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Children's Literature

There is a fertile field for the fiction writers of children's stories which if fully exploited would yield inestimable results. Fairy tales, unless these incorporate truths of everyday life, are not desirable for children in this scientific world of mechanisation. They require stories that represent and interpret the world about them.

Begum Firoza Bari, who is the Assistant to the President for Women's Affairs, in her address to the silver jubilee function of 'Khalghar' a children's organisation at the Bangla Academy, stressed the need of constructive juvenile literature to help the healthy men-

tal growth of children and develop them as worthy citizens of the country. Here, then, is a challenge to our litterateurs as well as, incidentally, our publishers. The demand is here and is only waiting the flourish of a pen for its implementation. School stories, stories of adventure, science fiction and homely stories of family life, all are only waiting to be written and read by an ever-increasing number of inquisitive and acquisitive children. In our ranks we must surely have our own R. L. Stevenson's, A. G. Henty's and Jules Verne's.

It is up to us to put it into reality.