

"I have my needle," said Winnifred.
 "Let me see it," said the lawyer.
 Winnifred showed it to him.
 "I fear," said Mr. Bonehead, shaking his head, "you will not do much with that."
 Then he rang the bell again.
 "Atkinson," he said, "Take Miss Clair out and throw her on the world."

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THE BECKONING SKYLINE

BY J. LEWIS MILLIGAN. Toronto: McClelland and Stewart.

THIS is a volume of poems by one who leaves England and, settling in Canada, gives out in this form his impressions, emotions and reactions. It is a serious expression of feeling. The author is a Toronto journalist. He possesses fine poetical inspiration, and such lines as "Upon the secret, silent looms of spring," stand out with unusual strength and beauty. We quote two poems that appeal to us most:

THE LEAF DANCE

Who comes behind me with so light a step
 And rustling silken skirts?—'Tis but the leaves;
 I thought they were all dead? Did I but mourn
 Over their graves last year! and now they come
 Dancing in sunlight, chasing clouds along,
 Or flying like small birds of russet hue!
 Ev'n so about me dance the days and dreams
 Of Summers dead; and, like these happy leaves,
 The spirits of departed loveliness,
 They come not sadly, though in brown attired
 They dance before me in the wind of thought,
 Now waltzing in a circle, clustering
 Together, and like lovers whispering
 Of things that only leaves and lovers know.

FALLEN LEAVES

Low lies the summer's glory sere and dead—
 These fallen leaves—and ah! they were so green!
 Alas! that we should on such beauty tread,
 That loveliness should have an end so mean!

Long dreary days and nights, with artist care,

Did Nature sit her garment fashioning;
 Then deftly wove her bridal raiment fair!
 Upon the secret, silent looms of Spring.
 And now she casts the wondrous things away,

And all her labour mingles with the earth;
 Forgot the vernal pride of yesterday
 Forward she looks unto another birth.
 So, do I look beyond our winter woe—
 Ah! Love, believe it and it shall be so!

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THE CANADIAN BOY SCOUTS' ANNUAL

BY R. G. MACBETH. Toronto: The Muson Book Company.

THIS is one of the finest books available for the Canadian boy. It is well considered from a national standpoint, the contents are well written and illustrated by writers and artists of standing, and Mr. MacBeth, the general editor, is well known for his broad outlook, wide experience and patriotic sentiments.

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—"The Armistice" (Verse) and "The Seekers" (an Indian mystery play), by Amy Redpath Roddick. Montreal: John Dougall and Son.

—"Songs of the Trail," by Henry Herbert Knibbs. Toronto: Thomas Allen.

—"Captain Macedoine's Daughter," by William McFee. Toronto: S. B. Gundy.

