

written for those who do not think deeply, such as children and those who do not bother about the abstruse problems of life. This class of people she pleases, hence the large quantity of her books sold. *This new work has nothing striking in it, and will add nothing to her reputation.* Canadian Copyright edition, cloth. Wm. Briggs, Toronto.

PARSON JONES, by Florence Marryat, author of "Love's Conflict," "How Like a Woman," etc., is published in paper covers at 50 cents by the National Publishing Co. The story is strongly written, and the earnest language has only one fault—it is slightly lacking in refinement. Parson Jones is the only son of a couple who married late in life, and who regarded him as the direct gift of God. Because this was so he was from his birth consecrated to the service of the church. Like many other parents they did not wait to ascertain the child's proclivities or character. His whole training was such as to guard him from evil, and he was a parson from his youth, with a conscience tender in the extreme. He went to college, got a parish, married the girl his mother chose for him, and began his ministerial career. Some ten years afterwards he meets a beautiful young girl, who awakens in this now father of four children the passionate sentiment which has never been awakened in him in his youth. It is a terrible trial, but he passes through it safely and all ends well. The author has told a very interesting tale and incidentally made a most cogent criticism on the Christian religion as practised by the English-speaking races. There is a depth of force in these criticisms which illustrates the intellectual superiority of the author. Aside from this Parson Jones is a character admirably conceived and brilliantly described. He is a cameo rather than an intaglio. In spite of his holy calling, his human weaknesses disturb him at times, so that he passes through terrible soul-struggling and brain-conflicts. But because he is human he evokes the readers' sympathy, and on this account the novel must be a successful one.

THE MYSTERY OF NORTH FORTUNE is a novel of which at least part is written by George Douglas, who is well known as the author of "Tib." Her collaborator is Henry Derrick. The scenes are laid among the Highlands of Scotland, and the little village of Caudale, with its birds, its pearl fishers, its moor, its loch, and its mountain scenery is the centre-piece. Mr. Kilpont, owner of a neighboring estate, called North Fortune, when away on a journey met an actress of considerable beauty, who married him for his wealth. He now lives in North Fortune with his wife and two daughters. But his wife had loved a younger man before she met Mr. Kilpont, and his visit to her mountain retreat leads to the death of Mr. Kilpont, and to a mystery as to whether he poisoned himself by mistake or was it his wife's doing. The wandering artist, Alan Bethune, plays a strong part in the latter portion of the novel, and finally wins the beautiful stepdaughter of his former love. The old witch, Molra, with her myths and prophecy, adds a weird charm to this very weird tale. Popular shilling series, No. 47; O. P. Hant, Anderson & Ferrer, Edinburgh and London.

AMONG THE WHOLESALEERS.

A NEW series of tablets designed for office use, has been placed on the market by Warwick & Sons. The line includes, in 8vo. size, statement, order, memorandum, remittance and invoice forms; the latter is also made in 6to and 4to sizes. They are neatly and compactly made up, with hinged press-board covers and blotter, and are padded by "The Johnson Process," by which the sheets can be readily detached, clean and with unbroken edges. These "Office Tablets" will be found a great convenience to business men, as a set can be kept close at hand ready for instant use. They are also economical, as waste from soiling and loose leaves is entirely obliterated. We are safe in predicting for this useful line a large and steady sale.

The Brown Bros. have shipments of A. W. Faber's latest pencils and penholders, and all his novelties. They have now a full range of Whiting's society papers. This is a range which cannot be excelled by any other manufacturer. Crinkled tissue is still in good demand; being much used for making lamp shades and similar ornaments. Wire baskets have been re-stocked and a large shipment of French and German wicker baskets received. Bushnell's copying books are taking well, and orders have been very numerous.

Toronto retail booksellers are taking a half holiday each week during the summer months. The wholesalers have a half holiday each week nearly all the year round.

The Brown Bros. have an excellent line of wedding stationery, ball programmes, etc. The former are shown in immense variety of plain chaste styles, folding and flat varieties. The ball programmes are more brilliant in design and coloring and many are embossed and highly colored. The designs are all new, bright and artistic.

W. J. Gage & Co. report that they have never received such a large volume of advance orders for the school book trade as they have this season. Other houses also report a brisk trade. What is the conclusion? Booksellers are laying in for a good September trade, and the ones who hustle will get it.

Mr. Emil Nerlich has gone on a three months' business trip to the Maritime Provinces. He will show us fine lines of fancy goods as has been seen there this season.

The \$12,000 worth of fine books in the premises of the Presbyterian News Co. has been transferred to the shelves of the Willard Tract Depository. The Fleming H. Revell Company will now own the copyrights of the Book of Forms for the Presbyterian Church, Class Book, Class Register, and of the Weekly Collection Book. They

they will continue to manufacture. The stock itself was an excellent one, comprising many strong lines of bibles, and a magnificent range of standard authors and poets in fine bindings. The Depository will continue to offer bargains to those who desire any of this stock.

The W. J. Gage Co. report good sales for the "Humour Series" of Walter Scott's "French Humour," "German Humour," "Italian Humour," and "American Humour," and that "Canadian Humour," by James Barr, of the Detroit Free Press is now in preparation.

Mr. A. F. Rutter has spent part of the past month in Chicago and another part on the shores of Georgian Bay, where his family are summering. He is much taken with the fair, and declares that he saw no extortion or humbugging of any kind. Extortionists and humbuggers are likely to avoid such men as Mr. Rutter.

The Canada Paper Co. report a continued strong demand for their No. 1 litho paper. It seems to have been found especially suitable for fine cut printing. Their line of envelopes, called "C. P. Special," has met with great success, and is now a staple brand with the trade. A new line went into by this company is the making of a heavy hosiery wrapping paper, the first of its class to be made in Canada.

The W. J. Gage Co., Ltd., together with The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., have completed arrangements with the Oxford University Press to act as sole agents for the Dominion for their renowned Teachers' and other Bibles. This arrangement places them in a position to supply the trade exactly on the same terms as the Oxford Warehouse, thus offering jobbers the advantage and facility of buying their Bibles near home instead of importing.

H. A. Nelson & Sons are making a fine showing of fall and Christmas trade samples. Their spacious warehouse is looking very attractive, everything being most carefully arranged to please the eye. They extend a most cordial invitation to any of their friends in the trade to call in and see them.

A hundred tons of writing and print paper is a large quantity. The W. J. Gage Company, Limited, have received over one hundred tons inside of the last two months. This will give some idea of the immense business that is being done this fall.

Messrs. Jas. A. Skinner & Co., 54-56 Wellington street west, are making great preparations for a large fall trade. If one is to judge by the appearance of their spacious sample rooms which are crowded with all the latest novelties in the ceramic art, and the firm have just completed stock taking and are re-marking all old stock, it being their in-