polar lands as the English were exploring other unknown parts of the earth. There is a fascination in this adventurous toil that neither the rigours of the climate nor the dangers of the navigation could repress. To Canadian readers this volume will have a special interest, as throwing light upon the recent Bering Strait controversy. Some quaint and interesting contemporary maps illustrate the geography of this out-of-the-way part of the world.

Short Talks for the Times. By MARK GUY PEARSE. London: Charles H. Kelly. Toronto: Wm. Briggs.

The new Book Steward of the Wesleyan Conference Office signalizes his entry upon his official duties by the issue of a fine series of books of high character and elegantly printed and bound. These sermons, which were preached at the West London Mission, have that