

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED.

The next best thing to the reading of a good book is, perhaps, the perusal of an intelligent review of it—to me it is always a source of lively satisfaction.—Gladstone.

WON BY A WOMAN.—By Edmondo de Amicis, translated from the Italian by Prof. G. Mantellini. Cloth, illustrated, 240 pp., 75c. Laird & Co., Chicago. Enrica Varetta is a refined, handsome young teacher in a Turin free school. She is appointed to instruct an evening class where the rough, vile element of men and boys distresses and repels her. The chief ruffian, Muroli, has admired the teacher in the street, molested her and joined the class in order to be near her. The story describes the poor girl's daily struggles with her class. In the end she wins over Muroli by her purity and gentleness; he is stabbed in a quarrel in her defence and he dies with the young teacher at his bedside. The little book is a beautiful specimen of the printing and binding arts, with its cream and gilt flexible cloth cover, generous margins and colored title page.

THE PINK FAIRY BOOK.—Edited by Andrew Lang. Cloth, art cover, gilt edges, 360 pp., \$1.50. Longmans, Green & Co., London; The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. This beautiful book of fairy stories for children contains forty-one tales translated from Hans Andersen, from the Danish, the Swedish and other languages. The tales are all good and the illustrations are numerous of monsters and mermaids, princes and giants and lovely princesses. It is a perfect gem for a Christmas box.

BEAUTIFUL JOE.—By Marshall Saunders. Cloth, 75c.; paper, 30c.; 304 pp. Standard Publishing Co., Toronto. That English speaking nations are lovers of the animal world is attested by the success achieved by "Black Beauty," and by this work, the autobiography of a dog, which has reached its fifth Canadian edition, and a circulation of over quarter of a million copies in Great Britain, the United States and Canada. The author (a Canadian, by the way) has endeavored to portray the thoughts and feelings of a dog which has experienced both cruel and kind treatment from its masters. The story throughout gives evidence of a sympathetic insight into and love for the animal world, and is just such a book as should be in the hands of every boy or girl who has a pet, whether bird or animal. The printing and binding of the cloth edition is first-class, and some seven or eight full-page illustrations make it very attractive for the younger generation. Both the cloth

and paper editions have a fac simile letter from Lady Aberdeen, recommending the work as "a worthy companion of 'Black Beauty,' as it must do vast good in teaching the young to understand their pets and their needs better."

THIS LITTLE WORLD.—By David Christie Murray. Cloth, 378 pp., \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. This is a love story full of bright incident, of a girl whose success in the world is wrecked by loss of her voice and is jilted, but who is made happy by her true lover at last.

WAYFARING MEN.—By Edna Lyall. Cloth, 452 pp., \$1.25. Longmans' Col. Lib. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. One of the writer's best. It is a story of the stage, the hero working his way up to success after many struggles. It is an agreeable picture of the life of actors and actresses.

PRISONERS OF THE SEA.—By Florence M. Kingsley. Cloth, 480 pp., \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. This romance of the 17th century is full of adventure, and embodies the mysterious career of the Man in the Iron Mask. In the tale he escapes to America and dies there.

FIRST LESSONS IN THE SCIENTIFIC PRINCIPLES OF AGRICULTURE.—By Sir W. Dawson; new edition by G. P. Robins, LL.D. Cloth, 323 pp. W. Drysdale & Co., Montreal. This useful text book is well calculated to meet the growing demand for teaching agriculture in the Canadian school. Dr. Robins has specially prepared it with this object in view, and the fame of its great author warrants its being accepted as an authority.

JERRY AND JOE.—By Bella Sidney Woolf. Cloth, 1s., 128 pp. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. A story of two jubilees, this is called. It relates the case of two London boys, and how one of them, a little cripple, became an artist and made a sketch which the Queen accepted.

ACROSS THE SUB-ARCTICS OF CANADA.—By J. W. Tyrrell. Cloth, 280 pp., \$1.25. William Briggs, Toronto. We have already mentioned this famous account of a journey of 3,200 miles by canoe and snowshoe through the far north region of Canada. It is a wonderful recital of an adventurous journey. As a specimen of book-making,

we must compliment the publisher. As to paper, type, binding and illustrations, it is one of the best ever produced in Canada.

THE HEPWORTH YEAR BOOK.—Cloth, art design, 75c., 105 pp. E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. This is a timely book. Quotations from the prose writings of Geo. Hepworth, one for each day of the year, compose the book. It is beautifully bound.

THE INVESTMENT OF INFLUENCE.—By Newell Dwight Hillis. Cloth, 300 pp., \$1.25. Fleming H. Revell Co., Toronto. The author of "A Man's Value to Society" has done his high reputation credit in this new work. It is written in the same vivid and engrossing style, and pours out with great skill a human modern philosophy that all will read and enjoy.

SANTA TERESA.—By Alexander Whyte, D.D. Cloth, gilt top, 81 pp., 2s. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh. Dr. Whyte has written an "appreciation" of Teresa, and follows with a number of selections from her writings. Those who are interested in this Spanish Christian and her work will be pleased with the book.

THE CENTURY COOK BOOK.—Linen boards, 353 pp. Laird & Lee, Chicago. This is a combination of a cook book, a home physician, table etiquette and general household directions. There are many illustrations.

HIS GRACE OF OSMONDZ.—By Frances Hodgson Burnett. Cloth, 465 pp., \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. This is a fascinating story, the "other side" of the tale known as "A Lady of Quality." It is written with the writer's usual strength and dramatic insight.

TIM AND MRS. TIM. Paper. Toronto News Co. A bright little tale showing how a man became afflicted with the mania for joining clubs and societies, and thus spent his evenings away from home. His wife was made unhappy and the domestic peace was invaded. Mrs. Tim joins societies for herself and becomes a confirmed clubwoman. Their child falls ill and nearly dies and the lesson cures both of the craze for joining societies.

THE CANADIAN ALMANAC FOR 1898.—The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. Cloth, 50c.; paper, 25c. This year's almanac is by far the most useful and practical produced in Canada. Being the only one of the kind, it should have a large sale. The special articles on the British army, navy and forms of government of all countries are very valuable. The post office, parliament-