

Alexander" have been attracting a great deal of notice.

Public interest, however, is running so high in South African matters that it is unlikely any of the above have had an equal sale with "The Boer War," by E. B. Biggar, of Biggar, Samuel & Co., a work that has sold on its merits. It is said the proceeds of this edition are to be devoted to the Patriotic Fund. In the same category is "The Story of South Africa," by Howard Kennedy, in "Story of the Empire" series. Mr. Kennedy, now on The London Times, was formerly on the staff of The Montreal Witness. His book, though only published very recently, has the advantage of having been written before the war began, and, therefore, from a more or less unbiassed standpoint. Except for the increased demand for books upon that subject, the war has perhaps had somewhat of its usual effect upon the sale of miscellaneous works. Taken in conjunction with the lull that always precedes the Christmas trade, these circumstances would account for a rather quiet month.

The holiday trade will begin directly, and its advent, as a rule, brings to the front the more expensive works. Doctor Goldwin Smith's new book, "The United Kingdom," is expected to be a heavy seller. It is in two volumes, price \$4. The author is one of those who appreciate the value of a good index, and he has greatly added to the value of his book by indexing it himself in thorough style. Another of the larger books is "The Breaking Up of China," by Lord Charles Beresford, dealing with questions of commerce, politics and future prospects of the country. The work is illustrated with portraits and maps.

The Montreal News Co. announce the publication of the "Life and Letters of Sir John Everett Millais, President of the Royal Academy"; 2 vol. royal 8vo; 300 illustrations. The author is John G. Millais. The book will be the most important contribution to the history of English art in years, and will retail at \$9. Both English and American editions will retail at \$10.

For Christmas presents to the Old Country and elsewhere, distinctly Canadian works are always popular. Dr. Drummond's "Habitant" comes up annually at this season. Other books expected to sell specially well for Christmas are: "Famous Firesides of French Canada," by Mary Wilson Allaway, dealing with the Chateau de Ramezay, with illustrations of Montreal, old and new; "The Sky Pilot," "Black Rock," "Christmas in French Canada"; Kipling's "From Sea to Sea"; Marion Crawford's "Via Crucis"; "Dionysius, The Weaver's Heart's Dearest" (a true German title), by Blanche Willis Howard;

"Yule Tide Yarns," a story in a new line by Henty.

Mr. Renouf has a new publication, entitled "Glimpses of Montreal," which ought to make an exceedingly fine souvenir. Interior, as well as exterior, views are given of many of the city's principal places of interest, such as McGill University. Something on the same line is "Picturesque Edinburgh," by Katherine F. Lockie, containing 500 illustrations. "The Education of Mr. Pipp" among the Gibson cartoons, has been much in request, and is booked for large sale during the next few weeks.

The William Drysdale Company are issuing a bulletin of Christmas and holiday books, which they term "Books of the Day." They purpose following this course every month in future.

A new firm has recently started on St. Francois Xavier street, under the name of Henry T. Thomas, and differs considerably from the ordinary bookstore. The premises are more in the nature of a drawing-room, or art gallery, and the line of books is restricted to the highest grades. Invitations have been issued for an exhibition, to be held next week, which will constitute the formal opening of business. It remains to be seen whether such a scheme will find sufficient clientele in a purely business centre like Montreal; but the proprietors are confident that there are plenty people of means and leisure to warrant success.

#### NOTES.

Chapman, St. Catherine street, has made some changes in his store, which add about 20 feet more space for fixtures.

"The Eye of a God" would sell better if a couple of stories were added, and the price of the little book reduced.

The first volume of the History of Scotland, upon which Andrew Lang has been working for some time past, will be out during December.

Mr. Richard Whiteing's next work will be a collection of papers dealing with modern life in Paris. These essays will probably first appear in serial form about the same

time as the great Exhibition in the French capital, and will be illustrated by Andre Castaigne.

The last story written by the late Grant Allen will be published in the Christmas number of The Pall Mall Magazine. It is an indictment of the Salvation Army, and its methods.

"A Manual of Practical Bookkeeping" has just appeared. The author is Mr. R. Goltman, principal of the Metropolitan Business College, of this city. The work will prove of much benefit to those desirous of pursuing this study. J. S. M.

Dr. Algie, of Alton, the clever author of "Houses of Glass," is said to be engaged in preparing another novel. It will deal, incidentally, with certain phases of the labor question.

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