

It contains the well loved war poetry of such men as Kipling, Newbolt, Begby, Colonel McCrae, Alan Seeger, Oxenham, to mention only a few of the best known; and extracts from the most famous speeches of Lord Kitchener, Lloyd George, Sir Robert Borden, Hon. Arthur Balfour, Marshall Joffre, Sir Douglas Haig, President Poincare and President Wilson. If it were possible to provide the scholars with copies of this collection which costs only twenty-five cents, it would help to keep alive the very best of the spirit which animated this and every Anglo Saxon country during the long years of the Great Struggle.

#### **The Little Visitors—Daisy Ashford.**

A little book, the manuscript of which was written by a nine year old child, and a short time ago discovered and published, with a delightful introduction by J. M. Barrie. The author is now a woman, but has never written anything since her childish effort, but her name was made when this most original little book was published. It has run into four editions in London, and should amuse any one whose sense of humor has strength enough to know it exists. The author, whose photograph shows a very precocious looking little girl with a rather superior smile, has evidently gleaned her knowledge of life from overheard conversations and from books beyond her age. With no knowledge of the conventionalities of life, or the proprieties, she innocently places her characters in the most embarrassing positions with most amusing results to the reader. Her power of word sketching is wonderful, a brief sentence brings us into intimate acquaintance with the hero, "Mr. Salteena was an elderly gentleman of forty-two, very fond of entertaining company." He acknowledges himself as "very fond of the society of ladies, and not quite a gentleman, but that can't be helped." The delightfully innocent snobbery of the book in these days of rampant democracy is one of its quaintest features. It is **not** recommended as a text book but

as an amusing hour's reading for the weary pedagogical brain.

#### **Flag and Fleet-Col. William Wood.—**

The main lesson sought to be told in this book is the might of control of the sea.

Colonel Wood upon whose shoulders fell the mantle of Admiral Mahan, is recognized to-day throughout the English-speaking world as the one authority on matters naval, and has a number of books on that subject to his credit. His great love of the subject and his appreciation of being chosen by the Navy League to give his message to boys and girls, has enabled him to bring his beautifully clear style down to the compass of the young people in the upper grades of the Public Schools and the first year of High Schools. The narrative therefore is one that can easily be comprehended by them, and yet it is sufficiently interesting and touches on so many matters of historical incident that any grown-up may read it with the greatest pleasure.

Starting with the early man who escaped from or beset his enemies by using a log for transport rather than going by land, Colonel Wood unfolds a progressive story through the age of the rowers, the sailing age, the age of iron and steel, to the time when Britain's power at sea proved to be the cause of Germany's defeat.

The narrative is made picturesque throughout by thrilling incidents of sea warfare, always with a point of emphasis, and, between each book, a wonderfully well-selected series of poems illustrative of that particular part of the subject. The book is handsomely illustrated.

Not the least striking feature of the book is the cover design, showing Neptune and Britain in amity on the beach, symbolizing their joint power over the sea.

Here in 300 pages is a wonderful 50c. worth of pleasure and education for anybody.