

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

attractively made, with faultless typography, and the entire get up—it is deckle edged, with gilt top and a modestly artistic and tasteful binding—does credit to the house of G. N. Morang & Co., by whom it is issued.

Morang & Co. also announce a Canadian copyright edition of "The Black Douglas," by S. R. Crockett, which is undoubtedly a story that the public will take with some rapidity. The author has evidently been trying his best to come up to his compeers, who have found a prolific field in the period of a couple of hundred years ago, and in this story he certainly displays a return to his best form. More care is displayed in the narration, and more thought has evidently been given to the general plan of the book. He has one or two strong characters, and his management of the old-time language and ways is decidedly clever. He has sat at the feet of Sir Walter Scott rather than at those of Gilbert Parker or Stanley Weyman. He has two beautiful heroines and one most pernicious villain—the Black Douglas, one of the bad men of history, whose career and evil doings he describes with great vividness. This is a volume that the trade should give a hearty welcome to, as there is every reason to suppose there will be a brisk demand for good work on the part of so well-known a writer.

"The Modern Reader's Bible," edited by Prof. Richard G. Moulton, of the University of Chicago, has already made a favorable impression. It is a series of works from the sacred Scriptures, presented in modern literary form. Morang & Co. announce what may be described as a children's number of this series in the shape of a neat little squarish 16mo. volume, which retails for 50c. It is called "Bible Stories," and the narratives which make the text are in the language of Scripture, altered only by omissions. This volume refers to the Old Testament, and there will be another relating to the New. Each period is represented by its most important stories. The use of this kind of book is that it forms an interesting reading book, which the reader can go straight on with without being restricted by the arbitrary division into chapters and verses. There can surely be no question that these classical stories of Biblical literature should have a place in all education, whether of the home, the Sunday school, or the instruction usually termed secular.

"The Life of Jane Austen," by Prof. Goldwin Smith, was published some time ago in England, where it was most favorably received as the best book on the life and works of the famous authoress yet issued. Morang & Co. have brought out this interesting literary work in a

special library edition, which all interested in literature may be expected to buy. Its accomplished author has brought to his task a fulness of information and a critical insight that enable him to deal most successfully with his theme.

"The Lyrics of Lowly Life," by Paul Lawrence Dunbar, have been well received by the Canadian public, who are not slow to recognize poetic talent, combined with sympathetic insight, even when presented in the form of verse. Morang & Co. now announce a Canadian edition of Mr. Dunbar's latest little book, "Lyrics of the Hearthside," of which it may be predicted that it will at once assume a position of appreciation among Canadian readers. The genius of the young poet finds food for his poetry, as the title indicates, in homely themes, but he has also, in this little volume, several poems of strength and beauty, which may well take their place among the best efforts of modern poets.

## FLEMING H. REVELL CO.'S BOOKS.

Some notable books have been published during the month by the Fleming H. Revell Company, of Chicago, New York, and Toronto. "The Redemption of Africa," announced some time ago as in preparation, is now ready. It is a handsome work in two large 8vo. volumes and retails at \$4 per set. The author, Frederick Perry Noble, is one of the best qualified men to write on this subject, having been secretary of the Chicago Congress on Africa in 1893. The book is rich in illustrations, maps, and statistical tables.

Other volumes in missionary literature which have been issued are, "Our Sisters in India," by Rev. E. Storrow, illustrated, 12mo. cloth, \$1.25; "Missionary Expansion since the Reformation," by Rev. J. A. Graham, with eight colored maps and 145 illustrations, 12mo. cloth, \$1.25; "Across India at the dawn of the Twentieth Century," by Lucy E. Guinness, illustrated with maps and diagrams, 4to., cloth, net, \$1.50.

They have also issued, in the stories of missions series, "In Africa's Forest and Jungle, or Six Years Among the Yorubans," by Rev. R. H. Stone, illustrated, 12mo., cloth, \$1, and the "Transformation of Hawaii," by Belle M. Brain, illustrated, 12mo., cloth, \$1. All of these books are very well got up and ought to have a large sale. This firm announce a steadily increasing demand for George Adam Smith's "Life of Henry Drummond," the reviews of which in all the papers have been so favorable.

## CHEAP FICTION FOR SUMMER SALES.

The Montreal News Co. have an extensive literary bill of fare this month for their

retail friends. They have completed arrangements whereby Street & Smith's 10c. libraries of high-class fiction. "The Eagle," "Magnet" and "Arrow" can be supplied to the trade at the same discount as is given in New York. This has already given a decided impetus to the sales and a steady increase is looked for. These libraries include novels by such writers as Nathaniel Hawthorne, Marie Corelli and Wilkie Collins.

Their 50c. edition of Corelli's "Barabbas" is out. It is neatly bound in red, the type is clear and the general appearance extremely attractive. An illustrated edition of Anthony Hope's "Phroso," got up in somewhat similar style to sell at the same price, has just been issued.

Twenty-five-cent editions of "The Whirlpool," by Gissing, "The Mistress of the Mine," by Robert Barr, "Dr. Luttrell's First Patient," by Rosa Nouchette Carey, Robert Barr's "Mutable Many" will be issued within a few days. They are said to be well gotten up, and are likely to be rapid, successful sellers.

## HISTORICAL PUBLICATIONS.

The third annual volume of "Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada," edited by Prof. Wrong and Mr. H. H. Langton, Librarian of Toronto University, has been issued from the press of William Briggs. Typographically it is a very fine piece of work. The literary and critical material is valuable and entitles the volume to rank as a permanent work of reference. It is sold retail in paper covers at \$1, and \$1.50 in cloth.

## TWO 50c. NOVELS.

The Montreal News Company and The Toronto News Company have just issued in paper (50c. each) two entertaining novels by popular English women writers. The first is "Margaret Wynne," by Adeline Sergeant. Bayard Lestrangle, the hero of the tale, is suspected by his father, Sir Jasper, of stealing a large sum of money from him. The real culprit is Bayard's sister-in-law, the wife of his dead brother. She, a mischievous and erring woman, has taken the money to buy off her first husband, an American adventurer, who is still alive. Finally Bayard and his fiancée, Margaret Wynne, save this man's life (he has come to England). He does tardy justice, and Bayard is cleared. The other novel is "Brown, V.C.," by Mrs. Alexander, author of some of the most acceptable novels in current fiction. It is written in the clever, refined style which marks this writer. Young Brown, about whose birth there is a mystery, enlists in a cavalry regiment and wins renown and a commission