

A new volume of poems by Mrs. Jean Blewitt is promised for this Fall in good time for the Christmas trade. Mrs. Blewitt has the rare gift and the rare good fortune to catch and hold public favor. Doubtless her public readings from her own verse have had much to do with this. Her work is marked by the qualities that have made Will Carleton's verse so popular. "Kit" gets at the root of the matter when she says: "Jean Blewitt's verse is of an exquisite sweetness. She has beyond the telling an indescribable way of touching the human heart. She plays upon it as she wills. This is genius, and this is the gift possessed by Jean Blewitt." "Heart Songs," this gifted lady's first volume, has had a sale, we believe, exceeding any other single volume by a Canadian poet with the possible exception of Dr. Drummmond's "The Habitant."

"Mack Cloie"—a pseudonym understood to conceal the identity of a clergyman in Western Ontario—encouraged by the success of his first venture in fiction, "The Old Orchard," has followed this up with another story entitled "The Pancake Preacher," the scene of which is laid in Huron County. The book will be published this month.

A story entitled "Cupid and the Candidate," from the pen of Mrs. Carr, of Hamilton, will be published early this Autumn. As the title suggests, it is a story of political life. A fierce contest is on in an Ontario constituency and the doings of the rival candidates and their supporters give the groundwork to the story and give

rather more difficult than the ordinary student can manage. The authors, therefore, are undertaking to revise and simplify the book so as to more directly meet the requirements of Senior Leaving and Scholarship candidates. The revised text will be issued next year.

The new edition of Major Richardson's "Wacousta" is having a sale that is extremely gratifying to the publishers. Within a month of publication in the United States (by A. C. McClurg & Co., Chicago) a second edition was demanded. Arrangements are being made for an English edition. As this fine old romance becomes better known the sale will increase. Interest in it is constantly increasing, and there is no room for doubt that "Wacousta" will, like Kirby's "The Golden Dog," enjoy a permanent sale. Already 2,400 copies have been printed in Canada. It will make an excellent gift book for the Christmas season.

The extraordinary demand for Marie Corelli's new book, "The Treasure of Heaven," shows that this clever author's popularity has in no wise waned. The publisher was hard pressed to get the books out quickly enough to meet the insistent demands of the trade.

The multitude of readers of Conan Doyle's great story, "The White Company"—one of the greatest historical novels written since Scott penned his immortal romances—will be more than ordinarily happy to renew acquaintance with the knightly hero of that story, Sir Nigel Loring. Sir Nigel gives his name to the new story,



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opportunity for some pointed observations on the character of political methods in this province. A very pretty love story runs through, and the dialogue is uncommonly clever and witty. The writer manifestly has a marked grasp of the incongruities and inconsistencies that make human nature worth living with and talking about.

Mr. R. L. Richardson, journalist, novelist, parliamentarian, editor of the Winnipeg Tribune, has written a story entitled "The Camerons of Bruce" that will be published in October by William Briggs. The hero of the tale, a strapping young Scotch-Canadian, like the author himself, begins life in Ontario and then transfers his activities to the west, where extraordinary adventures befall him. There are chapters that give vivid pictures of life in the Canadian West in the early days. The commingling of civilization and savagery is graphically portrayed. The half-breed forms a heroic, and the Indian girl, a pathetic, figure in the canvas on which many strong characters are sketched. There is plenty of brisk fighting, too, and descriptive passages of real beauty. The long familiarity of the author with the west has made it easy for him to impart a true western atmosphere and flavor to the story.

The price of the Birchard & Robertson High School Algebra, Part III has been reduced to \$1.00. The book has proved itself unexcelled as a text book on this subject, but in parts the exercises have been considered

the sequel to "The White Company." If the tale proves anywhere near as absorbing as the former one there will be a huge constituency of readers ready for it.

George Barr McCutcheon's new novel, "Jam Cable," will be published in Canada this month by William Briggs. Within a few years this writer has attained marvellous popularity, or popularity that would be marvellous were a sufficient cause for it not existing in the vigor and strength of his work and its capacities to rivet the reader's interest from the start.

"The White Plumes of Navarre," S. R. Crockett's new novel, with an alluring title, has fallen to the fortune of William Briggs for the Canadian market, and will soon be placed on the market.

Robert Hichens, author of that immensely popular novel, "The Garden of Allah," is out with a new story this Fall to which he has given the title of "The Call of the Blood."

William Briggs is to be congratulated on his round-up of novels for the Fall trade. In addition to the new stories of Marie Corelli, Conan Doyle, Crockett, McCutcheon and Hichens, we note on his list the following promising aspirants for public favor: "Bob Hampton of Placer," by Randall Parrish, author of "When Wilderness Was King," "The Guarded Flame," by W. B. Maxwell, author of "Vivien," "A Midsummer Day's Dream," by H. B. Marriott Watson, author of "Twisted Eglantine,"