

BOOK BREVITIES

ADVANCE orders for "The Crossing," by Winston Churchill, totaled more than the advance orders for any novel previously published by the Copp, Clark Co. Though the book has only been out a short time, numerous repeat orders have been received.

New paper editions of the following novels by F. Marion Crawford and Gilbert Parker, have been issued by the Copp, Clark Co. "In the Palace of the King," "Marietta," and "Cecilia," by Crawford, and "Seats of the Mighty," "The Right of Way," and "Battle of the Strong," by Parker. A cloth edition of Parker's novels has also been published.

The Copp, Clark Co. will shortly have ready paper editions of Robert Barr's "Over the Border," W. W.

firm's product. The cover design is chaste, the binding firm and the typographical appearance is charming.

"The House in the Woods" is a unique book. It is half fiction, half fact, and appeals strongly to the lover of nature. Owners or would-be owners of Summer cottages in the country will appreciate the story. (A. S. Barnes & Co., New York. \$1.50).

McLeod & Allen, Toronto, have been disappointed about the publication of the new novel by the author of "Wings of the Morning," entitled "The Pillar of Light." It will probably not be in readiness before July 1.

All those who have read "The Darrow Enigma," by Melvin L. Severy, are loud in its praises. It is a captivating book, with the interest worked up steadily to the very last chapter. It is probably the most notable contribution to detective fiction of recent years, and will sell wherever its merits are made known. (Copp, Clark Co. \$1.50 and 75c).

Any book that E. P. Oppenheim may write is certain of a warm welcome, and his last book, "Anna the Adventuress," shows no decline in the qualities that distinguished his earlier books. It is a modern society novel, with the scene laid mainly in London. Two beautiful sisters, whose identities become confused, afford an admirable basis for a strong plot. (Copp, Clark Co. \$1.25 and 75c).

"The Castaway," by Miss Hallie Erminie Rives, in which Lord Byron is a leading character, is announced for early publication by McLeod & Allen. It will undoubtedly be among the strongest books this Summer.



KATE DOUGLAS WIGGIN

Author of the charming book of child-life, "Rebecca."

Jacobs' "Odd Craft," S. E. White's "Conjuror's House," and Ridgewell Collum's "Foss River Ranch," 75c.

The Copp, Clark Co. note a strong demand for both "Strong Mac," by S. R. Crockett, and "Anna the Adventuress," by E. P. Oppenheim.

Books issued by the firm of Fox, Duffield & Co., of New York, are always distinguished by their artistic appearance. "The Folly of Others," a book of short stories, by Keith Rovere, is a dainty example of this

A. S. Barnes & Co., of New York, have begun the publication of a "Woman's Home Library," under the editorship of Mrs. Margaret E. Sangster. The first volume is entitled, "Women's Ways of Earning Money," and has been prepared by Cynthia W. Alden. It affords every encouragement to the woman who is faced with the problem of earning her daily bread, for it discloses a surprisingly large number of openings which lie before women. The second volume of the series is "A Mother's Manual," by Dr. Coolidge, of New York. (\$1 each).

"By Snare of Love," the new novel, on which A. W. Marchmont has been busied for some time, has just been published in Toronto by McLeod & Allen.

Morang & Co., Ltd., have just published Maurice Hewlett's new novel, "Queen's Quair," in which Mary Queen of Scots is the central figure.

Frederick Warne & Co., of London, are publishers of a handsomely illustrated text-book on "Wayside and