

**BOOKS AND THEIR AUTHORS**

**A. Conan Doyle.** "The Return of Sherlock Holmes." Toronto: Morang & Co. Cloth \$1.25.

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's latest contribution to literature has just come out, and has already met with instantaneous success, both here and on the other side. This series of stories was purchased by Colliers at an enormous price, and was run in their publication as a serial. The Globe of Toronto is at present using the same as a newspaper serial. Morang & Co., Limited, of 90 Wellington street west, Toronto, have procured book-rights for the Canadian side. No doubt every one who has become acquainted with Sherlock Holmes in the past will be glad to meet with him again in this most ingenious collection of detective stories yet published, in which he is the hero. The book preserves all the old-time agility of wit, keenness of insight, and acute sense of analysis of this very fascinating hero. It is well gotten up and well illustrated.



"Sherlock-Holmes." Morang & Co. have issued "The Return of Sherlock Holmes."

A new author has just come before the public in the book known as the "Master Word." The author is a Southern woman, a Mrs. Hammon, who writes of long familiar surroundings with much sympathy and nice insight. The scene of the story is laid in Tennessee. It has two chief characters, the women Margaret and Viry. The problem which the story discusses is the old vexed one of races in the South. Viry is the representative of that class in whom white and black blood are blended, a distinctly two-sided personality. Her position is determined by the stain of black blood, and her whole instincts are dependent upon her white ancestry. The story is a very interesting one, clean and wholesome without morbidness, and with a strong sense of justice. The book sells at \$1.50. Toronto: Morang & Co.

**Sheppard Stevens.** "The Sign of Triumph." Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co., Limited. Paper 75 cents, cloth \$1.50.

The author has seized on a new and striking period for his story. Nothing in all history is more strange or pathetic than the children's crusades. Following that great movement of mediæval times, it combines the picturesqueness of chivalry with the simple faith and earnestness of children. The novel before us depicts with vividness and sympathy the long and wearisome march of

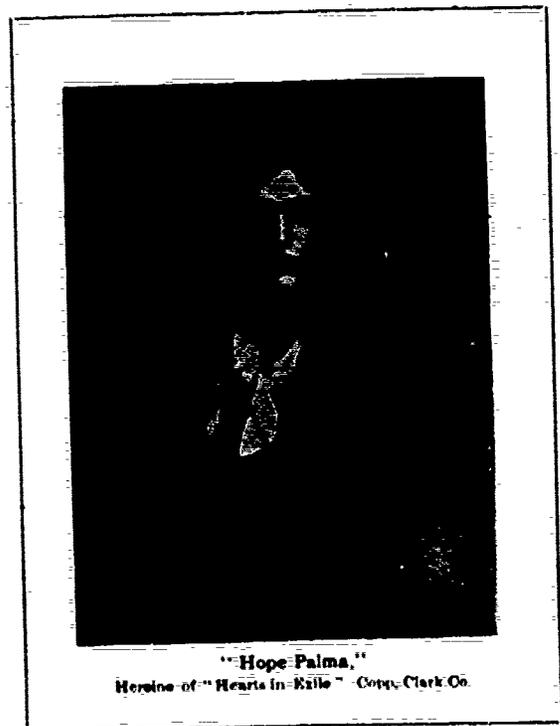
the little Crusaders to Marseilles and their embarkation. A real human interest is sustained by the friendship which springs up between the boyish Raoul and the fighting, gaming, but honest and chivalrous Talbot. The incidents relating to Dreux Castle illustrate the character of the time, the feudal rights, and the constant fighting of noble against noble. The illustrations by Harry C. Edwards are of a high order of merit.

**Alice Winter.** "The Prize to the Hardy." Toronto: McLeod & Allen. Cloth \$1.25, paper 75 cents.

The advent of a new author is always welcomed by the reading public, and particularly is this the case when the story produced is of the quality of the one before us. It is the old story of fortune favoring the brave, but the author puts it up in such an invigorating manner as to carry the reader right with her. It is a cheerful, healthy story of life in the West, in which merit gets its deserts in the end. The deserts in this case is a particularly charming Western girl. The characters are well drawn and well balanced.

**Theodore Roberts.** "Hemming, the Adventurer." Toronto: The Copp, Clark Co. Paper 75 cents, cloth \$1.50.

This book is vigorous in action and tone. It relates the adventures of the hero, who resigned his commission in the British Army to do war correspondence for a New York syndicate. The scope of the action is very wide.



"Hope Palma," Heroine of "Harris in Exile" - Copp, Clark Co.

Hemming, having won success in Greece, is sent to the West Indies and South America. He wins great fame for his literary work. O'Rourke, whom he meets on his travels, is just the manly character that one likes to