

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS Continued.

now out is "Afterwards and Other Stories," by Ian MacLaren. These stories show that Mr. Watson's ability is not confined to the Scotch field, but that his delineation of character, his instinctive humor, and his power of pathetic description can be brought out by material inspired by English surroundings. There are, it is true, several of the tales which deal again with Drumtochty, but several of the principal new stories are English. Ian MacLaren's new work will be eagerly read by his thousands of admirers in Canada. It is finely bound and makes an ideal holiday gift book.

Two books published by Revell which are having an enormous success, a term not exaggerated when we consider that one of them is in its twelfth edition and the other in its eighth edition, although neither book is two years on the market, are the two works by N. D. Hillis: "A Man's Value to Society" and "The Investment of Influence." These books seem to have touched a real chord of sympathy among the readers of to-day, and there is every expectation that the Christmas season will see them more read than ever. Two other books which are having a great sale are, "Friendship," by Rev. Hugh Black, and "The Master's Blesseds," by Dr. J. R. Millar. These, also, are proving well suited to Canadian tastes.

The Revell Co. are also showing their customary Christmas booklets, and the line contains some very handsome and artistic achievements, which are admirably adapted for presentation to elderly people. Special mention might be made of "The Secret of Gladness," by Dr. Millar, who has never written anything which is not strong and able, and who has, in this finely illustrated little book, produced one of the gems of current religious literature.

NOVELS FROM A NEW PUBLISHER.

Geo. J. McLeod, Toronto, who has recently established himself as the representative, in Canada, of several American publishing firms, including Rand, McNally & Co., of Chicago; Lippincott, of Philadelphia; Lamson, Wolfe, of Boston; Routledge, of New York, and Lothrop of Boston, is bringing out several seasonable books, novels, which are entitled to a share of the Christmas trade in this market. Three of them in particular are handsomely bound in cloth at \$1.25, and in paper at 50c. "Father and Son," by Arthur Paterson, appeared as a serial in The London Times, and is a healthy tale of Modern English life, with a strong moral and religious tone to it. A second is by Maurus Jokaj and is entitled "The Golden

Age in Transylvania," and is a delightful tale of the fortunes of a princely family in the Hungary of the 17th century. A third novel, equally well bound and of equally vivid interest, is "The Gun-Runner," by Bertram Mitford, a story of Zululand, full of adventures, love episodes and the wild life of that region. It is evidently based upon a careful study of the conditions in that region and as a tale of adventure is of absorbing interest. In the present improved state of the book market in Canada there is no reason why well-turned out, cheap and readable novels like these should not receive a good share of patronage.

A TALE BY RALPH CONNOR.

The Westminster Co., Toronto, have published a pretty little booklet containing a short story from the pen of Ralph Connor, the author of "Black Rock," a book of Canadian mountain and mining-camp life, which is having a remarkable run just now. The story is in the author's vivid style, and deals with western life, making a very attractive little holiday memento. There is an introductory note by the Countess of Aberdeen, bearing testimony to the true artistic spirit reflected in the little tale.

THE NEW MAP OF CANADA.

THE preparation of the new Canadian map, which The Copp, Clark Co., Limited are going to place on the market shortly, is now being brought to a conclusion, after many months of the most careful work and accurate correction. It is quite evident that the new map is going to be the most valuable ever produced in Canada, and on a scale hitherto not attempted. The map will be one which can be sent abroad as a good representation of the country, which will not give the people of Europe an idea that the Canadian Provinces are a mere fringe on the Arctic circle, but that Canada occupies the fine, healthy, northern wheat belt of the American continent.

The changes in the map, every one based on carefully verified official authority at Ottawa, are so numerous, that every school-room will need one for the proper teaching of geography. It is astonishing how many errors have crept into the best previous maps. Names have been wrongly spelled, rivers have been wrongly run, the outline of islands and lakes has been inaccurately given, so that the new map is going to be, in many respects, the first attempt to show the whole country, with all its most northern divisions and boundaries.

Much information is being put in of a

statistical nature. The areas of the Provinces and Territories are given. The new boundaries of the far northern districts like the Yukon and MacKenzie, and Boothia, and Ungava, are accurately recorded from official maps, and are quite different from those formerly given. Another new feature is the boundary which runs down the east portion of Hudson's Bay shore and divides Ungava from Keewatin. The boundary on the western line of Franklin is also new. Lakes and various new features marked in the district of Ungava are based on the latest researches of A. P. Lowe, of the Geological Survey, and therefore supersede previous inaccurate drawings. In the west the height of Mount McKrillon, formerly given at 15,000 feet, is now corrected to its proper height of 12,750 feet. This is based on the report of the boundary commission now in possession of the Interior Department. The changes in the boundaries of the districts to which we have referred and which have not been incorporated in previous maps are all based on a Canadian Government order-in-council dated Dec. 18, 1897. A feature which will be of great commercial value, as well as of much interest in the class-room, is the marking of all the Atlantic cable lines to the Newfoundland and Nova Scotian coasts.

The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, are doing a great service in spending so much time and money on this new map of Canada, and they ought to be rewarded by a large sale. A number of orders are already placed for early delivery in January, when the map will be ready, and it is suggested to all dealers who keep an eye on the school trade, that they should take advantage of the vacation to bring this map before the trustees and teachers, and see that it hangs on the wall for the new term beginning in January. THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER has seen the nearly-completed map. It is beautifully colored, the boundaries are clearly marked and the lettering of names is exceptionally easy to read. The map shows from 40° south latitude to 83° north and the size will be 84 x 60.

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