

BOOK BREVITIES

DURING January the Copp, Clark Co. will publish the following books: January 2, "Odd Craft," by W. W. Jacobs, cloth, \$1.25. January 9, "The Vice-Admiral of the Blue," by Molineux, paper, 75 cents. January 16, "Dr. Xavier," by Max Pemberton, paper, 75 cents. January 23, "The Long Night," by Stanley J. Weyman, paper 75 cents. January 30, "Christian Thal," by M. E. Francis, paper, 75 cents, cloth, \$1.00.

The theme of the new novel by M. E. Francis (Mrs. Frances Bluntell) entitled "Christian Thal," is music. The scene is laid principally in German Summer resorts, shifting later to England. (Copp, Clark Co., cloth, \$1.00; paper, 75 cents).

Norman Duncan is recognized as a literary phenomenon rare in this age, because he considers quality rather than quantity. His new book, "The Way of the Sea," deals with the life and character of the Newfoundland fisher folk, and consists of about a dozen stories, showing all the fine study of the character and the strength



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and reality of expression that brought Mr. Duncan his reputation as a literary artist in his first book, "The Soul of the Street." Mr. Duncan is Professor of Rhetoric at the Washington and Jefferson College, but the very day the college closes, he leaves for his "happy hunting ground," which is Newfoundland and the coast of Labrador, and returns only the day before he is to meet his first class in the Fall. In Newfoundland he is the people's friend and the people's guest, especially when he makes his headquarters at Exploits, Burnt Island, a community of some four or five hundred souls in Notre Dame

Bay, on the Northeast coast. With this place as headquarters, he has made excursions far up into Labrador, which he knows probably better than anybody alive, except the natives. (Fleming H. Revell Co.).

The favor with which the reading public has received thin paper, pocket editions of standard works, has led publishers to bring out numerous handsome sets. Among these special mention might be made of Newnes' Thin Paper Classics and Thin Paper Novels published by George Newnes, Limited, of London. The former series includes Bacon, Shelley, Burns, Milton, Shakespeare, Pepys, Keats, Poe, etc. This same house are also publishers of the famous Newnes Art Library, a series of volumes illustrative of the works of great artists.

In the "Red Triangle," by Arthur Morrison, the Copp, Clark Co. have secured a very strong piece of fiction. It is a detective story, which is bound to enthrall the reader. The New York Tribune declares it to be even better than "Sherlock Holmes." (Copp, Clark Co., cloth, \$1.25, paper, 75 cents).

It is hard to conceive a more beautiful series of standard works than Thomas Nelson & Sons' "New Century Library," printed on India paper. This series has been advertised in our pages in numerous issues, but specimen copies of recent issues lie before us and call for special mention. We do not know how many volumes are now numberer in this series, but new ones are being added continually, the most recent being the complete works of Jane Austen in two volumes, four volumes of Charles Lever's works, and four of Bulwer Lytton's. Amongst forthcoming volumes to be published in 1904, are the completion of the works of the Brontes, Scott's Poetical Works, in three volumes, etc. Each book is complete in one volume, and so dainty and compact are they, that a book of 900 pages can be carried in the breast pocket of one's coat without the slightest discomfort. The bindings are cloth, gilt top, limp leather, gilt top; and leather boards, gilt edges.

The beautiful children's picture books and reward books issued by this firm are worthy of attention. The "Uniform" series of reward books being especially good. Each book contains eight colored plates and is printed and bound most tastefully. Ranging in price from 30 to 60 cents they are remarkably good value.

The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, of Toronto, have recently brought out Mr. W. W. Jacobs' new book, "Odd Craft." This is a collection of fourteen of Mr. Jacobs' inimitable short stories, most of which deal with the ways and deeds of the seafaring men, with whom the reader has become familiar in Mr. Jacobs' earlier books. (Cloth only, \$1.25).

The latest novel by Agnes and Egerton Castle is entitled "Incomparable Bellairs," and deals with the adventures of Kitty Bellairs, the notorious jilt, who was acknowledged as the Queen of Bath. Her affaires d'amour are an unceasing cause of fun and laughter to the end of the book. (Copp, Clark Co., Limited, cloth, \$1.25).

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