

NEWS OF THE BOOK WORLD

THE PUBLISHING FIELD.

GETTING out the big first edition of "The Doctor" has been the principal event of the month in publishing circles. Activity has reigned in every office and at the time of writing, the bulk of Fall orders have been filled and the heavy Christmas sorting trade begun. Second editions of many of the Fall books are being rapidly prepared to meet repeat orders. Representatives of the leading jobbing houses have been paying visits to the English centres, in preparation for next year's trade.

The Westminster Company estimate that the sale of "The Doctor" will reach 30,000 copies before Christmas, which will undoubtedly be the Canadian record. Special holiday editions in tartan cloth, holly and ooze calf have been brought out.

Mr. Charles J. Musson, president of the Musson-Book Co., has returned from a trip to England, where he made arrangements for some attractive publications for next year. Mr. Wm. Copp of the Copp, Clark Co. and Mr. E. C. Walker of the Methodist Book and Publishing Co. have not yet returned.

The Canadian Almanac for 1907 will be published at 50 cents in paper covers and 75 cents in cloth. The advance in the price of the paper edition is caused partly by the increased size of the book and partly by the increase in the cost of manufacture. 50 cents is a better price for the bookseller than 40 cents. Anyone who wants the Almanac will pay 50 cents for it, and it yields a better profit on each book to the dealer. The cloth edition will be the same price as heretofore.

Among the recent publications of Thomas Y. Crowell & Co., New York, is "Beastly Rhymes" from the pen of Burgess Johnson, author of "Rhymes for Little Children." The illustrations of the several poems are by E. Ward Blaisdell and are very appropriate. Among the large list of books published by this company suited to the Christmas trade are: "Friendship" by Henry D. Thoreau. This is one of this author's most popular essays and is proving to be a popular reprint. "Germelschausen." Translated from the German of Friedrich Gerstacker by Clara M. Lathrop. This little German classic is a quaint tale of a buried German village which came to life again one day in each hundred years. "Longfellow Calendar" compiled by Anna H. Smith, contains appropriate quotations from this "household poet" adapted to each day in the year. "Saint Francis of Assisi" by Oscar Kuhns. This is a delightful study of this famous church saint and is well illustrated with pictures taken from rare prints. "The Man Without a Country" by Edward Everett Hale. This is a reprint of the little American classic of patriotism which never fades. The book is richly printed and has a frontispiece by Clyde De Land. These books are neatly bound and make very acceptable gifts.

Among the new advertisers in this month's issue of Bookseller and Stationer will be found the house of W. E. Blake, 123 Church St., Toronto, who will make a distinct specialty of Catholic prayer books, bibles, devotional books, rosaries, etc.; in fact all goods pertain-

ing to Catholic trade. Many readers of Bookseller and Stationer have found it difficult in the past to obtain the right class of goods in this line. W. E. Blake claims to carry the largest stock of this class of goods to be found in the Dominion, and being direct importers and manufacturers are in a position to quote the most favorable prices and terms.

The Copp, Clark Co., have issued second editions of "The Man Who Rose Again" and "The Woman of Babylon" by Joseph Hocking. "The Saint" by Antonio Fogazzaro. "Prisoners" by Mary Chalmondeley. "The Dream and the Business" by John Oliver Hoobs, all of which have been in special demand.

LEADING PUBLICATIONS OF THE MONTH.

A large number of important publications have been brought out since the last issue of Bookseller and Stationer. In fact, the bulk of the Fall books appeared during November. For the benefit of readers, short summaries of the contents of many of these are appended.

CLASS LEADER'S COMPANION 1907.—A handbook for leaders, teachers, and Christian workers. London: Charles H. Kelly. This is the second annual publication. It is a neat little vest-pocket book, filled with excellent and instructive material, intended for the use of class-leaders in the Methodist Church.

FROM ROME TO CHRIST.—The Soul-History of R. le Comte. Translated by Rev. C. S. Isaacson, M.A. London: Charles J. Thynne. Cloth, 1s. Paper 6d. The story of a French priest who left the Roman Catholic Church and is now earning a livelihood in a commercial house in a large city.

RESPONSIBILITY OF GOD.—By Ambrose Shepherd. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. 6s. net. A tiny volume, showing how God is just and will recompense those who suffer.

HITHERTO, HENCEFORTH.—By Lady Simpson. Edinburgh: Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. 6d. net. A little New Year book, with reminiscences of departed saints.

LISTENING TO GOD.—By Hugh Black. Fleming H. Revell Co., Toronto. \$1.25. The sermons collected in this volume were delivered during the author's pastorate in Edinburgh. They are worthy to take rank with the best specimens of pulpit oratory for the spiritual earnestness of their teaching, the lucidity of their style and the force of their appeals to men's deepest convictions of truth.

BEATITUDES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.—By John W. Dunbar. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier. Edinburgh: 3s. The writer has opened up a new field of study in the Old Testament. Under his skillful interpretation the truths contained in its benedictions are unfolded in confirmation of the great doctrines of our Christian faith and at the same time their practical application to the conditions and problems of modern life are clearly enforced.