

BOOK BREVITIES

MR. MORGAN is rapidly pushing to completion an important work entitled "Types of Canadian Women, Past and Present." The first volume is now in the press (William Briggs), and is expected to be ready in January. It will present portraits and biographical sketches of some three hundred and fifty women, and will be followed later by a second volume, fully as large.

A Year Book for the Methodist Church in Canada will be published early in December by William Briggs.

"The Two Vanrevels," "Stillman Gott," "Fuel of Fire" all are proving fast-selling books. "Beautiful Joe's Paradise" and "EmmyLou," also, are in big demand.

"The Homely Virtues," by Ian Maclaren, author of "Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush," etc., is published by The Copp, Clark Company. It contains some timely articles on such practical subjects as "Kindness," "Thrift," "Gratitude," "Courtesy," etc.

"Master of Appleby," by Francis Lynde, is a romance of the Carolinas. One cannot read a dozen pages without realizing that the author has mastered the rare magic of the storyteller's art. Illustrated by Thulskup and published by McLeod & Allen, of Toronto.

George N. Morang, of Toronto, issues a handsome little booklet containing a list of his recent publications, illustrated and accompanied by brief press notices. The booklet bears the appropriate title, "Chests of Gold," and is divided into sections: Fiction, books relating to Canada, biography, juvenile, and miscellaneous.

"The Little Organist of St. Jerome" begins and gives its title to a collection of short stories by Mrs. Annie L. Jack, of Chateauguay Basin, P.Q., well-known as a contributor to the magazines. The book is now in the press, and will be issued before Christmas by William Briggs.

William Briggs has secured the Canadian market for "Lovey Mary," the new story by Alice Caldwell Hegan, author of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." It will be issued in February. It is said to possess the qualities of its predecessor, and even excel it in some respects.

"Castle Craneverow," by the author of "Graustark," Geo. Barr McCutcheon, is still having a phenomenal sale, and is now in its fourth Canadian edition. Once you pick the book up it is impossible to put it down until finished. It is another of McLeod & Allen's numerous publications.

Ralph Connor's new story, "Glengarry School Days," has just been published by The Westminster Company. The first edition of 10,000 copies was purchased in equal quantities by William Briggs and The Revell Company. Mr. Briggs reports the bulk of his edition as taken up by advance orders.

George Horton has given us another novel, entitled "The Long, Straight Road," which is delightfully illustrated by "The Kennedys." It is a vivid transcript of life in a great American city, appealing both to the critic and to "the man in the street." McLeod & Allen, Toronto, are the Canadian publishers.

William Briggs has placed on the market Andrew Carnegie's new book, "The Empire of Business." It is a large volume, selling at \$3. The chapters were originally published as articles in The North American Review, The Forum, Macmillan's Magazine, The Youth's Companion, and other influential journals.

Writers of fiction seem to succumb as frequently as artists to the charms of French life. S. R. Crockett is taking a holiday in the north of France. His new book, "Flower o' the Corn" (Copp, Clark), is full of lovely descriptions of that country. It is rich in interest and excitement, and it contains two brilliant pieces of portraiture in Yvette Foy and Maurice Raith.

Sir Gilbert Parker, author of "The Right of Way," is engaged in putting the finishing touches to a dramatization of his story, "When Valmond Came to Pontiac," which has been done by an American woman, Mrs. Nash. His novel, "The Right of Way," has achieved the unusual distinction among novels of the day of still being one of the best-selling books a year after publication.

Recent fiction has given us two remarkable dogs worthy to be remembered among the best dogs of English literature, which is consolingly rich in good dogs. Job, in "The Confessions of a Wife," is surely a most deserving and lifelike dog. As for Porthos, there may be nobler dogs in literature, but there surely has been none at once more doglike and worthier of human affection.

Mr. Barrie's new book, "The Little White Bird," published by The Copp, Clark Company, has been given first place among the fiction of the Autumn season by the readers of The London Academy. The story is tender, fanciful and poetic, with a novelty of conception and a range also of humor and pathos for which even Mr. Barrie has not prepared his readers. The critics in one voice say it is "Barrie at his best."

Perhaps no book in recent years has had a sale so remarkable as that of "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch." For nearly a year it has held its own in sales against the many popular novels that have since been issued from time to time, and the demand seems to have diminished very slightly. The Canadian publisher, William Briggs, has prepared for the holiday trade an edition in brown leather covers, each in a box. It should find ready sale.

Among the many charming Christmas books published by The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, may be mentioned Paul Leicester Ford's "Wanted a Chaperon," Henry Van Dyke's "The Blue Flower," "Barnaby Lee," by John Bennett, and "A Maiden of Many Moods," by Virna Sheard. For the young people there is J. Macdonald Oxley's stirring story, "With Rogers on the Frontier," Mr. Riley's "Book of Joyous Children" and "A Captured Santa Claus," by Page.

A volume memorial to the late Dr. E. W. Dadson, a prominent divine of the Baptist Church in Canada, has been prepared, and is now in course of publication by William Briggs. The editing committee consists of Professors Farmer and Cross, of McMaster University, and the Rev. S. S. Bates. The book is divided into three parts, the first biographical, the second giving selections from Dr. Dadson's writings, and the third consisting of representative sermons and addresses. It is intended that the proceeds of sales shall be devoted to the establishment of a Dadson Scholarship in McMaster University.

A volume of sermons by Rev. Dr. Thomas, who recently resigned from the pastorate of the Jarvis street Baptist Church, Toronto, will shortly be published by William Briggs, with the title, "The Secret of the Divine Silence." Dr. Thomas