

## THE BOOK PAGE

"An historical novel of Bear life," picturing "the life of a Grizzly, with the added glamor of a remarkable Bear personality," is Ernest Thompson Seton's description of his latest book, **Monarch, The Big Bear** (Morang and Co., Toronto, 214 pages, \$1.25 net). And an absorbing story it is, to follow the career of Jacky, the mischievous bear cub, captured with his twin by the mountaineer who had shot their mother; then, free once more, a monster grizzly, coming to be the terror of the whole country side, sparing neither sheep, nor cattle, nor horses, nor man. Behind prison bars is a sad ending for such a monarch of the forest, but it was to this the big grizzly at last came, and "in Golden Gate Park he still lives, pacing his cage," and eating his heart out at the restraint. The eight full page illustrations, and the many small drawings on the margin, add much to the charm of the book.

"The Prospector from Loon Lake"—so MacGregor, the hero of Ralph Connor's new story, **The Prospector** (The Westminster Co., Toronto, 401 pages, \$1.25 net), was introduced when he had come from the Crow's Nest Pass to speak to the Assembly on its Home Mission night. It was not by locating mines that he had won the title. His concern was about the men living in that Western country, and, with all the energy and resourcefulness of a mining prospector, he had thrown himself into the work of helping them to live straight and clean lives. The same qualities which brought him renown in many a foot-

ball contest, such as the famous game described in the first chapter, carried him through the sterner conflict with the evils of a new land, and won for him the enthusiastic devotion of those who owed to him their very souls. A true man every inch of him was "Shook"—this was the college nick-name of "The Prospector," given for a reason easily guessed by frequenters of the football field. And the manliest thing about him was his religion, and his heroic fight against all that was degrading the life of those around him. The great Superintendent, through whose influence MacGregor became a Home Missionary, is depicted with the glowing admiration of a clansman for his chief, while there are very tender touches in the passages where the hero's mother appears. Of the style of the book it is enough to say that Ralph Connor fully equals himself.

Dr. Samuel B. Haslett takes the position that, of the urgent improvements called for in Sunday School work, "the content of our teaching is of pre-eminent importance"; and **The Pedagogical Bible School: A Scientific Study of the Sunday School with Chief Reference to the Curriculum** (Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto, 383 pages, \$1.25 net), is his contribution to the subject. Beginning with the history of Sunday Schools as to matter and methods—and there is much fresh information under this heading—he proceeds to discuss the order of the growth and development of the child, and then to fit the curriculum to the pupil. By no means the last word has been said either as to the development of the child mind or as to the order of studies. With quite young

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