

BOOK AND LITERARY NOTES.

SOcial problems, the labor question and the theories of Henry George are dealt with in the latest romance, "The Man from Mars," by Hon. William Simpson, of California. Mr. Simpson is a State senator, and a writer of ability. The book is published this month in paper covers, by the San Francisco Publishing Company, of San Francisco.

It is claimed that upwards of 700,000 copies of Mr. Albert Ross's novels have been sold within four years. The book that took Mr. Ross from the editorial chair of a Boston newspaper was "Thou Shalt Not," which has now reached a sale of nearly 200,000 copies. "His Private Character," "Speaking of Ellen," and others, followed rapidly. His royalties have amounted already to \$60,000, and each year his popularity seems to increase.

The impression made by Mr. F. Marlon Crawford in Chicago has been a pleasant one. The novelist looks like a cross between the typical Yankee and the typical heavy swell of the Du Maurier cartoons. Mr. Crawford has been honored somewhat during his sojourn in Chicago.

Mr. W. S. Milner, B.A., recently delivered a lecture on Tolstol and his novels in the University of Toronto. Mr. Milner endeavored to let Tolstol tell his own story, and the paper was not so much a criticism as an interpretation of Tolstol's thoughts. The early mental and spiritual struggles of this incomparable master of fiction, this greatest of all realists, who seems a lonely figure in his story, and whose love of humanity is one of the greatest and most marked characteristics, were traced with the commendatory touch of an admirer and the ruthless accuracy of a critical scholar and thinker. In Tolstol's novels the characters were real, but the fallacy of connecting the moral and artistic sense was shown in several of his works. The painful struggle between rich and poor was a fruitful source of thought to one of Tolstol's mind, and this Russian John the Baptist, as the lecturer termed him, preached the simplification of life with a forceful understanding unmet with in the works of any thinker of our times.

Harper & Brothers, New York, have issued a bulletin which contains a great deal of criticism on the defective methods of teaching English in the schools of the United States. The criticism is sound, and just, and might be applied to Canada. They advertise very strongly the new book on English by Adams Sherman Hall of Harvard University, "The Foundations of Rhetoric." This and other works of this author are worthy of a place in every Canadian teacher's library.

F. Marlon Crawford's latest work, "The Children of the King," is being pushed on the Canadian market by the Toronto News Co. It is reported to be having an enormous sale. In fact, all Crawford's novels are selling well in Canada at present.

Hawley Smart is dead. He was sixty years of age.

On March 6th Porter and Coates, Philadelphia, will publish two new books. "Facing the World," or the Haps and Mishaps of Harry Vane, is the title of a new work by Horatio Alger, Jr., author of "Ragged Dick Series," "Luck and Pluck Series," etc. The other one

is also a book for boys, entitled "Two Ways of Becoming a Hunter," by Harry Castlemon, a well known writer of adventure fiction. These books will be 12 mo., illustrated, and bound in cloth. The retail price will be \$1.25.

NEWS ABOUT SLATES.

The following comes from an Ottawa correspondent of a Toronto paper: Messrs. J. G. Whyte & Sons, wholesale stationers, received to-day from Pennsylvania a box of school-slates invoiced at \$30.00 on which they paid a duty of \$20.84. There used to be a slate factory in Danville, Quebec, and this was the only one in Canada. In order to protect this factory a duty of one cent per slate of whatever size and 20 per cent. ad valorem was imposed by the Government. The factory is closed and the industry is dead, yet the duty continues, and is found by dealers and consumers to be very oppressive. An example of this is the case of J. G. Whyte & Sons mentioned above. On one case of small slates the invoice price of which was \$3.29, the sum of \$2.82 had to be paid for duty. In the tariff rate there is no discrimination with regard to the size of the slate."

PAPER COVERED WISDOM.

A certain class of people delight in sports to all kinds. Traders have customers of this kind, and if they do not sell them a magazine called "Outing" it is simply for lack of showing it. The February number is more interesting than ever. The March number is just as good.

The complete novel in the March number of Lippincott's, "Waring's Peril," is by Captain Charles King, the laureate of our little army. No living author is more sure of an eager audience, or more certain to hold and delight his readers. No one knows more thoroughly the matters of which he writes, and no one can describe them with such graceful and natural art. His stories always have a plot, his characters are living men and women, he makes the barracks, the march, the battle-field, as near to us as if we had been there, and he clothes them in something of the light that never was on sea or land,—for he is a poet, whose poetry insinuates itself through practical and most readable prose.

Two Tales for February 11 has two odd stories. One called An Electrical Case deals with a case of insanity based on a delusion based on electricity and cured by most elaborate lying on the part of the doctor, and the other descriptive of life among the Malungas, that queer remnant of Indian-Negro humanity living in the Great Smoky Mountains.

The January Century has been out of print for some time, and of the February number the publishers now have unfilled orders for more than five thousand copies, awaiting a new edition. A large first edition of the March Century, containing the *Reminiscences of Napoleon at Elba*, will be ready on the first day of March.

Once a Week is a magazine worthy of newsdealers' attention. At present the southern people and their authors are being written about. The illustrations in the journal are well executed.

The Arena for March has three splendid articles on social and economic ques-

tions, one of them being by the able editor of the magazine, B. O. Flower, the subject being "A Pilgrimage and a Vision."

Hawaii is taking a great deal of public attention at present, and the March Overland Monthly contains three illustrated articles on the islands and their volcanoes.

Not often does a magazine venture upon the unknown and almost lurid field found in the wonderfully strong story in the March Cosmopolitan, entitled "The House of the Dragons," a vivid description of life in our great cities, from whose perusal no young woman of social standing can fail to discover a new sense of the responsibilities and duties of society.

LIVE WAYS TO GET TRADE.

Behold a bookseller with life. He wants trade, and he uses his brains to get it. He advertises every day, and his advertisements contain something which is information to even a learned book-buyer. Here are two of his ads:

It Will Add to His Reputation.

Albert Ross, the now famous author of the Albatross Novels, has produced an other entrancing piece of fiction under the title, "Thy Neighbor's Wife." Though told with less boldness than the former story, it is quite its equal in absorbing interest. As a tale it is very original, one whose progress never flags, and is very cleverly constructed. The inevitable law that punishment follows sin, dragging down the innocent as well as the guilty, is set forth in a strong hand. John P. McKenna, 80 Yonge street, near corner King, has a full line of the works of this author, so well known in the United States.

He Attacks the Government—A Brilliant Article by D'Alton McCarthy.

Very interesting reading to politicians is found in D'Alton McCarthy's attack in "The Canadian Magazine" on the government's assuming to consider the Manitoba School Question as a judicial body. He holds the course taken as extremely dangerous to our institutions. In this number, which is to be had at John P. McKenna's, 80 Yonge street, near King, bookseller and newsdealer, is a brilliant array of contributions by leading Canadian writers, amongst them Principal Grant, Professor Clark, J. H. Cameron, Pauline Johnson, W. W. Campbell, and others. The magazine is a distinct success in appearance and character.

Do these paragraphs, clipped from a Toronto daily, denote a dead bookseller or a live one? If there is another live bookseller in Canada, let him be heard from at once.

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