

March number, for instance, there are articles on "The Miracle: Its Function"; "His Own City"; "The Distinctive Characteristics of Mark's Gospel." Rev. Drs. McPheeters, Warfield and John D. Davis are amongst the editors.

**Sleepy-Time Stories:** By Maud Ballington Booth, with introduction by Chauncey M. Depew; illustrated by Maud Humphrey. G. P. Putnam Sons, New York and London. 177 pages; price \$1.50.

Mrs. Booth has written down the "lovely things of nature" which she saw when she was little, just as she has told them to her own Baby Dimple and Brown Eyes. And very charming they are. Butterfly-Blue and Butterfly-Deer, Brown Eyes and His Little Friends, Yellow Dicky's Troubles, all become very real and quite enchanting, as we read. God is always very near to Mrs. Booth, and she brings God very near to the little ones. The description of the thunder-storm and how innocent children feel in the midst of its terrific grandeur is one we were about to say, worthy of a more ambitious book. But why should not the babies have the best? Mrs. Booth evidently thinks they should and the exquisite illustrations and general perfection mechanically of the book show that the publishers think likewise. Readers will appreciate this. A very handsome summer gift Sleepy Time Stories will make.

**Friends and Helpers:** Compiled by Sarah J. Eddy. Ginn & Company, Boston. 231 pages, profusely illustrated; price \$1.50.

The object of this book is "to teach children to treat all living creatures with considerate kindness and to appreciate the services of man's helpers in the animal world."

"Evil is wrought by want of thought

As well as want of heart,"

and the compiler has gathered together from a great variety of sources and from authors from Plutarch downward, a collection of really delightful stories of horses, lions, dogs, cats, birds, and insects. There is even a good word to say of rats, "which often, as scavengers, shield our home from disease," and of toads as slayers of noxious insects. The illustrations and the whole make-up of the book are of the first class.

**Alice and Tom; or, The Record of a Happy Year.** By Kate Louise Brown. D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. 212 pages; price 45 cents.

"Alice and Tom," the author tells us, "is the result of a long and happy experience with a flock of hearty, lovable country children." Alice and Tom and their dog "Rags" are thorough "out-of-door-ers" and children who follow them will know a great deal more than they know now of birds and plants and flowers and of the sweet sights and sounds of Nature. There is a Fourth of July chapter, but if it is just reversed it will do excellently for our Canadian First of July. The illustrations, without which there can hardly be a child's book, are attractive.



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