

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

PRIVATE LIBRARIES.

THE first part of the "List of Private Libraries," compiled by Mr. G. Hedeler, of Leipzig, will be ready in December. It will include more than 500 important private collections of the United States and Canada. The statements as to the number of volumes, the principal features, etc., of the separate collections are furnished, almost without exception, by the owners thereof. The index of subjects appended enables the reader to determine at a glance which collectors devote themselves to each of the specialties indexed. The second part, now being prepared, will contain about the same number of considerable private libraries in Great Britain. Those happy possessors of libraries with whom Mr. Hedeler has been unable to communicate are requested to furnish him with a few details as to the extent of their treasures and the special direction to which they devote themselves. It is obviously to the interest of bibliographical science that a work of this kind should be as complete as possible.

INDEX TO PERIODICALS.

To keep track of magazine and review articles is now a necessity with many politicians, literary men, writers for the press, etc. Miss E. Hetherington, of the English Review of Reviews, has got ready the "Annual Index to Periodicals" for 1895. Price 10s., orders to be sent to the manager of The Review of Reviews, London, W.C.

CHRISTMAS NUMBERS.

The Toronto News Co. are sending out Black and White and The Christmas Chat-box, both very attractive and likely to sell well when on the counter early.

NOT TILL MARCH.

The Toronto News Co. have received word that one of their new books, "A Galahad of the Creeks," by S. L. Yeats, author of the "Honor of Savelli," an American story, is delayed and will not be out till March. The book, when ready, will be in paper, 50c., copyright edition.

OLD ENGLISH BALLADS.

A book, of which it is said that its first edition (over fifteen hundred) was sold on the day of publication, is a volume of "Old English Ballads," illustrated by George Wharton Edwards, with an introduction by Hamilton W. Mabie. Surely this is an instance to comfort the hearts of those who croak that the genuine love of literature is dying out, for here we have simply the old familiar ballads beginning with "Chevy

Chace," closing with "Sir Patrick Spens," with Mr. Mabie's scholarly introduction and Mr. Edwards' sympathetic, artistic interpretation; and the book receives such a reception as is rarely granted to anything else than a new book from that novelist who happens for the time being to lead in the scale of popularity. The book referred to is one which collectors will soon value, and for these an edition on large paper has been specially prepared by the publishers, The Macmillan Company.

IAN MACLAREN'S LATEST.

The Fleming H. Revell Co. have received Ian MacLaren's latest—"The Cure of Souls"—which is bound uniform with "The Mind of the Master," in cloth, \$1.25.

THE REVELL CATALOGUE.

The Fleming H. Revell Co. have a nice catalogue of their autumn books. It contains full information as to the firm's books, prices, styles, etc., and also the principal issues of the Religious Tract Society, London. A copy may be obtained of Mr. Robertson, the manager of the Canadian branch, 140 Yonge street, Toronto.

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