

NEW BOOKS REVIEWED.

The next best thing to the reading of a good book is, perhaps, the perusal of an intelligent review of it—to me it is always a source of lively satisfaction. Gladstone.

THE MILTON ANTHOLOGY.—Edited by Prof. Edward Arber. Cloth, 2s. 6d. Henry Frowde, London. This is the sixth book of the British anthologies series, a series designed to give a historical, national anthology at popular prices. The first volume of the series is devoted to the anthology of the Dunbar period, 1401-1508, and nine other volumes, either ready or in preparation, are devoted to the various periods of poetical literature up to the Cowper period of 1755-1800. The Milton Anthology is one of the most interesting of the group, including almost every variety of poetry, from the choicest gems of Milton's philosophies to tender love sonnets or madrigals by anonymous authors of the period. The collection is an exceedingly well-chosen one.

BIBLE CHARACTERS: AHITHOPHEL TO NEHEMIAH.—By Alexander Whyte, D.D. Cloth, 3s. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson and Ferrier, Edinburgh and London. Alexander Whyte, the author of this work, is a preacher and author of the most modern type. His freedom in the use of English may be criticized by some, but this feature makes his writing none the less, rather more attractive to the average Canadian of to-day. Apart from this, Dr. Whyte has such a clear insight into human character and portrays it so well that his books naturally are read with interest. The characters in this book give him ample scope for his powers.

THE RAGGED LADY.—By W. D. Howells. With eight illustrations by A. J. Keller. Cloth, \$1.25; paper, 75c. The W. J. Gage Co., Limited, Toronto. Any novel by W. D. Howells is bound to have a good sale. This is considered by most critics as his best work. It deals in a most lifelike manner with several types of New England life. The heroine, the most interesting of these characters, is Clementina Claxton, a daughter of poor parents, adopted by a quaint, old-fashioned Boston woman, with whom she travels over Europe. The description of the sea voyage, the travels and the love affairs of "The Ragged Lady" are told in Mr. Howell's best style.

ANDREW MELVILLE.—By William Morrison. Cloth, 1s. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh and London. This work is the 27th of the "Famous Scots Series," including biographies of Carlyle, Burns, Scott, John Knox, R. L. Stevenson, Norman Macleod, etc. Andrew Melville

has a right to a high place in this series. He was one of the men to whom Presbyterians, and, in fact, Scotsmen generally, owe a mede of thanks for the liberty and justice of which "Auld Scotia" is so proud. Melville was a leader of the Knox type, who was largely instrumental in continuing the work of the Reformation begun by Knox. There should be a good sale of this book in Canada.

EMERALDS CHAINED IN GOLD, OR THE ISLANDS OF THE FORTH.—By John Dickson. Cloth, with illustrations, 6s. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh and London. Inchgarvie, Inchcolm, Inchkeith, the Isle of May and the Bass Rock and the other islands of the Forth are deservedly of interest to Scots everywhere. The Isle of May was the headquarters and retreat of St. Adrian when he was preaching the Gospel in the neighboring province of Fife. From this time onward through many centuries these islands played an important part in the ecclesiastical and political history of Scotland. Their story, as told by the author is one that will not fail to interest and delight. The book is a handsome one, with appropriate illustrations.

AN ALPHABET OF ANIMALS.—Carton Moore Park. With 52 illustrations by the author. Large crown 4to boards, 5s. Blackie & Sons, Limited, London. Many alphabets of animals have been written and drawn. Yet, this work has a unique individuality about it, which, added to its undoubted high standard of art, makes it an excellent one for presentation to young people. Of the 52 illustrations, 26 are full-page plates about eight inches square, each containing a life-like portrayal of some animal. Some of these are exceedingly well executed. The descriptions of the animals are brief, but full of information, as much worth knowing as it is interesting.

MANY CARGOES.—By W. W. Jacobs. Cloth, 248 pp.; \$1.25. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. There is no class of fiction that is more interesting or humorous than a well-told sailor's yarn. This book contains a score of unusually well-told yarns collected by the author. Most of them originally appeared in *To-Day* and *The Idler*, and are reprinted by permission of Jerome K. Jerome. Nearly all of them deal with seafaring life off the shores of "Merrie England," and show in a most

attractive style the native-born wit of the average British sailor. The half dozen stories which comprise the love affairs of the book are replete with laughable situations, and portray, in an amusing way, the susceptibility of the typical skipper or mate on small coasting craft. The book should be popular with lovers of short stories.

VENDANTA PHILOSOPHY — RAJA YOGA AND OTHER LECTURES—By Swami Vivekananda. Cloth, 12mo.; \$1.50. The Baker & Taylor Co., 5 and 7 East Sixteenth street, New York. The Vendanta Philosophy is one of the religions of the Orient. Raja Yoga is an ancient system of Indian philosophy, and one of the four chief methods that this philosophy offers to obtain freedom and perfection. Swami Vivekananda represented the Hindu religion at the World's Parliament of Religions, held in Chicago in 1893. During the succeeding three years he became a familiar figure in several American cities, where his teachings were listened to with respectful interest by a good many people.

IDYLLS OF THE SEA.—By F. T. Bullen. Paper, 75c. Toronto News Co., Limited, Toronto. This book contains 30 short stories and sketches, with an introduction by J. St. Loe Strachey, and is redolent of the sea and its mysteries. The author spent a part of his life on a whale boat, and as one reads his delightful and cleverly written short stories and sketches, his conclusions are that what has come from Mr. Bullen's pen is that which he saw or imagined he saw as he kept watch in the crow's nest or peered over the bulwarks into the deep waters. And we know from the "Studies in Marine Natural History," which are included in the book, that he was an observing man when ploughing the deeps, for, in the seven articles included in these studies, there is undoubted evidence of this. It is a book that everyone should read, for it is as unique as it is entertaining. It has already taken well in England. Coming upon the market, as it does, when so many people are going "down to the sea in ships" for pleasure, it is timely, and should sell well.

A. P. LITTLE'S Cobweb and Satin Finish Carbon Papers.

Brilliant... Copying Ribbons

Long Lasting Non-Filling The only ribbon with serrated edge

For all makes of Typewriters Proves to the trade

APPLY CANADIAN OFFICE Typewriter and Copying Supplies a Specialty Card Index Systems

