

beginning to read, or perhaps not quite that far, but who like to hear some one read to them some child's story. As Christmas and New Year are drawing near, the little one will be looking for some little gift. Here is the very thing to gladden the little heart and keep it merry and wise weeks after all the toys are broken. What is it? A complete little library of a dozen books, neat pretty gems, all "snug as a bug in a rug," in a little box. And such reading! About how Harry said this, and did that, how he questioned his mother about killing a mouse, and what she said, and all in language a child can understand, with pictures too!!

LEAVES AND FRUIT; by M. E. Griffith, author of "Boys at Eastwick."
Jas. Bain & Son, Toronto; Andrew Kennedy, London.

This is also a story, There is, how-

ever in it no controversy. It is intended to show how George Savage rose from being a boy in the engine-room of a great factory somewhere in the United States, to be a graduate in one of the colleges, and afterwards a civil engineer. The boy owed his education to his master, the proprietor of the factory, who took an interest in the lad, and paid for his education. The picture of the boy George, of his mother, and of his surroundings is true, we suppose, to the realities of life, among the operatives in the manufacturing towns of Massachusetts; but we fear that the pictures of the master and his family, of his speeches and ways toward George, is not copied from real life as it exists among the manufacturers of the United States. The master was rewarded for his kindness to George, by the influence for good George exerted on his son Max. But the boys who wish to know all about it must buy the book for themselves.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

THE CHRISTIAN MONTHLY FOR 1877.

The *Canada Christian Monthly* has many warm and true friends throughout the Dominion. It is hardly necessary to say that without them and their help, in extending its circulation, our Magazine would have gone down under the financial pressure that has overborne many a periodical of older date and of greater merits than ours. From one of these good friends away in the Island of Manitoulin, we have just received a letter in which these words occur: "The *Christian Monthly* is a periodical from which I derive much benefit in my lonely hours. In fact I know not what I would do without it; there are in it such fine stories and sermons." Another, a minister of the Gospel writes this week, (we only refer to letters just received.) "I am pleased to be of service to the *Christian Monthly*, and will hope to be able to help it much more in the future." Another minister who occupies an important position in a city pulpit in the United States of America, and who finds time to send us many welcome contributions from his pen, says in a letter now before us, "I enjoy your Magazine exceedingly. It always contains a great deal of interesting and edifying matter. It always holds up Christ. I am