

Whenever a man has fairly set down the best that he knows about the things he knows best, and in words that tell his meaning, there always will be literature' (*G. S. Gordon*).

These discursive reminiscences and reflections cover fifty years of mountaineering and skiing in many countries of Europe and of North and South America, but chiefly in Switzerland. They certainly represent the best about what Arnold Lunn knows best. In this book the old Lunn thrust and vigour attain an amplitude and calmness of spirit that deserve the adjective 'Bellocian'—though I would not be understood to imply that Lunn is an imitator of that great master. Rather, the faith which these two minds share at times ennobles the writings of each not dissimilarly.

Mountain Jubilee, the product of a civilised, European and Christian mind, is a book that should give pleasure to many for a long time to come.

It is a well produced volume, adorned by seventeen fine photographs of mountain scenery. Even in peace-time it would not be dear at 15s.

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L'HISTOIRE JUGERA. By Léon Blum. (L'Arbre; \$2.00.)

These extracts from M. Blum's speeches and political journalism, compiled by a friend since his imprisonment, have a certain interest as being contemporary reactions to the events of a highly critical period in the history of Europe. They contain insufficient material—and indeed of their nature could hardly afford the right kind of evidence—to present a case upon which, as their compiler suggests, posterity will be able to form a judgment. M. Blum is consistent, but there are too many gaps in his speeches and writings to enable one to form a clear idea of his effect upon French—and European—politics. One noticeable gap occurs with regard to the Spanish War. The compiler of *L'Histoire Jugera* explains it as being the result of 'une réserve diplomatique'; but diplomacy or no, the fact remains that the Front Populaire's actions in relation to Spain constitute an important part of the evidence that history will have to sift in forming its judgment on M. Blum and his associates.

The extracts from the proceedings at the Riom trial, while testifying to M. Blum's courage in a situation of peril to himself, are rendered less illuminating than they might have been owing to the limitations and indecision of the Court.

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LEADERSHIP FOR WOMEN. By John G. Vance; (The Grail, 1/-).

Any publication from the Grail commands attention from those interested in work for 'Youth,' and this little volume fully justifies our expectations. It is no easy task to present this kind of prac-