

In other poems—noticeably in "At Awakening" and "The Budding Child"—the author appears to be led astray by force of her own optimism into the implication that this is the best of all possible worlds. But this view would, we are sure, have been corrected, had Miss Wetherald's recent poetic work been adequately represented instead of being confined to the lightness and earth-loving pleasantness of these "little leafy songs."

The author of this neat volume of verse is no new votary of the Muses, but has already proved herself a poet and a finished writer of prose.

"The poets, who on earth have made us heirs

Of truth and pure delight by heavenly lays!"

It is now some months since George N. Morang and Company, of Toronto, issued Mr. Beckles Willson's entertaining life of Lord Strathcona which has attracted considerable attention from the leading periodicals of Great Britain as well as in Canada. Mr. Willson's purpose has evidently been to provide a short, readable and generally comprehensive account of what has been accomplished by a man who, it is universally acknowledged, has

been a great force in developing Canada. The book appeals, and appeals successfully, to the same class of readers who derive the greater part of their information and recreation in reading from the daily newspapers and popular magazines; and it is through this class, on account of the largeness of its constituency, that possibly the widest influence may at present be exerted. Mr. Willson's work is not a final, nor intimate biography which was not the intention of the author; but it is interesting, picturesque, and patriotic, and forms a successful contribution to what may be called journalistic Canadian history. The appearance of the book, as is usual with the publications of the Company, is attractive and creditable to the enterprise of the publishers.

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