

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

documents and books of the company extending back for the last two hundred years. Mr. Willson has spent more than a year with this material, and the result is a history of the early days of the great Northwest that will be authoritative and permanent. A great deal of the history reads like romance, and the whole subject is one of great interest to Canadians.

The price of the book will probably be \$3, and it will be illustrated with many portraits and engravings.

This publishing house is devoting special efforts to turning out its paper-covered editions in tasteful form and with nice cover designs, and has succeeded in making a record in this respect. As the sale of editions in paper is always larger than the cloth copies, these efforts will not go unappreciated by the dealer. An attractive paper cover does something towards the selling of the book, especially when it is displayed in numbers in the window or on the counter.

WM. BRIGGS' MAY LIST.

The first edition of "The Market Place," which Wm. Briggs will issue this week, in all probability, will be immediately despatched over the entire country. The advance orders for this book have been phenomenal. Similar success, we understand, is greeting the American edition, of which a second edition had to be printed before the date of publication. The story is a very strong one and will, probably, vie with "Illumination" as the masterpiece of the late Harold Frederic, whose untimely end came with such a shock to the English-speaking race. The printing and general get-up of this book are in the very best style, the design of cover, etc., being equal to anything that Wm. Briggs has previously turned out. No higher praise than this could possibly be given.

Very gratifying, indeed, both to Mr. W. A. Fraser and to the publisher, Wm. Briggs, has been the reception accorded to his little book of short stories entitled "The Eye of a God," and other tales of East and West. The whole first edition will be exhausted within the first month of its issue. We think this is a record for a book of short stories in Canada. As "Kit" of The Mail is so often quoted in her comments of new books, we give below an extract from her three-column review which appeared in last Saturday's issue of The Mail and Empire.

"Mr. Fraser has done great work. I will not daub it with the usual phrases of

adulation, nor call it either a "masterpiece" or a "veritable classic," though it might perchance be both. For the great virtues of humanity, sincerity, manliness and all-saving humor, the six little tales in the well-printed and well-chosen dress in which they appear are second to no man's writing—not even to that of the man towards whose sick bed but a few weeks ago the eyes of the world were turned in adoration and in dismay."

A story entitled "Clipped Wings," by Mrs. McAlister, wife of the Rev. W. G. H. McAlister, of Watford, is being published by Wm. Briggs. The story is said to be written with much literary skill and with force and vivacity. Its pages are marked by uncommon wit and humor, varied with touches of tragic pathos, and by some character sketching of the cleverest.



FLORENCE MOISE KINGSLEY
Author of "The Cross Triumphant," "Titus," "Paul," etc.

A second edition (7,000 in all) of "The Miracle at Markham" is in the press.

The first edition (2,000) of "A Double Thread" is nearly exhausted. The popular impression made by Miss Fowler's first story, "Concerning Isabel Carnaby," opened the way to a large and rapid sale of her next book.

Wm. Briggs has in press a work of exceptional value in a "Bibliography of Canadian Poetry," prepared by Mr. C. C. James, Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario. Probably no man in Canada is so familiar with our poets and poetry as Mr. James, who recently made the splendid donation of some 300 books and pamphlets of Canadian verse to the library of Victoria College. We understand this bibliography is the result of several years of patient research. It is

likely to be almost exhaustive of the subject. The biographical notes will be a feature of great value.

Mr. Withrow has just finished a work entitled "Beacon Lights of the Reformation." It is intended for the course of the Epworth League for 1899-1900. Of the excellent course of four books for 1898-99 more than 2,000 sets have been sold.

A narrative of the trip of the Toronto Cadet Corps, under Major Thompson, to Tampa, Florida, in February, has been written by Adjutant Bert Thompson and will be published in a neat illustrated booklet by Wm. Briggs during the present month.

A volume of poems, entitled "Canadian Battlefields," by Lieut.-Col. J. R. Wilkinson, of Leamington, is in course of issue by Wm. Briggs. Col. Wilkinson is an excellent soldier, as well as a poet. He organized the Essex Fusiliers and raised it to a condition of marked efficiency. When the late Col. Williams, of Port Hope, offered, at the time of the first Egyptian campaign, to raise a battalion in Canada for service in Egypt, Col. Wilkinson offered his services and was promised the position of senior major in case the battalion should be formed.

A third edition of "The Marshlands," a book of verse, by J. F. Herbin, B.A., of Wolfville, N.S., is being published by Wm. Briggs. Mr. Herbin is a lineal descendant of the expatriated Acadians. As a poet, he is entitled to high rank among our Canadian bards; his verse is marked by exquisite rhythm and fine literary finish.

E. F. Benson, author of "Dodo," the book which had such a phenomenal sale, has written a book called "The Money Market," being on entirely different lines from "Dodo," but having all the cleverness which characterizes that popular book. It will be put on the market by Wm. Briggs about the 15th of this month (in paper, 50c.; cloth, \$1), and should meet with a ready sale.

No Canadian writer has come more to the front, both in England and the United States, in recent years than Robert Barr. Consequently, when Wm. Briggs announces that he is about to put on the market Barr's new volume, "The Strong Arm," he does so with a feeling of confidence that this new book will meet with the reception which has always been accorded anything that has come from the pen of this clever writer, and Robert Barr himself will feel gratified in knowing that his book is being issued by this old-established and progressive publish-