

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

Wyndham Towers.

Wyndham Towers. By T. B. Aldrich. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Cloth \$1.25.

One of the latest issues of the Riverside Press is a new volume from Mr. T. B. Aldrich; and the first thing to strike one about the book is its dainty appearance, with white vellum back and green sides stamped in gold,—an admirable bit of book-making. Inside of this delightful treasury, we are sure to find a rare treasure of exquisite beauty and most delicate workmanship,—for is not the writer the author of Baby Bell, Marjorie Dorie, and XXXVI. Lyrics and XII. Sonnets? No doubt, though, Mr. Aldrich was long ago heartily tired of being called dainty, exquisite, delicate, rare, precious, and all the rest of it. And if we look through this last effort of his carefully we shall find better praise for him than is deserved of any mere artist in verse, however successful.

Wyndham Towers is a narrative poem in blank verse, about thirteen hundred lines in length. The time of the story is Queen Elizabeth's day, and the romancer shows in the telling of it something of the grasp and virility of the poets of that wonderful period. Yet the work has what is much better than a likeness to any period, however great—it has a character of its own, and leaves an impression of unity and strength. It is swift in the action and swift in the movement of the verse; and in the days of Swinburne, and the coiners of infinite wealth in words; swiftness of action and of movement are virtues hard to acquire, and sure, one would think, to win the hearty applause of an audience weary of splendid Lotos lands and thundrous tumbling seas. Here was a story to tell, tragic and gloomy in itself; and Mr. Aldrich has woven us a poem which retains the note of tragedy and spares us the ugly degrading effect of realistic report. The influence of time is inevitable, and the right instinct chose a remote time for the setting of so doom-haunted a tale as this. Two brothers, alone surviving of the house of Wyndham; both of them loving the same girl; the consequent stealthy murder of the younger and handsomer by him whose suit is not favored; a strange and fateful retribution of the crime through no human agency; the death of the girl from a broken heart; then, after a couple of hundred years, the finding of two bodies in a sealed room in Wyndham Towers: here is a fine tale of ghostly incidents ready to hand.

The poem is excellent Christmas reading. As a whole, it hangs well together; while lines of it here and there are most admirable. For instance, when the two brothers are found, murderer and victim, crying together, they are described thus:

One stretched out full length, Snipine, and one in terror-stricken state Half toppled forward on the bended knee, Grasping with vice-like grip the other's wrist, As who should say, Arouse thee, sleep no more! But said it not.

There is something perfectly masterly and adequate about the painting of that scene. And the poem closes musically, as follows:

So runs the legend. So from their long sleep Those ghosts arose and fled into the night. But never bride came to that dark abode, For wild flames swept it ere a month was gone, And nothing spared but that forlorn old tower Whereon the invisible fingers of the wind Its fitful and mysterious dirges play.

One more quotation, a lyric introduced into the body of the poem:

It was with doubt and trembling I whispered in his ear: Go take her answer, bird-on-bough, That all the world may hear— Sweetheart, sigh no more!

Sing it, sing it, tawny throat, Upon the wayside tree, How fair she is, how true she is, How dear she is to me— Sweetheart, sigh no more!

Sing it, sing it, tawny throat, And through the summer long The winds among the clover-tops, And brooks, for all their silvery stops, Shall envy you the song— Sweetheart, sigh no more!

W. B. C.

"A Song of the Years, Etc.

Just about a year ago, PROGRESS made the world acquainted with the fact that H. L. Spencer was the author of the poem, "A Hundred Years to Come," which had been going the rounds for years as anonymous. Subsequently, Mr. Spencer sent this paper a companion poem, entitled "A Hundred Years Ago," which he esteemed even more highly than the more famous lines. These, with several others of the best of the poet's efforts, have now been published by McMillans, in a neat booklet, which is sold at 25 cents, and is likely to find many appreciative buyers.

The Atlantic Monthly.

The Atlantic Monthly, for January begins the year well. Among the chief features of interest are Mrs. Deland's Serial, Dr. Holmes' "Over the Teacups," and the first installment of Mr. Frank Gaylord Cook's series of papers on "Forgotten Political Celebrities." Dr. Holmes writes about old age. He says, "There is one gratification an old author can afford a certain class of critics,—that namely, of comparing him as he is with what he was. If the ablest of them will only write long enough, and keep on writing, there is no pop-gun that cannot reach him." The short story of the number is one of Miss Jewett's best dialect sketches, called "The

Quest of Mr. Teaby." Agnes Repplier writes about "English Love Songs," and gives a series of quotations to illustrate the subject. "A Precursor of Milton," a certain Avitus, Bishop of Vienne in the fifth century, forms also the subject of an interesting paper. Mr. Aldrich's "Echo Song," in a most unusual and graceful metre, and Miss Thomas's "Mens Sana," are lasting contributions to poetry. Reviews and the Contributors' Club (which contains something for devotees of Browning) close an excellent number. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston.

The Trans-Atlantic.

The Trans-Atlantic for December has a fine portrait of Emile Zola and a Parisian review of his latest novel. There is also a continuation of a play of Ibsen's, besides interesting notes on things musical and literary in Europe. The Trans-Atlantic is gaining ground rapidly.

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Notes and Announcements.

