

Book Review.

"*The Ruler of the Kingdom*" is the title of a neat little volume by Grace Keon. It consists of a number of well written Catholic tales, each with a beautiful moral. In the attractive and aptly designed binding in which it is presented by Benziger Bros. it should make a very appropriate gift for the Christmas season.

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A DAUGHTER OF KINGS. By Katherine Tynan. \$1.25. London. Hutchinson & Co., Paternoster Row.

If every new novel were as sweet and fresh and strong as this latest from the exquisite poet and novelist, who is doing so much to justify the hopes of the new Irish school of authors, the outcry against the too rapid making of books would be stilled; here is a genuine Irish lady depicted by a twin soul, placed in English society but never in reality displaced from "Witch's Castle" at Ballincrusheen, between the sea and the mountains, where in the bright autumn days, we first walked with her, listening to the gulls cry in the gloaming and the pewits call across the bog, with never a habitation in sight except those which betrayed themselves by the glare of the windows throwing back the red sunset. The austere landscape, the well worn things in the castle, these were never relinquished by this daughter of kings, who could serve for money, yet be her true, queenly, lovable, bright and sweet self to the end. She that had been absolutely happy in the wild, Irish, forlorn and worn splendour; she had no desire to travel, to see fine sights and new faces and places. She distrusted change and travel as profoundly as did Thomas à Kempis. Even in Italy she had been homesick, but she can fill the position offered because "there were so many things Gran. needed which she was always going without." Well, she went and conquered. The end shows an "heir apparent with as fine a red head, as fine a pair of blue eyes as ever a baby was blessed with." He'll be talking Irish, says his Gran.

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