

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Songs of the Human. By Wm. P. McKenzie. (Toronto: Hart & Co.) This is not so pleasant sounding a title as that of the author's last work—"Voices and Undertones"—but in every other respect the new book shows a marked advance upon the old. Outwardly the poems manifest a finer workmanship, inwardly the hidden springs of imagination are more surely reached. "Voices and Undertones" had abundance—almost superabundance—of feeling, but it did not, so far as we remember, embody in a single poem as bold, impressive and beautiful an image as that in the two stanzas entitled "A Twilight Flower."

The flower of my heart was glowing red,
Brighter than flame in the sun;
But they shine for me in the dim twilight—
This flower is peace after rain.

Few cared to look at its petals white,
"Tis the red love they seek to gain;
But they shine for me in the dim twilight—
This flower is peace after rain.

But what chiefly strikes the reader in "Songs of the Human" is not so much the beauty of single poems as the atmosphere of the book, which is the atmosphere of a singularly pure and noble nature. Every one can recall old fashioned descriptions of the "bright God-giving sun." Mr. McKenzie is a very good illustration of an upright God-loving man. For those who are dissatisfied with any book unless they can distinctly see the "moral" to it, we should say that the moral of "Songs of the Human" is that love is God's gift to the human race, and that the failure to receive it is a failure to receive a blessing, and a failure to receive a blessing is a failure to receive a blessing.

To read the book is to be borne forward on a wave of glad unwavering faith. There is not a note of despair between these delicate pale green covers. The poems are divided into four sections: "Of Places and Men," "Of Love," "Of Loss," and "Of Life." One would think there might naturally be some melancholy thoughts in "Of Loss," but so wholesome a stream of optimism flows through it that the poet might appropriately have named that department "Of Gaining." Here are specimen stanzas:

"Farewell—I say it with the strength of joy,
For I am sure you will still be here,
God's love will be about the like a wall
Of unseen fire, wherein night shall destroy
The peacefulness, if love thy thoughts employ.
If love divine to thee shall bring it all."

Farewell—again we cannot ever be
Love's music shall reach to thee where so'er
Beneath the dome of blue thou mayest fare.
Well shall thou fare, true love will follow thee.
Nor I be sad, if thy love come to me.
For love can flash through leagues of view
less air.

If there be truth in telepathy that last verse is no mere fabric of a poet's vision, but is based on solid scientific fact. However that may be, it is certain that London has reason to be proud of her poet; for Mr. McKenzie is a London man, though not living in this city at present. "Songs of the Human" is a book to be enjoyed, not capriciously criticized, for as the writer himself says:

"The moods of the poet are manifold,
Judge ye then the bloom of the mood;
Do ye ask for the poet in white cold,
Snow-drops in the summer wood?"

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS.

LETTER BOX.
[Under this heading we will insert letters on any subject from boys and girls. The letters must be brief and written on one side of the paper. The name and address must be given, to appear with the letter. Address: "AUNT PRUDENCE, ADVERTISER, Office, London, Ont."]

[I am afraid, children, that I cannot print any letters written in lead pencil on a post card, nor any in which the writer is "hoping" to find me "well and in good health." Hop as much as you like, my dears, with your feet, but please don't hop in your hand-writing.]

GLENGOE, Jan. 7, 1902.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
It is a year since I wrote to you. I will be 9 years old my next birthday. I go to school every day. We have a good teacher, her name is Miss Atwood. We had a public examination and a challenge spelling match between Mr. Calder's school and ours; we came out a tie. I was the last who stood up on our side. I take music lessons, and like music very much. Your loving niece,
JENNIE KEANE.

[I am glad to see you are such a good speller, but honestly now, aren't you a little fonder of writing with a lead pencil than with pen and ink?—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

CHATHAM, Ont., Jan. 6, 1902.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
I wrote to you once, but my letter never came out in the paper, so I thought I would write again. My mamma and sister and brother have gone to Chicago and left me alone with my grandma, who is home. All went to California, but my papa died there and we had to come home. We live on a farm. It is such fun to go into the woods and gather wild flowers in the spring. Please, auntie, will you excuse my bad writing, for I only began a little while ago? I am 9 years old. Good-bye.
ZELLAN LUSSELL.

