

Battell Loomis', **The Knack of It**: Some Essays in Optimism (Fleming H. Revell Company, New York; Henry Frowde, Toronto, 180 pages, 50c.). This is just the sort of book to drive away the blues, and send one to tackle the day's work and worries with a cheerful heart and a smiling face.

Dr. J. R. Miller is essentially an interpreter to the inner life, as the many volumes to his credit testify. His newest, **Devotional Hours with the Bible** (Hodder & Stoughton, London, Upper Canada Tract Society, Toronto, 304 pages, \$1.00), follows the Bible Story from the Creation to the Crossing of the Red Sea, not by way of comment, but of educing from the great passages the practical lessons for our daily, common life. A large circle of readers find Dr. Miller's writings very delightful, and will be glad, if this volume should prove to be the first of a series taking up the whole body of the scriptures.

The Romance of Bird Life, by John Lea, M.A. (Seeley & Co., London, 376 pages, 26 full page illustrations, \$1.75) is one of the series of The Library of Romance, issued by Seeley & Co., and by no means the least interesting of the series. Its subtitle is a capital description of what the book is.—An Account of the Education, Courtship, Sport and Play, Journeys, Fishing, Fighting, Piracy, Domestic and Social Habits, Instinct, Strange Friendships, and Other Interesting Aspects, of the Life of Birds. It is an altogether fresh, delightful, and instructive volume, which will set the younger people a-searching, and which older people will find most entertaining.

If one does not care for nice shadings, and is fond of strong colors laid on with a free hand, he will read **Comrades**, by Thomas Dixon, Jr., (Copp, Clark Company, Toronto, 319 pages, \$1.50), with interest. It is a Story of Social Adventure in California. A young millionaire, who heads a colony of Socialists, discovers through some pretty rough-and-tumble experiences that Socialism is no ready-made cure either for greed or ambition, and that human nature has to be very decidedly reckoned with under any social scheme. There are strong chapters, and some new light upon a question which has to be threshed out, whether we will or no.

Those who were present at the meeting of the Twelfth International S. S. Association at Louisville, Kentucky, last June, have been feeling the thrill of its inspiration ever since. Something of the same inspiration will come to readers of the report of that meeting just published, under the title, **Organized Sunday School Work in America 1905-1908** (The Executive Committee of the International Sunday School Association, Chicago, 665 pages, (\$1.00). The volume is a vast storehouse of most interesting and valuable information regarding Sunday School work in America.

The Student Young Men's Christian Association, New York, have issued a series of nine pamphlets to supplement Mr. John R. Mott's recent book, **The Future Leadership of the Church**. This booklet makes a forcible presentation of the claims of the ministry on young men. In a neat case, 50c. postpaid.

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