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Dec. 11.--Tileu

We have our favorite books and stories, and we do not find it easy to add to the ligit as the years pass. Occasionally, however, there comes eating a volume with a flavor and fragrance all its own, so distinct, so separate from the ordinary, that we take it into our hearts with its message and its beauty as part of our immost life. For years I have regarded "Diano de Bretenille," as one of the most perfect gems of narrative that I know, so flawless in its artiess art, so devoted in its pure insocence, so pathetic in its universal appeal, so simple in it living beauty. There is a volume of the short stories of Louis de la Ramee, "The Rose of Provence," that always lingèrs in my memory for the exquisite simplicity of its language and its plaintive grace. Kiplings "Brushwood Boy," has another seafured attiliery optimizes "Brushwood Boy," has another sudding sector. They were promptly led surprise attacks in the Boscomalo Living of the altern to it will attack allow, and I return to it often with a sense of reunion. Mrs. that always lingers in my memory for the exquisite simplicity of its language and its plaintive grace. Kipling's Brushwood Boy, has another element, added to these, of mystical yearning, the unsatisfied desire of the soul for a larger life than this world's limitations allow, and I return to it often with a sense of reunion. Mrs. Oliphant in her "Little Pilgrin," touches many of those notes of the gilerce of things past that are yet to be, and every reader will have his own tholice experience in literature which represents symothing dearest in his own innermost consciousness.

The war has brought us nearer to the time there should be born many beautiful and happy dreams. To one such I have been introduced by Mc-Clelland, Goodchild & Stewart, Ltd., in Margaret Shorwood's, "The Won Doorstep," which has already achieved a reputation on both sides of the ocean. I am inclined to think that American writers are able to give us a more artistic conception of the war, than

writers are able to give us a more artistic conception of the war, than we can form for ourselves, on account of their detachment from the immediate issues. This detuchment with its necessary control, not losing a jot of the commanding interest of the situation is a superconductivity. the situation, is a supreme requisite in art, and it is apparent in "The Worn Doorstep." One could not be nearer to, more intimate with the tragedy, yet there is that which transcends the tragedy of the transcends. yet there is that which transcends the tragedy and lifts us also above it. Something particularly pleasing to the British mind exists in the spontancous flattery of the American woman who finds the English landscape, the English village, the English people, more welcome to her than anything in her own home memories. She inerges herself in the scenes that belong to her lover, and the solf-abandomment is in itself a parable of the war that touches a master chord.

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Western Front.

Washington, Dec. 11.—Private of the war that touches a master chord.

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"There is something in you, you Englishmen, of finer type," she writes, "shaped by this beauty, quiet and self-contained, of hill and dale and masdow. Surely: in yan, too, I know this quietness, this coolness, the still ways of the streams." So she determined the provides of the war.

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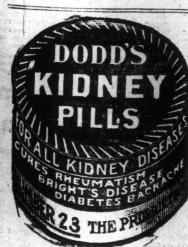
GERMAN EAST AFRICA

this quietness, this coolness; the still ways of the streams." So she determines to settle in a village in England, and she finds the expected place somewhere in an eastern county, with-in range of Yarmouth. The months in which the story advances are the early months of the war down till the fol-lowing June. The little home is found. "There are ashes still upon the hearth-from whose fire? New flame shall go "There are ashes still upon the hearth—from whose fire? New flame shall go was advanced 60 miles along a front of 200 miles, are described in a tral spark of home shall be rekindled here; and that is the whole story of home shall be rekindled advance was made from New Iringa and Kiesaki to the coast. In the

There are delicious glimpses of English landscape and English seasons. "That one brief hour that we found to steal away to Bagley wood lingers yet. The anemones were gone, but all about was the soft midsummer murmur, and the ripe fulness of August life." Into the little home there drift the waifs and strays of the war A soldier's wife, a Belgian refugee and her flance, and the village circle, the blacksmith, the innkeeper and his wife, the vicar and the Roman priest; and in the immediate home circle the pony Puck, Don the fox terliberty throbs thru it, as in America,

England and France.
"To me it seems that the time has come for the nations of the earth—would that my own would join them to band together once more in a holy crusade and do nattle with the Pagar, for the tomb of our Lord, but for the faith He taught." Much that follows this passage would bear quotation. There is a tribute to Canada and the other parts of the empire that came sailing swiftly home to die for that for which England stands. "It means that at the heart of England is something too precious to lose, a faith in the working possibility of human treedom. Gailty of sirs and blunders they may be and are, but the blunder is followed by the honest effort to find again and do the right; you come down always to a sincerity, integrity. England has been in a way the conscience of the world."

