

*Sowing and Reaping; or, My Records of the Ellisson Family.* By MRS. J. C. YULE. Introduction by W. H. Withrow, D.D. Pp. 404. Price \$1.00. Toronto: William Briggs.

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*Toronto Public Library. A Subject Catalogue of Books in the Reference Library.* 1889, 8vo., pp. 381.

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