

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

unique publication has recently been published, by a firm of which The Copp Clark Company, Limited, are agents, in the shape of a "Marked Testament," in which important verses are marked with different degrees of emphasis, for the use of mission workers and others. It is the hope of the editors that "the verses thus marked, will, under the Holy Spirit's teaching, help to make plain God's way of salvation through Christ." It is made in board, cloth, and leather binding at 10, 20, 40, and 50c.

WILLIAM BRIGGS' NEW BOOKS.

Sheldon's new book, "The Miracle at Markham," has just been placed on the market in a Canadian copyright edition by William Briggs.



Charles M. Sheldon.

It makes a compact volume of 320 pages, with a decidedly striking cover design, and is freely illustrated. The chief character in this story is John Procter, a faithful pastor in Markham, a small city of a dozen or more

churches. Becoming convinced that there is a criminal waste of religious effort through lack of cooperation among the churches, Procter leads a movement towards federation and ultimate union. He is assisted by Dean Randall, an Episcopalian, who is driven, however, to a sudden death through anxiety, by the hostility of his church brethren, because he invited Procter to preach in his pulpit. His son, Francis, who is in love with Procter's daughter, Jane, takes up his father's work, and William Procter, Jane's brother, is introducing, as a layman, the same principles of Christian union in the frontier town of Pyramid, Colorado. His love for Rebecca Phillips, the only daughter of an Andover theological professor, is an additional inspiration to William. Rebecca had refused to marry William because he was not a minister and Jane had refused Francis Randall because he was. The interest in the story centres in the way these two girls decided their fate and the way John Procter realized his hope of seeing the 12 churches of Markham made one. The extraordinary demand for Mr. Sheldon's books insures a large sale for his new story. Mr. Briggs reports advance orders for some thousands of copies.

A volume of poems by Thos. O'Hagan, Ph.D., his third, will be published in May by William Briggs. Dr. O'Hagan's "The Gate of Flowers" and "In Dreamland"

both were well received, and are now out of print.

William Briggs has placed on the market W. H. Fitchett's "Fights for the Flag" in an attractive illustrated cloth cover. This book and its predecessor, "Deeds that Won the Empire," should be read by every boy in the Empire, and especially by the young Canuck.

No reader of "David Harum"—and, ere the first year of its publication has closed, that book will have been read by millions—



Edward Noyes Westcott.

but will feel regret that he who had given to the world a story so delightful, so engrossing, so perfect as a piece of literary portraiture, read as one reads Dickens, with alternating laughter and tears, should not have lived to see the success of his work. The manuscript of the story was found among Westcott's papers after the poor fellow had succumbed to the fell destroyer, consumption. His executors, seeking a publisher, were twice refused before the Appletons were fortunate enough to be shown it and to take it. In view of the present wonderful popularity of the book (which will, no doubt, provide a few serious reflections for the two publishers just referred to), it is curious that it was on the market for nearly three months before the public became interested in it. Then, the orders began to change from half-dozens to hundreds and thousands of copies. Last month, the Appletons sold 30,000 copies of their \$1.50 edition. They count it the best selling book they have yet published. Mr. Briggs was fortunate in securing the Canadian market. It is the best talked-of and talked-up book before the public, and its sale is only commencing. We see no reason why "David Harum" should not sell for years to come, and find a permanent place as a type of American life.

William Briggs has secured for Canada E. F. Benson's new story, "The Money Market." It will be issued before May 1.

Fanny's "Yesterday Framed in To-day" and Mrs. Kingsley's "The Cross Triumphant" will both be issued in Canadian copyright editions by William Briggs on April 15.

From the pen of the Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, Mr. John Millar, B.A., we have had a number of books of real value. His work on "School Management" is one of the best extant on this subject. His "Books: A Guide to Good Reading," gives, in addition to wise and

discriminative advice as to what and how to read, carefully prepared lists of books suited to the capacities of various grades of readers, from the nursery to the up.

Mr. Millar has just completed a treatise on civil government in Canada, which he entitles "Canadian Citizenship," and which will be issued early in May by William Briggs. A glance through the contents shows this to be a comprehensive treatment of the subject, and one that fills well a want long felt. The opening chapters deal with the government of self, of the family, and of the school; then follows a discussion of the rights and duties of citizens, the nature and forms of government, and a chapter on patriotism. The government of the Empire, of the Dominion, and of the Provinces, and municipal government are taken up in turn, and followed by chapters on the educational institutions, the judicial system, taxation, wealth, political parties, and closing with a discussion of twentieth century problems. It is hardly creditable that, while in the United States there have been scores of books issued on the ethics of citizenship, we have, up to the present time, had not one in Canada. The thought suggests itself that, if some one or two of the subjects now taught in our public and high schools were dropped, and a study of the right and duties of citizenship taken up instead, it would lead to a vastly more intelligent and more honest electorate in the future. Mr. Millar's work cannot be too widely circulated.

The English publishers of "A Double Thread," by Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler, announce that the first edition of 10,000 copies has been exhausted before publication. A second large edition is now in the press. This promises well for the Canadian edition which is now in the press of William Briggs and will be ready shortly.

In the vote conducted a few weeks ago, by the State Library of Albany, to ascertain which, in the opinion of librarians, were the best 50 books of last year, we notice that "David Harum," by E. N. Westcott, was among the number thus selected. It is also interesting to note that the following, which are handled by William Briggs, Toronto, were among the best 500 books from which the selection of 50 was made: "Flashlights on Nature," by Grant Allen; "The Butterfly Book," by W. J. Holland; "Across the Sub-Arctic," by J. W. Tyrrell.

The list of 500 volumes was made from a total number of 4,332 books, this being the issue of 1898 on this side of the water.

"The Cruise of the Cachalot," by Bullen, just placed on the market by William Briggs, and which drew from Mr. Kipling a special commendatory letter to the author, is being taken up very smartly