

## BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

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Home and School Library. Edited by Laurin Magnus, M. A., Oxford. First Makers of England, Julius Cæsar, King Arthur, and Alfred the Great. London: John Murray. Price. 1s 6d.

Would our readers just look at these three names, Julius Cæsar, King Arthur, King Alfred. As first makers of England, what a field of story opens to the scholars memory? What attractive short stories can be easily collected round these illustrious names. Lady Magnus, in this small book, has given us many beautiful, true short stories; gems they are. Teachers in our public schools get the book, it shows you how to begin history in the best way.

Psalms: Books IV. and V. by A. F. Kirkpatrick, D. D. Cambridge: University Press.

This is the third volume of Professor Kirkpatrick's short commentary on the Psalms in the well-known Cambridge Bible for schools and college series. In every respect it is fully up to the high standard of the series in accurate scholarship and in usefulness. There is a very complete introduction to the Psalms, one hundred and twelve pages in length, which sums up concisely yet very fully the present state of knowledge concerning the Psalms, the psalm-writers, their dates, titles, uses, and other information very necessary. The notes on the

individual Psalms are also wonderfully exhaustive when we take into account the brief space allotted to them in the book. They are most suggestive and helpful. Being short, they are never tedious. For teaching purposes we might say this book is a *sine qua non* as far as Books IV. and V. of the Psalms are concerned. Psalms XC-C-L. 150.

MacMillan's Colonial Library. "The Benefactress," by the author of *Elizabeth and Her German Garden*. London, Eng., MacMillan and Co. \$1.50.

Anna, the benefactress, sister of Sir Peter Estcourt, is an interesting young Englishwoman of an independent turn of mind, which makes her dependence on her relatives very uncomfortable to her. Her sister-in-law did the best she knew in trying to secure a home for Miss Anna, by introducing her to society, etc. This common plan failed, and failed all the more completely, owing to Anna's cordial co-operation that it should fail. Anna was most willing to do anything to make a living for herself, even to sweep a "crossing." The sister-in-law told her that she (Anna) had not money to buy a "broom." But the deliverer appears in the shape of a German uncle, who bequeaths to her a small estate on the Baltic, near the historic Town of Stralsund.