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It is impossible in a short review to give an adequate account of the range of this book. Many of the essays deal with German subjects, literary and public figures of her past and present, and the landscape of his native Baden. But Schneider was catholic in his interests and a true European. Thus he will write of the Crown of St Stephen of Hungary; show intimate acquaintance with an astonishingly wide range of foreign poetry, from Shakespeare down to contemporary poets in Switzerland, Spain and Russia; and meditate on the Jeremiah of the Sistine Chapel: 'Prophecy is the essence of the experience of history, for the history of the future is already present in prophecy. When the prophecy is pronounced against the speaker's will, and he who speaks is forced to utter an unwilling truth, it is then our duty to listen.'

Schneider was the author of over one hundred and fifty books and this last volume is written with the same lucid nobility that characterizes them all.

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MR SPONGE'S SPORTING TOUR. By R. S. Surtees. (Oxford University Press; 9s. 6d.)

JOURNALS OF DOROTHY WORDSWORTH. (Oxford University Press; 7s.) The World's Classics, to which both these volumes belong, must be one of the most serviceable editions in England, for besides the inescapable texts it gives us many that we would probably not read, certainly not with the same relish, if they were not, literally, so handy. We all know of Jorrocks, but Jorrocks to Surtees is like Pickwick to Dickens. The best Surtees, though perhaps not the most widely known, is more nearly three-dimensional. Mr Sponge is a crook and we see the complete world he lives in, and for a time we can escape into it ourselves. Dorothy Wordsworth too affords us an escape, by the mesmeric power of her prose and by the immediacy of her human sympathy. This is the sort of work that is very welcome in World's Classics.

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