There is an exquisite passage tellin how February, with the vanishing of the icicles, brought snowdrops and crocuses, and March followed with violets and primroses. Such a delightful book could not have been written without the quiet humor which is the



chief attribute of the controlled mind. There are many relieving passages, and Peter's account of how he won the Iron Cross is characteristic. "The Worn Doorstep" is one of the love stories the reader will never forget.

ITALIANS BEAT OFF FOE

build immediately.

Campbellford, Dec. 11.—At 9.30 christmas time comes round, as I know I will then get a chance to see Campbellford, Dec. 11.—At 9.30 o'clock last evening the Diesons Bridge Co. munition plant caught fire and before the fire engines arrived on the scene the place was enwrapped in flames. The whole building was destroyed inside of two hours, the flames having advanced so far that the water had no effect on it The night staff was on duty at the time and all escaped without injury. The company are without injury. The company are you, making preparations to rebuild at once.

GEN. PETAIN LIKELY TO SUCCEED JOFFRE

London, Dec. 11.—Successful British operations in German East Africa, by which the British line of investment

Major Garnet W. Denison Given

Word that Major Garnet W. Denison has been twarded the Distinguished Service Order for his splendid work during the capture of Thiepval, was

Pie. Augustus L. P. Law, son of Capt. F. C. Law, 4 Wellesley place, Toronto, is one of the hundred British prisoners exchanged by the Germans.

Boston, Dec. 11.—The struggle between license and no license forces is the feature of general interest in the elections to be held in seventeen Massachusetts cities tomorrow. Advocates of both the "wet" and the "dry" policy have shown unusual activity since the election in fifteen cities last week resulted in the shift of four cities to the no license column.

NORTH BAY CARRIES BYLAW.

North Bay, Dec. 11.—The toy factory bylaw was voted on today and carried by a majority of 159. The concession granted by the town was a free site and building amounting to \$15,000, and the usual exemption of taxes, excluding school taxes for a period of five years. Work will commence immediately on the erection of the building as soon as the site is secured.

AWARDED HIGH HONOR.

Brantford, Dec. 11.—Lance-Sergt, L. Jackson and Pte. J. Hutchison, Brantford, have been awarded the D.C.M. for accompanying the battalion grenade officer into enemy trenches and remaining there reconnoitring for plexy. about half an hour. Valuable information resulted from his hazardous

"Our First Christmas Without Booze"— read the story in The Sunday World Christmas number.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Jimmy Hodgins

GERMAN EAST AFRICA
beside me I will hang my stocking up and go to bed carry and tell Alice to go to bed early to or Alice wont Good by

Front bf Two Hundred Miles.

My home is in Richmond Hill Arpeld & Age & Years

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advance was made from New Iringa and Kissaki to the coast. In the course of the operations a detached German corps, consisting of seven white officers, 47 white soldiers and 240 native soldiers, was captured. A howitzer, three maxim guns, and 400 cattle were among the booty taken.

bring me a doll, and a doll's nammock and also I would like a stocking. I think this Christmas Santa Claus should go around to the light boys and girls whose fathers are away, and bring them toys, I believe ir you cattle were among the booty taken. not cry, and we do not quarrel nor get angry. I would like Santa Claus to Distinguished Service Order bring my brothers a sleigh each, a stocking and a little horse. I have two brothers

From your little friend,

rier, the kitten Atom, the cocks and hens, Madge, and Peter, the time-expired man. Out of these slight materials is created a kaledoscope which reflects new beauty at every turn.
The temper and philosophy of the book are admirable, and the passion for liberty throles that it is passion for liberty throles the size of the passion for liberty throles through the passion for liberty throles through the passion for liberty throles through the capture of Thiepval, was received yesterday in Toronto, Dec. 4th, 1916.

Dear Santa Claus,—
You are the best man on earth. I just want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a toy auto and a mechanical set and a pair of skates. We like the passion for liberty throles the passion for liberty throles the size of the passion for liberty throles the kitten at the color of the source of Thiepval, was received yesterday in Toronto, Dec. 4th, 1916.

