

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

book to which the title of "A Manly Boy" is given were originally delivered in a series of Saturday morning talks to a large audience of boys in the Y. M. C. A., at Cleveland, Ohio. Dr. Banks gives in a sentence his estimate of that often underrated animal, the boy. "Next to a smart, womanly girl, the best thing God has made is a wholesome, manly boy." The book will sell at 50c.

An interesting development of the Toronto publishing trade during the past month has been the acquiring by The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited, of the printing plant and business of Rowsell & Hutchison. This well-known firm, after an honorable career of more than 60 years, was recently forced to assign, and among the changes which resulted was that noted above. The connection established by Rowsell & Hutchison has been a wide one, and the high standing of the firm has been a guarantee that work entrusted to it would be well done. The Publishers' Syndicate intend not only to continue the past business, but to enlarge it. The facilities for doing work are being extended and improved, and in the near future it may be expected that the Rowsell-Hutchison Press will be doing a bigger business than at any period in its history.

Mr. A. R. Carman's novel, "The Preparation of Ryerson Embury," has aroused more interest in religious circles than any work since Rev. Mr. Sheldon issued "In His Steps." It is already a bone of contention between Methodists who hold varying views upon it, while clergymen of other denominations are scarcely less active in discussing it on account of its general attitude toward church teachings. The book is already in its third Canadian edition, and has hardly yet begun its career, for each day it is more widely spoken of. Mr. Carman has certainly established his name by this work, and within a short three weeks has taken an undisputed place in the front rank of contemporary Canadian writers.

Sydney Lanier's "Bob: The Story of our Mocking Bird," is a charming book, with color illustrations and photographs, just the volume for the school-gift season. Its literary value is also considerable.

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