

BOOKS OF THE MONTH

Caine, Hall. "The Prodigal Son." Toronto: Morang & Co., Limited, \$1.50. This is no common-place book. The subject is as old as humanity. The treatment is subtle, keen, powerful. The setting is modern, yet deals with somewhat primitive life in Iceland. Oscar Stephenson, the spoiled darling of his family, lavishly endowed by nature and circumstance, makes shipwreck of his life in the wild pursuit of pleasure and finds at last that though a man may not in this life escape the consequences of his own misdeeds yet in true repentance there is reconciliation. Magnus, the elder brother, is a masterly conception. His strong and rugged nature unfolds itself along the line of duty. For him the broad issues of life are right and wrong. Under fiery trial he is driven to the verge of despair, when, through a wonderful deliverance from a terrible temptation a miracle is wrought and he emerges a chastened soul, purged from all self-righteousness. The interest is kept at a high level throughout.

Lee, John Doyle. "The Mormon Menace." New York: Home Protection Publishing Co. These confessions of John Doyle Lee, written while he was under sentence of death, set forth the principles and practice of the Mormon Church. It is a plain, straightforward tale and at the same time a strong arraignment of a bloody tyranny existing within the bounds of a free country. This festering sore in the body politic which in its early days was dangerous only to its immediate neighbors has now become a political menace to the whole country. With polygamy for its keystone the edifice maintained by the sacrifice of the freedom of its manhood and the purity of its womanhood. The appearance of this volume is timely and it is deserving of careful study by every well-wisher of his country.

McPhail James M. "Kenneth S. Macdonald, M.A., D., D." Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Recognizing education leavened by Christianity as the true leverage by which the social condition of the people of India could be elevated to a higher plane, Dr. Duff revolutionized missionary work in India. Among his successors there is no worthier name than that of the subject of this book. His biographer has succeeded in portraying a man who by his eminent gifts and lovable personality has won for himself a high place among the benefactors of India, the country of his adoption. Woven in with the story of his life there is much information regarding the literature, religious and social customs of the people of India.

Miles, Eustace. "Quickness and How to Increase it." London: Gale & Polden, Limited. Paper, one shilling. A useful manual on a unique subject, giving a series of exercises, attractive, brief and economical, which will help those who are slow in any respect to greater quickness both of mind and body.

Miles, Eustace. "Breathing for Health, Athletics and Brain Work." London: Gale & Polden, Limited. Paper-boards, one shilling. A carefully written book on a most vital subject, which should impress on every person the important part breathing plays in human life. The process is completely described and illustrated and the various kinds of breathing thoroughly explained.

Sandow, Eugen. "Strength and How to Obtain it." London: Gale & Polden, Limited. Cloth, 2s 6d net. A third edition of Sandow's valuable treatise, embellished with a great many illustrations and with two anatomical charts for men and women. The second part deals with incidents in Sandow's professional career.

Smeaton, Annie. "Gordon Ogilvy." Edinburgh and London: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, 3s 6d. A story containing incidents in the South African War and also pictures of life and character in the Highlands of Scotland. It is religious in tone and simple narrative in style. Emphasis is laid upon the evil of gambling.

Wagner, Charles. "The Busy Life." New York: J. S. Ogilvie Publishing Co., 60c. This book, which is translated from the French, comprises a number of didactic papers on Morals. The author views life as the supreme gift, justice the ultimate aim and energy founded in love, the beneficent agents of humanity. The tone is simple, sane and convincing. It carries with it inspiration for a simple, noble life.

LIBRARY OF THE APPLIED ARTS.

DUTCH Pottery and Porcelain," "Old English Furniture," "English Embroidery," and "English Table Glass" are the titles of the volumes already issued in this important series, and they are certainly suggestive of good things to the art lover. In each case, the writer on the subject in hand brings expert knowledge to his or her task. Especial attention has been lavished on the illustrations which are numerous and beautifully executed. Thus in the volume on "Old English Furniture," there have been inserted nearly one hundred full-page plates. From the bookmaker's standpoint, the volumes in this series leave nothing to be desired. The cover is designed in gold on green cloth, the type is extra large and the presswork has been executed with every attention to detail. The publishers of these beautiful volumes are George Newnes, Limited, London, and the price per volume is 7s 6d net.

ADDITIONS TO SERIES.

GEORGE NEWNES, LIMITED, have added "Coleridge's Poems" to their Thin Paper Classics. The edition has been carefully edited by Professor William Knight. This series of thin paper classics, which was referred to in a recent issue of Bookseller and Stationer, is a most attractive one and now numbers well over thirty volumes. In limp cloth the price is 3s. net, in limp lambskin, 3s. 6d. net per volume.

George Bell & Sons have added Volume IV. of Emerson's Works, containing Miscellaneous Pieces, to the York Library Edition of the great American's literary productions. This edition has been commented upon favorably in earlier issues of Bookseller and Stationer.