

## BOOKS YOU WILL READ

by Wayfarer

**"CECILIA OF THE PINK ROSES,"** By Katharine Haviland Taylor. Toronto, S. B. Gundy, \$1.25.

Cecilia is so sweetly human that we become lost in her story and find ourselves both weeping and laughing with her. She is a little motherless Irish girl, who lives in a two-roomed tenement home and comforts her father and young scapegrace brother in their trials and tribulations. Through a lucky discovery of her father, who is in the bricklaying business, they become wealthy and "Celie" is given every advantage, but she meets with many sneers and gibes because of her lowly origin and her father's plebeian manners. However, she overcomes prejudice by degrees, and her very loveliness gains the victory so that wrongs are righted in the end. We heartily recommend the book to the victim of "dull care" or the sufferer from "ennui."

**"THE HUNDREDTH CHANCE,"** By Ethel M. Dell. Toronto, William Briggs, \$1.35.

Is it right to take "the hundredth chance?" We often question this, and when others take foolhardy risks and succeed, we wonder if we too would have been lucky. But we haven't the courage. In this story "Jake Bolton," fears that he has lost, when he wanted most to win.

His wife is a lady of high degree, whose brother, a helpless cripple, is entirely dependent on her. Thrown on her own resources, penniless and helpless, she turns to "Jake" who loves her, and makes a marriage of convenience, for her brother's sake. She has a hard time "making good," on account of a certain repugnance to her masterful husband, and a dislike for his business, which is trainer of horses. However, after many difficulties, "Bunny," the brother, recovers the use of his limbs, love comes at last and they "live happily ever after."

The story is exceedingly interesting and well written. It will make an excellent addition to your library of fiction.

**"A LITTLE WORLD APART,"** By George Stevenson. Toronto, S. B. Gundy, \$1.50.

The title is particularly applicable to this charming novel, which portrays life in a sleepy little English village, with a vicar's family for the central figures and other minor personages appearing throughout the chapters. The characters are splendidly drawn, and the scenes well depicted. There is humour and pathos, love-making and merry-making, and the sum total of everything, which goes to make up our daily lives. We listen to the whispers of the old busybodies who put their heads together in corners, and take away or add to their neighbour's reputations; we see the peace-maker, and the stranger within our gates; we watch the young people enjoying their youth; we laugh with the fussy old godmother, quarrelsome but generous at heart, and, if surreptitiously we wipe away a tear now and again, who can blame us? This story recalls to our mind the best stories we have read, and pictures we have studied of sunny, merry England. Nevertheless it has a charm of its own, which makes it well worth reading.

**"OPEN BOATS,"** By Alfred Noyes. Toronto, McClelland, Goodchild and Stewart, 60 cents.

Too few Canadians realize the magnitude of the present war or its influence on the people on the other side of the Atlantic.

In "Open Boats," Alfred Noyes pictures the atrocities of the German murderers on the sea in such a vivid manner that we are impressed, in spite of ourselves, with the inhumanity of these monsters. Mr. Noyes describes how they

shoot helpless passengers and crew on the big ships, and then in the life-boats, holding off to jeer and laugh; the wonderful heroism displayed by the survivors who undergo all sorts of terrors and privations before being rescued, and the death of many victims from exposure with such realistic force that we are aghast. If this were mere romance we would be thrilled, it is real life, and therefore terrible.

JOHN DREW and E. H. Sothorn met in the course of Sothorn's tour for the benefit of the British Red Cross. "I had a singular experience," said Sothorn to Drew, "when a man came up to me in the office of a hotel in one of the cities we played and said that he was delighted that I was there, that he had already bought his seats and that I could be sure of a large house. 'There is one thing you can always be certain of,' he said, 'and that is the loyalty of the people of this town. They always turn out for Richard Mansfield.' And then," Sothorn went on, "he took my hand and said he was proud to make the acquaintance of Mr. Mansfield. Now what do you think of that?" "Strange," Drew answered. "Strange that he didn't know Richard Mansfield had been dead for years." "Of course it was," Sothorn answered, "but it seems to me a whole lot stranger that he didn't know I was alive."

William Wilberforce, the slave-liberator, has a sister who was a hustler. She hustled for William at the hustings and succeeded in getting him elected to Parliament. On one occasion, when she had concluded her stump speech, some enthusiasts in the crowd shouted:

"Miss Wilberforce forever!"

The lady stepped forward.

"Gentlemen, I thank you," she said, "but, believe me, I do not wish to be Miss Wilberforce forever."—Tit-Bits.

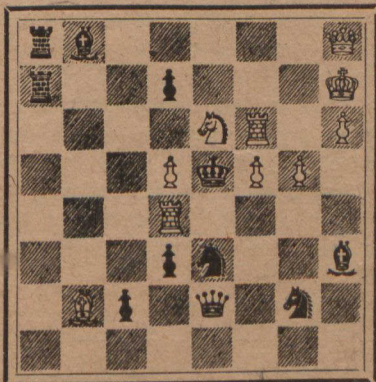
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