



NEWS FROM BOOK TRADE CENTRES



MONTREAL BOOK TRADE.

THE RAPID REVIEW, Pearson's new magazine mentioned in our last issue, appeared in its first issue last month and met with surprising success. Wm. Drysdale & Co. sold out their supply in a few days, and the journal appears to be one which fills a real want. The busy man finds it a medium through which he can review the world's doings at a glance.

A few new books have appeared this month which promise well. Messrs. John Lovell & Son, Montreal, have published a book of poetry, "Poems, Songs and Ballads," by Carrol Ryan, a well-known figure in Montreal. It contains several selections which are creditable additions to Canadian verse. The book is illustrated by Alonzo Ryan, and contains a fine photo-engraving of the author as a frontispiece. Another of Lovell's recent publications is "Meals of the Day, a Guide to the Young House-keeper," the latest edition of Sarah Lovell's cook book.

An old, but always interesting subject is treated by Rev. P. S. McKillop in a volume entitled "Britain and America, the Lost Israelites; or The Ten Tribes Identified in the Anglo-Celtic Race." Considering the somewhat limited class to which a work of this nature appeals, the book has been well received. The price is \$2.

Of the new fiction, "Stromboli and the Guns," a stirring tale of anarchist life, by Francis Gibble, is attracting some attention. "Silenced," by Mrs. L. T. Meade, is another of the somewhat weird stories by this author which the public seem to like. "The Sword in the Air," by A. C. Gunter; "On Satan's Mount," by Dwight Tilton, and "Esau," by Joseph Hocking, are all books to appear immediately on this market, which are sure of a welcome.

A most timely book is "All About Korea," by Angus Hamilton, who for two years was the Pall Mall Gazette's correspondent in the Far East, and during his commission for that journal travelled through Korea, visiting the spheres of influence of the powers, the treaty ports, etc., etc. A map, specially prepared, is included in the book.

The 23rd edition of Haydn's Dictionary of Dates, revised up to the end of 1903, is now ready, and being ordered for this market. This work for over half a century has found its way into all offices, libraries and households, and becomes more valuable each year.

NEW YORK NEWS.

THE Scribners are to be the American publishers of the series of literary lives, of which Dr. Robertson Nicoll is editor. The first two volumes, on Matthew Arnold, by G. W. E. Russell, and on Cardinal Newman, by Dr. William Barry, will appear shortly. Other volumes will deal with Bunyan, Charlotte Bronte, R. M. Hutton, Goethe and Hazlitt.

Fox, Duffield & Co. will issue in the early Spring an edition of Crevecoeur's "Letters from an American Farmer," a reprint of great intrinsic interest.

Appleton & Co. are bringing out this month a novel with the somewhat remarkable title "I." It is published anonymously.

John Fox, Jr., author of "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," is accompanying the Japanese forces in Korea as correspondent for Scribners' Magazine.

At the New York Public Library the books most in demand are "The Pit," by Frank Norris, "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come" by John Fox, Jr., "The Virginians," by Owen Wister and "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm," by Kate Douglas Wiggin.

LONDON BOOK NEWS.

SIR LESLIE STEPHEN, the eminent English man of letters, died in London on February 22. He was born on November 28, 1832, and passed through Cambridge. He became editor of the Cornhill in 1871. In 1882 he began the publication of that monumental work "The Dictionary of National Biography," in charge of which he continued until 1891. He was knighted in 1902 in recognition of his services to literature.

Mr. Clark Russell has just published a new sea story entitled "Abandoned," which is receiving warm praise from the critics.

The story which the late Stephen Crane left in an unfinished condition has been completed by Robert Barr. It will appear serially in the Idler.

There has been an exceptionally large demand for Mr. Max Pemberton's "The Red Morn," which has received most favorable comment on all sides.

Mr. Thomas Cobb's new novel "A Change of Face" has just been published by Messrs. Methuen.

Mr. Hall Caine's new novel bears the title of "The Prodigal Son." It will probably be published in the Autumn by Heinemann.

The English Bookman for February is a Goethe number, to which Professor Edward Dowden contributes an admirable essay on the "Genius and Intellectual Development of Goethe." The number is filled with many pictures of Goethe, his homes and places connected with his life.