

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH

**LE QUEUX, WILLIAM**—*The Woman at Kensington*—Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co. Cloth, \$1.25. A woman, saved from prison by the pleading of a lawyer, that lawyer a man with a past—here are two elements that enter early into a story in which the action moves in London parliamentary circles. The woman, married to a wealthy South African, plays the game of intrigue from her mansion in Kensington. Her machinations extend not only to the people of her own generation but to their children as well. It is this evil woman in the midst of the story that gives to it its motive and interest.

**MOBERLEY, L. G.**—*"That Preposterous Will"*—Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co. Cloth, \$1.25. Godfrey Hames' will was on the face of it at any rate a most preposterous document. Instead of leaving his fortune to his godson Alan Dayrell, who was a gentleman, he gave it to a "slavey," aged seventeen, in a London boarding house, with the proviso that if Alan married her inside three years, the fortune would be divided between them. Alan is already engaged and his scheming mother-in-law-to-be sets out to circumvent the will. This is the opening situation. The plot is untangled with skill. Altogether this is a most entertaining story.

**READ, OPIE**—*"By the Eternal"*—Chicago: Lord & Lee. Cloth, \$1.50. It is around the invincible An-

drew Jackson of southern fame that Opie Read has woven a very fascinating story. The author has availed himself of many personal records and unpublished manuscripts directly connected with General Jackson's immediate family, with the result that in the story an insight is given into the family life of the hero of New Orleans, not to mention the side-lights which history has failed to disclose. The story is told by a youth named Staggs, whose love for Nettie, one of the other characters, provides the thread on which the romance is hung. The book is well-rounded and the characters stand out clearly.

**TAYLOR, EMERSON GIFFORD**—*"The Upper Hand"*—New York: A. S. Barnes & Co. Cloth, \$1.50. In this story is traced out the course of righteous retribution on a man, who earlier in his life had committed a crime. Introduced as a hard and prosperous old mill owner, Alexander Warden becomes a phant in the hands of a mysterious scolding stranger, who calls himself Captain Bassett. This man evidently sets himself to punish Warden for his wrong-doing and the latter is powerless in his hand. The mystery surrounding a beautiful ward of Mr. Warden's is cleared up by the stranger and it is in her love story that much of the interest of the book lies.

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