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Music and Its Story.

"Music and Its Story" by R. T. White and published by Messrs. Cambridge University Press, gives us a short history of the development of music and an account of the great composers. In an Appendix the author gives a list of gramophone records which will be useful in supplementing the story.

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To those who wish to acquire some practical knowledge how to achieve a happy, healthy, efficient life no better book could be recommended than A. Rabagliati's "Towards Life," published by Messrs. C. W. Daniel & Co. The author gives his views arrived at as a result of practical experience as to what he considers are the best methods of living a happy and healthy life.

Naju of the Nile

A most excellent gift for young people is "Naju of the Nile" by H. E. Barns and published by Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons, with sixteen full page illustrations by that great master, Warwick Reynolds. The book is an interesting one and unlike most gift books will not be put away unread, but will be welcomed by the younger generation.

Tantalus or the Future of Man.

In this little book Mr. F. C. S. Schiller has written a reply to two essays, entitled "Daedalus" (by Mr. J. S. B. Haldane) and "Icarus" (by Mr. B. Russell) which have recently attracted much attention. In a dream, Mr. Schiller finds himself at the tomb of Tantalus, the ancient King, and ultimately sees Tantalus himself, a naked man, with his feet in meed, shut up in a ring fence from which he cannot escape, and vainly endeavouring to eat the fruit which hangs from the lower branches of an overhanging tree. "He seized it triumphantly; but the effect was surprising. For he had hardly touched it when it exploded, and covered him from head to foot with its blood-red juice." The tree is the Tree of Knowledge;

and the water which Tantalus has trampled into mud, and cannot drink, is the Elixir of Life. Mr. Schiller believes that the doom of Tantalus (that is, man) is by no means unconditional, and that he can save himself if he chooses, though there is nothing to indicate that he will save himself. "We can extract no guarantee of progress from the nature of Man or from the nature of human institutions." Kegan Paul are publishers of the book (price 2/6).

RONALD BURROWS

was Principal of King's College, in the University of London, and his life by George Glasgow (London: Nisbet & Co; price 15/-) must have great interest for all who are interested in educational progress. Under him the College made great strides. But Burrows had an importance beyond this. Owing to his interest in archaeological research and the time he spent in Greece, he became an authority on problems of the Near East, new as well as old. Had his advice been followed in the early days of the war, King Constantine and his pro-German party would not have had their way, and the Salonika expedition would have been a success in 1915. It was Burrows, really, who induced Greece to join the war on the side of the Allies. His life was short (1867-1920), but he had done much for his country in diplomacy. There is a sympathetic preface by M. Veniselos.

THE WAYLAND-DIETRICH SAGA

by Katherine M. Buck (London: A. H. Mayhew, 21/-), is the second part of a work recently reviewed by us. It continues the adventures of Wayland the Semite, and we hear of the early romantic history of Norway and Denmark, of Finn and the Frisians, of much wrestling and swimming, of Wayland's swan-wife, of the birth of his son Witga, of Vortigern, of Hengest and Horsa, and the marriage of Vortigern to Rowena, Hengest's daughter, after he had set aside his lawful wife Sevira, daughter of the Emperor Maximus. The translation is careful, and rendered in the metre appropriate to the stories of old heroes.

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