

Judy Abbot, the heroine of **Daddy-Long-Legs**, by Jean Webster (The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, Toronto; 304 pages; Price \$1.00), had lived her sixteen years in an orphan asylum, before a benevolent and mysterious trustee came to her rescue. Judy had shown talent in English composition, and her unknown benefactor sent her to college to prepare some day to be a writer. The conditions were that once a month she was to write a letter to the unknown—address it to John Smith, in care of a common-place secretary,—and was never to expect a reply. Judy so revelled in all her new experiences that she wrote many times a month to Dear Daddy-Long-Legs, as she had elected to call her benefactor, for a reason that comes out early in the story. The book is made up of Judy's letters, and seldom have gayer, more natural and girlish letters found their way into print. Girls and older people will follow with eagerness and keen enjoyment Judy's course through college, with its abundance of work and fun and success; and finally the great surprise which came to her when at last she saw Daddy-Long-Legs in the flesh. It is a story true to present-day girl life, and marked by the sweetness and vivacity that have distinguished Miss Webster's earlier stories of life in a girl's college.

The 42nd Fernley Lecture (for 1912) was on, **The Preacher and the Modern Mind**, and the lecturer was Rev. George Jackson, B.A., of Victoria College, Toronto. The lecture has now been published in book form (Charles H. Kelly, London, and William Briggs, Toronto, 245 pages, \$1.00 net). It is easy to state the proper attitude, in the author's judgment, of the preacher in relation to the modern mind. Briefly

it is this. The preacher must sympathetically recognize that there is, in the present day, a prevailing demand for ethical teaching from the pulpit and a growing impatience of mere statements of doctrine which do not point the way to corresponding practice. Besides the preacher must frankly accept all that is true,—and Mr. Jackson is ready to go pretty far in his admissions as to what is true—in modern views as to the facts and form of the Biblical revelation and let this have its due influence on his thinking and his public utterances. Having thus put himself in vital touch with contemporary intellectual and spiritual tendencies, the preacher's business is to interpret and proclaim Christ with all the effectiveness that comes from a carefully cultivated style and with the passion born of heartfelt conviction. No outline, however, can do justice to Mr. Jackson's book. He possesses the faculty of getting himself read, and his readers, whether clerical or lay, will find this volume full of interest and profit. It is a natural transition from Mr. Jackson's pages to **Religion and the Growing Mind**, by John Douglas Adam (The Fleming H. Revel Company, Toronto and New York, 142 pages, 75c. net), for the two writers are at one in their belief that the great facts of religion remain after modern criticism has done its most searching work. Mr. Adam, having answered the question which forms the arresting title of an early chapter, "Why Are We Here?" by saying: "The end of life is the making of a soul," convincingly shows that religion alone supplies the conditions under which the human soul can realize its possibilities. It is not every month that brings us so suggestive and stimulating a book as Mr. Adam's little volume.

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