

children, especially, we are by no means sure that any better way has been discovered than the mother's-knee method. The specialists will come back to this. Meanwhile, studies of the question, such as Dr. Haslett's, by scientists, and from the scientific standpoint, are most valuable. They will set parents and teachers thinking, which is much.

A heartsome book is **Jess & Co.**, by J. J. Bell (The Copp Clark Co., Limited, Toronto, 285 pages, 49 full page illustrations, \$1.25), deeper and sweeter than the author's first book, *Wee MacGregor*, but with the same dry Scotch wit, and keen, homely repartee which was one of the charms of that popular story. The brave planning and managing of Jess, the wise and pretty Glasgow wife of David, the Kinloch "jiner," finally bringing within her husband's reach the work he had always secretly longed to do; the clash of tongues between Auld Angus and the Widow Wallace; the misadventures of the generous hearted but diffident Ogilvy; make a tale of Scotch village life too good to be kept to oneself. It needs to be read aloud to fully bring out its humor and pathos.

Even more interesting to children than fairy stories of imaginary princes and princesses is **Little Royalities**, by Isabel McDougall (Fleming H. Revell Co., 163 pages, \$1.25), with its stories of real little kings and queens and princes. It is a book for children about children, so simply told that Edward the VI., the little Dauphin, the twelve-year-old Empress Matilda of Germany, whose son was Henry Plantagenet of England, and the other Little Royalities

described, become very real people. Paper and printing are of the best, there are eight fine, full page pictures, and for boys and girls too young to study history, the book will pave the way for later work, and to those a little older give additional zest to their studies.

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