Dear Santa Claus,—
You are the best man on earth. I just want to tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a toy auto and a mechanical set and a pair of skates. We love Santa Claus and thats why he papers about it, and what a great part Toronto, Dec. 4th, 1916. Dr. Melville H. Embree, who, during the past year has been serving in France with the Royal Army Medical Corps, has returned home to Toronto to recuperate before resuming active service in Europe. He is a son of Dr. L. E. Embree of this city.

Pte. Augustus L. P. Law

chanical set and a pair of skates. We love Santa Claus and thats why he brings us them. I believe in him I'ver seen him every year and thats true He should not be giving so, much toys out because. They need the money for the soldiers.

Berkeley W. Berke

423 Rathurst st. Toronto. Age 10.

oure by use of Dr. Chase's Ridney-Liver Pills

Stomach Was Very Bad

When the course of the food Mr. Louis Rochon, R. R. No 11, through the alimentary canal is impeded by sluggish action of the liver or bowels, the food remains undigested, and as a result it ferments.

This gives rise to poisonous gases, which crowd about the heart, and can dizziness and obblishes. Ottawa, Ont., writes: "For about seven months my stomach was very bad. I was troubled with dizziness, and had gas on the stomach and awful pains in the right side. The liver seemed to be out of order, so I began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. This treatment seemed to be exactly what I needed, and before caue dizziness and choking sensa-tions, as well as irregular action of The liver struggles to remove the poisons from the blood, becomes enlarged, and finally falls, allowing the the first box was all used I was our-ed and feeling as well as ever. I also used Dr. Chase's Nerve Food when 'celing weak and suffering from nerpoisons to pass on to every part of the human system. Complications arise, and there is Bright's disease hardening of the arteries and apoceing weak and suffering from ner-ous headache, and was soon restor-d to good health. I am proud of-Dr. Chase's medicines, and recommend hem above any doctor's medicines." The earlier derangements of the digestive system are such as are described by this letter from Mr. Rochon. (He also points the way to

ill a dose, twenty-five cents a box, ill dealers or Edwanson, Bates & Co. Limited, Toronto.

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one

The Liver Got Out of Order and the Whole System Was Dear Santa Claus: Dear Santa Claus:

I am eight years old and very glad
to be able to write to you.

I would like very much if you could
bring me a go-cycle and a erector set. I don't intend to ask for very much, as I know you have all our soldiers and their children to look after.

Good-bye, dear Santa. Ernest Fulton. 76 St. Clarens ave., City. 124 N. Beaconsfield ave., Toronto, Dec. 4, 1916. Dear Santa: Dear Santa:

I hope you have lots of Canadian toys for a Canadian girl. I want a doll and a set of dishes and some

dol's clothes and some candies and Say, Santa. I think you ought to come in an airoplane, I hope you will not forget to visit the homes of the Belgum and French children.

Your loving friend,

Elizabeth Goode,

Be sure to put on your heavy coat on Christmas Eye, so that you will not catch cold.

George Clarke.

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terested in the war and read in the Dear Santa:-Toronto, Nov. 4, 1916. I would like you to bring me a pair boots and a little rattle or some little trinket. I am one year old and take the size 3 boots,
From your loving freind
Roy McNamara, 121 Dalhou.

Philip Rice, 100 Malvern Ave. Toronto. Toronto, Nov. 4, 1916. Dear Santa Claus:

Toronto, Nov. 4, 1916.

He was taken prisoner at Zillebeke was serving with the 4th Canadian Monted Rifles.

BATTLE OF THE BOTTLE.

Seventeen Massachusetts Cities To Make Decision Today.

Toronto, Dec. 4, 1916.

Dear Santa:

Toronto, Nov. 4, 1916.

I am now taking the pleasure in writing you a letter to let you know what I would like for Xmas I would like for Xmas I would like you to bring me a sweater and a hat to match I am six years old but a big boy.

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CIGARET CAUSES DEATH.

Montreal, Dec. 11.-Ernest Moquin. 22 years of age, while standing in the doorway of a drug store on East St. Catherine street, lighting a cigaret inadvertently broke a bottle of alcohol

death. A coroner's jury today de-clared death to be accidental.

HOTELMAN DIES. Windsor, Ont., Dec. 11.-Joseph Meninadvertently broke a bottle of alcohol nad, prominent hotel keeper, former in his clothing which resulted in his Sandwich, died today at age of 59.

He was 31 years