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A young Cambridge man, John F. Harris, is the author of a study of "Samuel Butler, the Man and His Work," published by Grant Richards, London.

Gilbert Cannan. A new novel by Mr. Cannan, author of "Just Around the Corner," has recently been published by the George H. Doran Company.

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