

out, acts of meanness and greed almost unbelievable to those who had had glimpses of the higher side of her nature. The struggle between her passion for jewels and money, and her constantly growing desire to help those who were suffering on account of the War, makes an extremely interesting story. Not the least of the influences in her life is Bramfield, the diamond merchant, a truly noble man who has loved her for years in spite of her temper and her avarice. In fact, it was really he who brought Tamar in contact with all the other influences which lead her to lay up treasures "where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt."

A Chance to Live, by Zoe Beckley (The Macmillan Company, New York, The Macmillan Company of Canada, Toronto, 329 pages, \$1.60 net; Illustrations by Charles Voight) has the ring of reality on every page. Its author has lived close to that vast multitude in the huge cosmopolitan metropolis of New York, and has seen with understanding eyes the daily struggle for the "chance to live." She has seen the struggle with a clear-eyed vision, and has had the courage to write the things which she has seen. Her story is of Annie Hargan, a tenement girl, who has to solve the problem of wringing a livelihood out of the hard business world with no one to

help her except Aunt "Moggie," whose own battle is hard enough. There is genuine power and insight in the story of Annie's experiences as factory hand, and later, as switchboard operator and typist. The same sure and sympathetic touch is seen in describing the later days, when love has come into Annie's life and she has cast in her lot with Bernie's. Their happiness narrowly misses shipwreck, and is saved only by a common interest in a great purpose which they live to see realized beyond their dreams.

Heroes of Aviation, by Lawrence La Tourette Driggs (Frederick D. Goodchild, Toronto, 301 pages, \$1.50 net), is an interesting narrative of the aeroplane in the Great War, and particularly of the amazing exploits of the foremost fighters of the Allied air forces. After a description of the general uses of the aeroplane, the author sets forth clearly and concisely the rapid, marvelously rapid, development in machines and methods. Brief biographies of dozens of air heroes, including Bishop, Ball, Collishaw, McKeever, Guynemer, Fonck and Lufbery, read like fairy tales and stir the blood. Not the least noteworthy feature of this stirring book is a comparative table, in the appendix, of the victories of the Allied airmen and those of the enemy's.



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