Saturday Night, of Toronto, says of W. W. Campbell's Lake Lyrics and other poems that they place him quite in the front rank of the younger poets of today, wherever they may live, who write in the English language.

Mr. A. Stevenson in his review of Lake Lyrics and other poems in Toronto Saturday Night says Messrs. J. & A. McMillan the publishers a high but deserved compliment in the following paragraph:

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THE MERRY HEART.

As I toiled down a rugged road Life seemed so dreary; I far had borne a heavy load And I was weary. A little brook I chanced to spy, Where trees dropped over, Spreading blue mockery of the sky, Through brake and clover. I could not choose but grow more brave, 'Twas so entrancing; That spot where e'en the shadows grave Were blithely dancing. And so I went refreshed and strong, And ever after, I blessed the gay brook for its song, And merry laughter. And as I wandered down life's way, Bowed down with sadness, I met a nature blithe and gay, Strong in its gladness. It helped me so. I onward went Refreshed and rested, And in my new and glad content I ever blessed it. Dear heart prize well your wondrous gift. The lives you brighten, The weary drooping heads you lift, The hearts you lighten, Shall testify you've done your part, As ever after, We pray, God bless the merry heart, God bless its laughter. NOVEM.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

HAMPTON.

[PROGRESS is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

Dec. 24.—Rev. Charles H. Paisley and Mrs. Paisley spent Saturday in the city. Miss Carrie Haggerty, our popular school-teacher, left for her home in Sussex on Friday where she will spend the holidays.

Mr. A. Palmer was in town on Friday. Mrs. Colwell and Mrs. T. G. Barnes went to the city on Saturday.

Prof. J. Morley Tweedy, of Mount Allison, arrived home on Saturday, and will spend the Christmas holidays with his parents here.

Miss Flewelling and Miss Allen made a visit to St. John on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. George M. Wilson, gave a very pleasant party to a large number of their young friends at their residence on Friday evening.

Miss Aggie Belyea has arrived home, and will spend the holidays here.

Mrs. J. M. Humphrey and Miss Bessie Bent visited the city on Saturday.

Mr. Mont. McDonald was among the visitors in town on Monday.

Miss Maggie K. Barnes spent yesterday in the city.

A wedding is to take place at the Baptist church, in the village, this evening, when Miss Lulu Harris, daughter of Mr. Gilbert J. Harris, will be united in marriage to Mr. Frederick Gorham, at present of Havelock, but formerly a resident of this place.

Mr. William Raymond and Miss Raymond have gone to the city today.

Judge Wedderburn was in St. John on Monday. Prof. Tweedy, accompanied by his sister, Miss Nettie Tweedy, are visiting the city today.

Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Fairweather, of Rothesay, spent Christmas with friends at the village.

Mrs. Duke, wife of Rev. James A. Duke, passed peacefully away on Tuesday afternoon, after a short illness, surrounded by her loving husband and daughters. Mrs. Duke will be missed in the Methodist circles here. Her son, Mr. Thos. Duke, of Boston, arrived yesterday to attend the funeral.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Humphrey, of the Young evening, and spent Christmas at his old home, across the river, in Norton.

Mr. Thomas A. Peters and family spent Christmas with their parents in the city.

Dr. F. H. Wetmore went to his home in Bloomfield, on Christmas.

Mr. C. H. Wetmore, druggist, of Sussex, spent Christmas day with his parents, across the river, in Lower Norton.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Frost and Miss Currie went to Norton, and spent the day with relatives.

SACKVILLE.

[PROGRESS is for sale in Sackville at C. H. Moore's bookstore.]

Dec. 26.—Contrary to the usual custom there was no service held in either the English or Methodist churches, but I am told there will be special music in both on Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Harrison was the surprised and happy recipient of a handsome fur coat and gloves, presented in an appreciative congratulatory way, who also remembered Mrs. Harrison with a \$20 bill.

The employees of the Enterprise Foundry waited on Mr. Bedford Dixon and Mr. Kirkpatrick, Christmas eve, and to each a pair of mittens, a pair of gloves and a pair of socks. To Mr. Dixon the manager, who has grown gray in the service, this is not the first testimonial of his popularity, but Mr. Kirkpatrick, who has been here but little more than a year, must have walked rapidly into the hearts of the "boys." I believe it is a way of his. In both instances the gifts were given in a most appropriate manner.

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Miss Edith Roman, who has been visiting Mrs. Henry Allison, left for her home in Halifax last Wednesday.

Mr. J. R. Ayer went to St. John on Wednesday. Miss Minnie Estabrooks has returned from her long visit to St. John, much to the delight of her friends.

Mr. Henry Knapp came home on Saturday from Acadia College, for his holidays.

Mr. T. Murray, agent of the Halifax Banking Company, went to St. John on Tuesday to spend Christmas.

Prof. Mack, of the ladies' academy, went to Boston on Saturday to enjoy the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Fred Allison went to St. John on Monday, to spend Christmas with Mrs. Allison's mother, Mrs. Wm. B. Robinson.

Mr. and Mrs. Belyea, of St. John, are spending a few days with Mrs. Belyea's mother, Mrs. Cahill. Miss Dibble returned to Dorchester on Monday.

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Fredericton, N. B., Nov., 1889.

REMARKS.

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