

THE ENGLISH BOOK TRADE.

The Autumn Outlook for New Publications.

LONDON, Aug. 26, 1899.

THE Summer has been quiet as usual, but publishers and dealers are now getting ready for an Autumn revival. There has been a large sale, especially at railway bookstalls, of the 6d. editions of certain popular and standard novels. This has not interfered with the demand for the 2s. and 6s. novels. Both of Miss Fowler's novels have sold well. So have others.

FORTHCOMING FICTION.

The crop of Autumn fiction promises to be as large as ever. Frank Stockton has written a novel—probably the result of his visit to England—which Messrs. Chatto are to publish under the title "The Young Master of Hyson Hall."

The same firm promise a story by Manville Fenn. It has the title "A Crimson Crime."

On September 4, there will appear Mr. Crockett's novel, "Kit Kennedy," with the joint names of Fisher Unwin and James Clarke & Co. for imprint.

"A Gentleman Player" is a story by R. N. Stephens, which Messrs. Methuen are about to publish. The hero is a young actor of Shakespeare's time.

During the Autumn Messrs. Harper will publish a volume of stories by H. G. Wells.

Messrs. Chatto have arranged to publish Sir Walter Besant's story, "The Orange Girl," on September 7. It is a story of the eighteenth century, introducing a study of phases of London from sources not hitherto accessible.

Mr. Dent has in preparation a fresh edition of "Anderson's Fairy Tales." Most of the tales have been newly translated by Mrs. Edgar Lucas. There will be 100 illustrations by the Messrs. Robinson, with a frontispiece and title page in five colors.

Mr. Arrowsmith will publish "Caramella," a humorous story by George P. Hawtrey, also a historical romance by S. Walkey. One of the characters in this story is the notorious and fascinating Duchess de Bern.

J. A. Stewart, whose novel, "The Minister of State" took well, has written a new book, called "Wine on the Lees," and Messrs. Hutchinson will publish it next month. It deals with the drink traffic, but is not a partisan tract, the subject being used solely for the dramatic material it affords and its deep and wide influence on

the national life. Mr. Stewart's previous books have been distinguished by their fine pictures of Scottish life and character. Here he makes a change, for there is nothing Scotch in the story save a Scots distiller and his whiskey. The scene is laid almost wholly in London, largely in the East End, and, while the leading note is tragedy, there is abundance of humor. "Wine on the Lees" has a strong financial interest, and life in the fashionable West End is contrasted with life in the slums.

Creswick J. Thompson, the author of "Poison Romance and Poison Mysteries," and other volumes of a similar character, has written a historical romance, entitled "Zorastro," which Messrs. Greening will publish early in September.

Moran & Co. are issuing 6d. editions of two popular Irish novels, "Irish Stew," by J. J. Moran, and "Ballygowna," by Rev. R. Grierson. Both books have had a rapid sale in the dearer editions. The London publishers are The Mitre Press, 44 Fleet street, E.C.

A. T. Quiller-Couch's story, "The Ship of Stars," now appearing as a serial, will be published in book form in October by Cassell & Co.

A novel dealing with life among the Boers of the Transvaal is pretty certain to attract attention just now. That is not the only point about a story which Mr. Murray announces with the title "Under the Sjambok." The author, George Hansby Russell, was unfortunate enough to lose his sight. He learned typewriting by touch, and in that way has been able to compose the volume. It is based on long personal experience of the Transvaal and its people. The word "sjambok," it may be explained, stands for a whip of twisted thongs familiar in South Africa.

Gordon Stables, the author of the popular books for boys, has written a new novel entitled "Annie o' the Banks o' Dee," and four books for boys: A story of Alfred the Great, a tale about Drake called "Old England on the Sea," a South Sea story with the inviting title "Captured by Cannibals," and a narrative of the Spanish-American war with the suggestive name "Remember the Maine." He has also on hand a new serial entitled "Snips of Steel."

GENERAL LITERATURE.

Another volume is about to appear in Fisher Unwin's Overseas Library. It is

entitled "The Well-Sinkers," and pictures the horrors of drought in an Australian farming district. The writer is Miss Ethel Quin.

Hew Morrison, who has long been on terms of intimate friendship with Andrew Carnegie, is writing a life of him for publication by Messrs. Nelson. Mr. Morrison is librarian of the Edinburgh Public Library, which was presented to that city by Mr. Carnegie.

Miller Christy is at work upon a full history of the Hudson's Bay Company. For more than ten years he has been collecting materials in England, France and Canada, and he has been granted access to the records of the company.

Andrew Cowan Reid is publishing with Mr. Unwin a volume entitled "The History of a Kiss." It is described as the narrative of an interesting case that came within the experience of a solicitor.

The monograph on Admiral Philip, the founder of New South Wales, by Louis Becke and Walter Jeffery, will appear forthwith in the Makers of the Empire Series.

Messrs. Chatto are bringing out a 6s. edition of Harry de Windt's book "Through the Goldfields of Alaska to Behring Sea." It will have a map and illustrations.

"Real Pictures of Clerical Life in Ireland" is a volume of sketches by Dr. Duncan Craig, which Elliot Stock is to publish.

Mr. Dent is bringing out an illustrated edition of Lamb's "Essays of Elia." There is an introduction by Augustine Birrell. The drawings are by C. E. Brock.

There is no definite information yet as to Herbert Spencer's new work, but the expectation is that it will be ready in the late Autumn.

Mr. Swinburne's well-known poetic drama "Rosamund," will be published by Messrs. Chatto in September.

An important work about Dante Gabriel Rossetti is promised by Messrs. Bell. It is an illustrated memorial of his art and life, and is by Mr. H. C. Marillier.

Fisher Unwin is projecting a series of volumes, popular in style and price, to be called the Sports Library. The writers are sportsmen of the younger generation, as, for instance, T. F. Dale, who will deal with riding, driving, and kindred sports. Then football, hockey, and lacrosse are to be described by Bertie Fegan, Tindsley Lindley, J. C. Izard, and F. Sachs. The expense connected with each sport will be indicated, also the medical attitude towards it.

Lady Dilke's book on French painters of the eighteenth century is being printed, and will be ready in October.