

markably popular writer; but the flashes of genius are too few to illumine the novel with the same brilliancy that characterizes some of Dr. Mitchell's other stories. Of course the story is readable—it is a relation of the career of a society adventuress who worked her way into an aristocratic Philadelphia family home, and the characters introduced are exceptionally well drawn and brought together. But the tale is not up to the mark his admirers have set for Dr. Mitchell.

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“Warwick of the Knobs.”†

A SPLENDID character sketch, by John Uri Lloyd,—the novelist made famous by his “Stringtown Novels,”—this story is well worth critical reading. Begin at the preface, which is usually skipped, for the preface to “Warwick of The Knobs” gives a charmingly told description of the peculiar country in which the scene of the story is pitched, Warwick, the Hardshell Baptist preacher, is drawn with great power, and the accessory incidents that surround the central figure and combine to make a finished and almost perfect tale will reward every lover of fiction who reads the pages through,

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“The Acadian Exile and Sea Shell Essays.”

MR. JEREMIAH S. CLARK has in press at this office a small volume of his verses, including “The Acadian Exile,” first published in this issue of the PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE, and a number of other poems. The book will be issued during Christmas week.

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“New Canterbury Tales.”*

THESE “New Canterbury Tales” will delight readers. The hypercritical might point out little faults—such as relapses from the old forms of speech in the relating of the tales—but there is much pleasure in these stories. They are a refreshing change from the historical and society romances that have furnished the bulk of late fiction.

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“Scouting With Buller.”

HERE is a grand story of the terrible struggle that Buller encountered on the way to Ladysmith, graphically written, yet so simply, that one is enabled to follow the moves and the war game with ease and thrilling interest. A grand book for a Xmas Gift for a boy; a book, too, that will interest older people as well. Published by the Thomas Nelson & Sons, London, Edinburgh and New York; to be obtained from the Copp Clark Co., Toronto.

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Exchanges.

The Canadian Magazine has put forth an extra effort and in the December number we have a book that can be placed side by side with any magazine published and suffer not one whit by comparison. The editor is to be complimented.

Lippincott's “New” Magazine is, as it always is, a feast for readers who wish to be amused and interested—the complete novel this month is exceptionally good.

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