[Your hand is not at all bad for a little girl of 9, but you are just a wee bit economical with the ink. I love to gather wild flowers too. Do you know what poet calls flowers the "smiles of God"?—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

THAMESFORD, Jan. 8, 1902.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
I take a great deal of interest in reading the letters in the ADVERTISER, and I thought I would like to be one of your numerous nieces. We have taken the ADVERTISER for over a year and I like it very much. I was sick with the quinsy, but I am better now. We keep a store, a butcher shop and a bakery. There is a great deal of work to do in the summer. I guess I have told you all the news. I will now close, wishing you a happy New Year. I remain, your loving niece,
LENA ENGLISH.

(Thank you, Lena, for your good wish. Do you intend to keep a store, a butcher shop or a bakery when you grow up?—AUNT PRUDENCE.)

POPPLAR, Jan. 8.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
I am a little girl 9 years old. I go to school with many other people who belong to our school. We have a good teacher, whose name is Miss Rose. She is a kind teacher and she like her very much. My father has taken the ADVERTISER as long as I can remember. My mamma and papa like it too. I have a doll and it is as big as a 2-year-old child. Santa Claus brought it to me but he did not bring any clothes for it, and my mamma had to make nice clothes for it. She says the children who have feelings must be attended to first, meaning me, I suppose, but I will have to get it dressed before next Christmas or

Santa Claus will not bring me anything more. I hope my letter is not too long, so I will stop. Your loving niece,
ROSA FRASER.

[What could old Santa have been dreaming about? A sweet big doll-baby the size of a 2-year-old child, and with nothing to wear this wintry weather—it's dreadful to think of! However, you have a good long time before next Christmas in which to make it clothes.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

QUINCY, N. D., Jan. 7, 1902.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
I live in North Dakota, on the banks of the Red River Valley of the north. I live on a farm of 300 acres, and there is plenty of work to do. I had a very nice time last holidays picking plums, gooseberries and currants. I have been reading the little girls' and boys' letters, but I did not like to write; I thought I could not write good enough. My father has taken the ADVERTISER for eighteen years, and he says he could not do without it. I am a little girl 14 years old. I guess I must draw to a close, hoping to see this in print, and so good-bye. From your new writer,
ANNIE BELLA WATSON.

[Don't send us any Dakota blizzards down here, my dear little girl. We have got just about all the winter we can use at present.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

LONDON, Dec. 18, 1891.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
I had a pleasant time last summer. I did not go out of the city to stay for any length of time. Just with my friends I enjoyed a pleasant trip down the river to Springfield where we saw the machinery in full operation. I think it is wonderful the way they turn the water into the different springs and then send it up those high hills to the reservoir and from thence to London and its suburbs. Next I went to Port Stanley. I do not like the cars as well as the water, but when we got there it was lovely. The lake was a little rough, but still and refreshing. Then I paid a short visit to some of my country friends which I enjoyed very much. I think the country is beautiful in summer but dreary in winter. I might relate many other happy incidents, but I think I have reached the limit. The best of all though was starting to school again. I remain your loving niece,
LOTTIE BRYAN.

[Your letter was received too late for the competition, Lottie, but it is none the less interesting.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

SEAFORTH, Jan. 28.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
In the beginning of the holidays I went to our public school picnic. We had heaps of fun. I went away for a few weeks and had a fine time swinging, playing croquet, ball and even so many other games. When I came home I had a party on my birthday and had a lot of my schoolmates at it, and we had a very pleasant time. My cousins came to visit me during the holidays and stayed quite a while. After they left I had to work an awful lot; I had to scrub, wash, sweep and wash dishes and do a lot of other chores. I remain your loving niece,
MARY MCINTOSH.

[Good fun and hard work—you seem to have plenty of both. I fancy you are a happy-hearted, energetic little girl.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

GOODRICH, Nov. 20, 1901.

DEAR AUNT PRUDENCE:
I am a little girl 7 years old. I go to school when it is not too cold. I am in the First Reader. I live on a farm. I have a big dog; her name is Lucy. I made her a new dress. I thought I would write to you, seeing that my sister is writing you. I was in the last summer I went to the circus in Port Huron. I saw lots of funny things there. Good-bye, from your loving niece,
NELLY KELLY.

[I made a dress for my doll when I was 7 years old too. It was ornamented with numerous little red spots where I had pricked my finger, and there was nothing small about the stitches either. They were good generous whole-souled stitches.—AUNT PRUDENCE.]

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