

Harold Copping. In **Truxton King**: A Story of Graustark, by George Barr McCutcheon (369 pages, five full page illustrations in colors, \$1.25), the son of an American millionaire, in search of adventures, makes his way to that imaginary kingdom, to find himself at once in the thick of a Nihilist plot against its boy king. The story is full of exciting and often amusing situations.

In **Quaint Subjects of the King**, (Cassell & Company, Limited, Toronto, 299 pages, 77 full-page illustrations, Price \$1.75) John Foster Fraser describes, in a very interesting way, a number of the "strange and little known races who live in remote parts of the Empire." The Kachins and Chins of Upper Burma, some people of Maay and New Guinea, Frontier Folk of India, Desert Tribes of Australia, are some of the many British subjects described. The large number of fine pictures add to the interest.

"Anon, I gather from the strand
A pretty pebble clear,
A sea-flower bell, or sounding shell;
Then send them far and near,
In hopes that some the magic main
Through them might see and hear."

Thus Mr. Donald A. Fraser prefaces his **Pebbles and Shells** (William Briggs, Toronto, 172 pages, \$1.00), a very charming collection of verses. There are some gems, as for instance, *A Gray Day*; *Psalm XXIII.*; and various of the nonsense rhymes. Mr. Fraser bids fair to win an abiding place amongst

the little band of Canadian poets. The book will make a capital Christmas gift.

Robert E. Speer is at his best in, **Paul the All Round Man** (Fleming H. Revell Company, New York and Toronto, 127 pages, 50c. net). It is a characterization of Paul dug out of the Acts and Epistles, written with fulness of knowledge, and with the sympathy of one who, Paul-like, counts Christ and His gospel and His service the all in all. The book is not only a vigorous and wholesome tonic, but will prove also a rich mine to preachers and teachers seeking to set forth the lessons of the life of the great apostle of the Gentiles.

A new book by Dr. Handley C. G. Moule, Bishop of Durham, is, **Faith, Its Nature and Work** (Cassell and Company, London and Toronto, 240 pages, \$1.00). How thoroughly timely and practical this book is, may be judged from such chapter headings as Faith and Practice, Faith and Character, Faith and Training, Faith and Purity, Some Difficulties and Problems.

Every one should learn to swim, and every swimmer is entitled to the satisfaction that comes from doing a thing well. Mr. T. W. Sheffield's new volume, **Swimming** (Musson Book Company, Toronto, 176 pages, 75c.) abundantly shows the way. The author, who holds the King Edward VII. Trophy, is Vice-president of the Toronto Swimming Club. He is a practical man, and gives plain directions, illustrated by really remarkable photographs. There is also a pretty full account of swimming records and championships.

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