

January 6, 1921

NEW CANADIAN BOOKS IN ACADIA LIBRARY

To The Editor of THE ACADIAN, Sir:—Some weeks ago in a which you were good enough to in your estimable paper I refer to proposition that I furnish from adian time lists of good, readable view books. It seemed only righty act- Wolfville's long record the only ivity, that the first list, then Messrs. authors of our own to learning of the McClelland and Stevia University to persistent efforts of Canadian literature forward the study, no less persistent and incidentally, the President and the efforts on the part of the largest and most Librarian to Library of Canadian books comprehensive, sent us twelve of in our publications. They arrived their ne the Christmas holidays, and just be the Christmas holidays, and so the students had the pleasure of seeing them. We placed them for a day or two on exhibition in the circulating room. Now, as these books go to the Logan Col- lection we cannot offer them to the public for home reading, though we are glad to have any person read them within the Library. But we recommend them to all who love to buy and to read the literature of our own country.

There were three books of poems, "My Pocket Beryl", by Mary Josephine Benson, "Beauty and Life", by Duncan Campbell Scott, and "Later Poems", by Bliss Carman.

Perhaps all Wolfville readers do not know that Mrs. Mary Josephine Benson is the cousin of the late Bernard Freeman Trotter, the poet-soldier who, as the son of a President of Acadia, spent his youth among us. The Librarian confesses that in the handling of many books there is often need for a somewhat cold appraisal of current verse if one is to retain one's literary judgment. But Mrs. Benson's poems are arresting. She is a perfect wizard with words. Everything her thought touches, everything that claims her woman's sympathy or her woman's activities, "she turns to favor and to prettiness". It is always a pleasure to see a woman working at embroidery, but it will be more than that after one reads "The Embroiderer",—it will be a wonder and a desire. How did Mrs. Benson read so much of spirit mystery into a bit of dainty needlework? Only that rare creature who is both woman and poet can tell. There are seven poems under the heading "Maternal". I commend them for their tenderness and beauty to all mothers. But Mrs. Benson has the true masculine touch when she undertakes to write on sterner themes, as, for instance, "The North Sea's Emptiness". I wondered as I read if Mrs. Benson were not the great Canadian poet we are awaiting.

Why did Duncan Campbell Scott name his new book "Beauty and Life"? I wondered for a moment, finding no poem of that title. Then I read the first poem "Ode for the Keats Centenary", and I wondered no longer. It is really a plaint for the Beauty now lost to Life,—a passionate cry from the soul of our own Canadian poet to the spirit of Keats "to summon Beauty to her desolate world". We thankfully read this tribute from the most refined of our countrymen to the one who was more than poet, who was, indeed, Beauty's own avatar. Canada will never be steeped in materialism so long as she will sincerely and greatly honor John Keats. The other poems are shorter, and include one dramatic piece, "The Flight". Especially inspiring are the poems in honor of those who fell in the Great War. Bliss Carman's new volume is made up of poems from his three last test books "The Rough Rider", "Echoes from Vagabondia", and "April Airs", together with more recent poems not previously issued in book form. The frontispice

portrait of the author. Canada know well that poet face shaded by fine abundant hair, the eyes lifted in an eternal question, the lips sad, yet firm, the whole expression half angry as if the man were wondering why people are so dull and unresponsive to his own vision of loveliness. There is a finely written appreciation by R. H. Hathaway, followed by a chronological list of Bliss Carman's works. The poet is a true son of Pan, and finds his inspiration chiefly in nature. One looks for such titles as these: "Garden Magic", "Trees", "A Wood-path", "Under the April Moon", "Blood root", "White Iris", "Roadside Flowers", "The God of the Woods". I feel that Nature talks with Carman as she did with Wordsworth,—as truly, and, if we knew all, perhaps not less majestically. In the volume are some Christmas poems of rare beauty.

The gift includes nine bright, fascinating stories of Canadian life by such well known authors as Ralph Connor, L. M. Montgomery, H. A. Cody and others. We cannot review them this week, for we have trespassed already on your space. Added to that, we have not quite finished reading them. Will you not, Mr. Editor, permit us to tell your readers about the novels next week?

MARY KINLEY INGRAHAM, Librarian.

Acadia University, Wolfville, Dec. 27, 1921.

NEW MINAS ITEMS

(Held over from last week.) Your correspondent wishes the editor and staff a happy and prosperous New Year.

Miss Marshall our teacher has gone to her home to spend the holidays.

Mrs. Sydney DeWolf had as Christmas guests: Mr. and Mrs. Homer Daniels, son and daughter Ruth, of Lawrencetown; and Mr. and Mrs. Chesley Mosher and little son, Gaif, of Truro.

Mr. and Mrs. Budd Bishop spent the Christmas holidays in Halifax where they visited their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Oikle are now living in the John Pines house.

Mr. and Mrs. Gould and family, who have been occupying the John Cross home for the summer, are leaving here and moving to Cheverie where they have purchased a nice home.

Mr. Geo. Biehop is at present quite ill.

Mr. John Bishop, who has been living in the Canadian West for the past few years, returned home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Rugg Vaughn are now living in their new home which they recently had built.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Turner spent Christmas at the latter's home in Melanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Lavers, of Halifax, spent their Christmas holidays at the home of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris.

Miss Marshall, our teacher, gave her school entertainment on Thursday night of last week. It was in every way a decided success.

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Parents of the children and friends of the teacher, Miss Evelyn Forsythe, were entertained by a nice programme prepared by the pupils. Each child took his and her part well and each item was enjoyed.

The most interesting feature was the Christmas tree which was laden with gifts and eatables for the pupils. Somehow Santa got a hint of this happening and he appeared on the scene at the close of the programme and unloaded the tree. Then the children were wished a good time during the holiday and to keep themselves in a good mood to return to school on Jan. 9th.

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BIBLE SOCIETY COLLECTION

The collection for the Canadian Bible Society made recently amounted to \$167.52 which, with the names of contributors, has been sent to the treasurer, Mr. John McKeen, Halifax. The collection is larger than usual and speaks well for the interest taken in the Bible Society by the people of Wolfville. I take this opportunity to thank the Collectors for their willingness to undertake the work and for the success they have attained.

C. S. FITCH, Secretary.

MARRIED

SCHOFFIELD—MORINE.—On Nov. 3rd, by Rev. R. F. Dixon, Lucy Josephine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Morine to Gordon Emerson Schoffeld, both of Wolfville.

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No. 97 From Halifax, arrives	6.17 p.m.
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