

The greater part of this book, as it appeared in *The Week*, very much interested us, particularly the vivid description of scenes in the "Rockies." The added chapters are no less happy in delineation of the varied beauties and glories of our far western land.

The book is well printed, on good paper and cheap.

The same publisher will have ready in a few days, "The Canadian Birthday Book," with poetical selections for every day in the year, by Canadian writers, English and French. The familiar name of "Sera-nus" appears on the title page. We look for the book with anticipations of pleasure, as we will have within one small volume choice specimens of our best poets.

The current number of "The American Library" is "Love's young dream, or the Mystery of Gower Hall," by May Agnes Fleming. 30 cents.

S. R. Briggs has issued "Grace Magnified," illustrated, being Evangelistic Addresses and Bible Readings by Ferdinand Schivera, with brief biographical sketch. Many a man and woman will look eagerly for a sketch of the life of this remarkable preacher, particularly when with it they get several of his powerful discourses. 75 cents.

He also hands us "Friendship," an autograph album. When it is a Mildmay book, we have said quite enough to commend it. It is a good shilling book.

His selections of books, portraits of the Queen, &c. are varied and most of it very taking; notable among the books, are "Victoria, Queen and Empress," and "Britain's Queen," while the large lithographed portrait of her Majesty is handsome.

John Britnell has just issued a new catalogue that comprises 877 vols. and sets of second hand books, many of them very rare, among them a fine specimen of fifteenth century binding, and good examples of very early Gothic printing.

A talk with Shaw, the famous book auctioneer, brought out the statement that the sets most in demand are Dickens, then follows Scott, George Elliot, Thackeray and Bulwer; the last named gaining steadily.

He claims that book auctions tend to aid book sellers instead of injuring them in their trade. A great many sales of sets are sold to people who wouldn't think of entering a book store to buy. They get a bargain or at least what they consider such; after a while they imagine they have a taste for literature,—perhaps they have, only it has lain dormant, and they buy a set of some others. So it goes on.

Many a fair-sized library has been commenced in some such way.

From the standpoint of a publisher of fine art books, Toronto is the fifth in size, in America, as a book city. The order in which they stand is, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Chicago, Toronto. Not so bad for the place that was only Muddy Little York the other day.

Haggard is having the best free advertising ever accorded to a writer. The charges of stealing from others has caused such a sensation that people who have not read his books are eager to see of what quality they are. He is writing too much to continue to give such startling books as "She."

Wm. Bryce has issued an edition of "Little Lord Fauntleroy," in a handsome cloth cover.

He sends us "The Queen, her early Life and Reign," by L. Valentine, which is more than simply a private history; it is remarkably cheap. Published in three styles, fancy boards, 30 cents; cloth, 50; and cloth, gilt, 75 cents.

"Life on the Mississippi," is Mark Twain's sensible book and has met with large sales during the many years that it has been before the public. Now, from the same we receive the cheapest edition ever published, 75 cents.

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