THE BOOK PAGE

In **The Real Fairy Folk** (Musson Book Co., Toronto, 228 pages, \$1.25), Louise Jamison makes a real contribution to nature literature for children. Little Ruth converses quite freely with the bull-frog, and the butterflies, and the tumble bugs, and the honey makers, and the spinning spiders, and Mrs. Mosquito and her kin, and all sorts of other creatures of the air and water, each of which proves more entertaining than the other. They are, in truth, real fairy folk, and convey in the delightfullest, most sugar-coated way imaginable, the facts of natural history that every child ought to know, but finds so hard to learn in the ordinary way. The illustrations, by James M. Gleason, are a very valuable addition to this interesting children's book.

It is an altogether delightful little sketch which Miss Emma C. Dowd has given in Polly of the Hospital Staff (290 pages, illustrated in colors, Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, \$1.00). Polly, the sunshine-maker, is a little witch from a poor tenement, with a gift of story telling and sunshine. How she brightens the convalescent ward in the Children's Hospital, and, because they couldn't part with her, was made a little "hospital helper" (an altogether unconventional appointment), how she wins her way into Dr. Dudley's heart and into the heart of Miss Lucy, the lovely nurse, who has also gone deep into the same Dr. Dudley's heart; and how, when the doctor's and nurse's romance ends happily, Polly becomes their own adopted daughter, is all prettily set out, with such a realistic touch that one sees the happy, dancing, sunshine girl and all the woes and joys of the hospital wards as if with one's own

eyes. Polly is a book that children will delight in. and from which older people will learn many a lesson,

"It is the most illuminating book on missions I have ever read", says a missionary authority, of Campbell N. Moody's, The Heathen Heart. Those who have read this book will be glad to see another bo v the same writer. As evidenced in the volume just mentioned, Mr. Moody has a far look within, and writes in a striking and readable style. In The Saints of Formosa: Life and Worship in a Chinese Church (Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, London and Edinburgh, 251 pages, \$1.25 net), Mr. Moody follows up his studies of The Heathen Heart by showing us the heathen in contact with the new religion from the West-"loiterers about the gate", he calls them; then these same men brought into the church, and their modes of worship, mental and spiritual characteristics, and the views they take of scripture truths which are so familiar to us, but which strike these Orientals at a very different angle. It is an altogether intimate introduction to the Formosan Chinese Christians as they really are, that the author gives us. The book is illuminated by ten particularly characteristic half-tone illustrations. The closing chapter is of special interest to students and theologians, describing, as it does, how the truth reaches the Chinese mind and heart through the "Western window" of the interpretations and formulations of truth by the churches of the West.

From the same Committee of Publication comes a bright little paper covered booklet, Stories from Grandma Bright's Home Missionary Evenings, compiled by S. O'H. Dickson (15c.). There are ten

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