

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

months he studied in London. The climate, however, was too much for his native Canadian make-up, and he went to Paris, where he pursued his studies in art with much success. He afterwards returned to New York and was invited to renew his wolf-hunting expeditions in New Mexico, where he was four months in pursuit of a huge wolf, which, with a chosen band of five other wolves, had ravaged the territory. It is the story of this King of the Plains, Lobo by name, that opens "Wild Animals I Have Known." Other stories of equal interest follow. All are vividly illustrated, and it may be said that the volume forms one of the most attractive books ever offered to the Canadian public. Mr. Morang has shown good judgment in adding this book to his list.

THE FLORIN SERIES.

"Bob, Son of Battle" has fully justified the prophecies made as to its success. As the first of Morang's Florin Series, it has been received with the greatest cordiality by the trade and the public, and has made its mark as a clean, powerful and most interesting story. No better short novel can be recommended to the trade. It is a book that will sell for a lengthy period, as it appeals to tastes that are largely distributed among our population. Mr. Morang is to be congratulated upon having secured, for the second number of the series, "The Nameless Castle," by Maurus Jokai. This story of the Napoleonic days, when the Alexander of Europe was sweeping things before him to the tune of a battle every three weeks, describes in delicate and sympathetic language the fortunes, or, rather, misfortunes, of a young member of the royal family of France during the triumphant years of the Dictator. The faithfulness of the royalist count, who protected the girl-child until she became a woman, is beautifully described. As the work of a writer who has left his mark on Europe and who is one of the few great men of the world, Jokai's new book will be read with great interest. The book contains a good half-tone portrait of the author, and a capital sketch of him and his career.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY EDITIONS.

Mr. Morang's special holiday edition of "The Day's Work," by Kipling, has a gilt top and the fashionable and faddy uncut edges, such as the elite of book-lovers admire. This is the case, only more so, with Mabie's "Forest of Ardennes," also offered by the same publisher, resplendent in gold and beauty of design, every page decorated, and the poetical sentiments of the author displayed in all the glory of typographical excellence, with a number of illustrations of the most artistic character,

the whole forming an ideal present for a man to give his sweetheart or anyone else he cares for. It may be predicted that "The Forest of Ardennes," in this charming guise, will have a rapid Christmas sale, as times are so much better than they were, and the Christmas buying this year is going to beat the record.

A MAN'S CHRISTMAS BOOK.

O. an altogether different character are the rattling "Bachelor Ballads," the cover of which displays a bachelor of the old time in hunting costume, and is very attractive. The book consists of twenty-nine of these short pieces of verse, which are well known to most readers, and are supposed to embody the sentiment of good fellowship and conviviality. The decorative heading and tail pieces, by Blanche McManus, conspicuously show that lady's ability.

BOOKS ON ORNITHOLOGY.

To "Bird Neighbors," with which Mr. Morang made a great success, he has now added "Game Birds and Birds of Prey," by Neltje Planchan. The two volumes make a popular set of ornithology, which will find a steady sale for years, as the illustrations are as real and life-like as they can possibly be.

LEWIS CARROLL'S LIFE.

Mr. Morang has also arranged with the English publisher of "The Life of Lewis Carroll," the author of "Alice in Wonderland," to issue a Canadian edition of this very interesting work, which may be looked for at an early date. As this book will contain numerous illustrations, which will be reproductions from the camera work of Lewis Carroll himself, including, as they will, portraits of well-known people, taken in the free and easy style, which is so different from that which is the result of a formal visit to the professional photographer, it may be judged that the book will be very attractive. Probably no more interesting biography has been written than this one, produced by his nephew, Mr. Collingwood, dealing as it does with notable people and things of whom everybody has heard.

MRS. HARRISON'S NOVEL.

Mrs. Harrison's "Forest of Bour Marie" has had a most gratifying reception, and a second edition for Canada will shortly be issued. The work is one of intrinsic value and general interest, and it may be predicted that it will take a high place in what may be called permanent Canadian fiction.

THE COPP, CLARK CO., LIMITED'S BOOKS.

WITH KITCHNER TO KHARTOUM.

This book of Mr. Steevens, of which a review appears in another column, is undoubtedly the book of the day, and has

already gone into its eighth large edition in England. In it the famous correspondent of The London Daily Mail has certainly excelled himself, and the British press is unstinted in its eulogies of the author's work. Cloth, \$1.50.

WINDYHAUGH.

This is another book which has just come out in time for the Christmas trade, but is in a slightly different vein, as the name of the author, Graham Travers (Margaret G. Todd, M.D.), will indicate. It is a book decidedly out of the ordinary run and is certain to have a large sale among the admirers of Miss Travers' most notable work, "Mona MacLean." Cloth, \$1.25.

THE CANADIAN ALMANAC FOR 1898.

The fifty-second annual issue of this historical publication, by which the course of the moon and stars is fixed and Governments regulate themselves, has just appeared, and is, as usual, up-to-date in every respect, besides being, as the publishers rightly state in their announcement, "Better, larger, more complete than ever." Paper, 25c.; cloth, 50c.

THE MOST POPULAR BOOKS.

It is rather flattering to the judgment of this firm that in the six books mentioned in the December Bookman as having the largest sale in the United States during the past month, they are the Canadian publishers of four, viz.: "The Adventures of Francois," by Dr. S. Weir Mitchell; "Roden's Corner," by H. Seton Merriman; "The Battle of the Strong," by Gilbert Parker; "Second Thoughts of an Idle Fellow," by Jerome K. Jerome.

The success of "The Battle of the Strong" was assured as soon as it appeared, if one could judge from the enthusiastic reviews of it which were published all over the country, showing that the London review merely voiced the sentiment of the British press when it declared that "The Battle of the Strong" is the best book by a long way that he (Mr. Parker) has written—one of the best of its kind that anybody has written of late." It is, therefore, very gratifying to his fellow Canadians to know that Mr. Parker's genius is being appreciated by the people of the United States, as well as those of the Mother Country.

As to the phenomenal success of "The Adventures of Francois," no one, who has read it and caught the infectious mirth of the merry thief, will be at all surprised. Indeed, it is quite likely that the book would sell on the strength of Castaigne's magnificent illustrations alone, which only a poverty-stricken, or a very inæsthetic buyer, could resist.

"John Splendid" has passed through the hands of the critics and been accepted.