

putting our dealers to extra bother the Department should consider whether it is justified in abolishing a convenience enjoyed by our dealers, when the only persons to benefit (as far as we can see), would be the United States dealers who are not troubled with the same regulation.

THE BOOKSELLER.

THE bookseller must not grumble if he loses customers who expect him to know something about books. If they find that he is not well posted they will fall into the habit of ordering direct. The dealer must know how to buy as well as to sell books. We must know the book-lovers of our own town and district; keep them posted and interest them in what is new. To do this one must keep well up-to-date. There are papers issued especially to help the trade. This journal is one. We do not profess to be the only paper of the kind. At the same time, we must say that for a Canadian bookseller not to take this paper shows an indifference to the home trade which is extraordinary. This paper is not got together with a pair of scissors and a paste pot. Time is spent in getting the news and giving information which a Canadian dealer may profit by. Considering its nominal cost it is certainly worth keeping an eye upon.

The book trade is not going to die off. There is money in it yet, if we go the right way to work, and one way is to be in line with the latest information.

CANADIAN BOOKS AND WRITERS.

MRS. BODINGTON, wife of Dr. Bodington, superintendent of Westminster Asylum, died suddenly at Vancouver recently of pneumonia, superinduced by la grippe. Mrs. Bodington possessed a highly cultured mind, having written for almost every scientific society and magazine of prominence in America. She was 45 years old at her death. Mrs. L. A. Hamilton, of Winnipeg, is a daughter of the deceased lady.

Mr. Henry J. Morgan, of Ottawa, is making headway steadily with his valuable work, "Canadian Men and Women of the Time," and it is expected that in about three months it will be ready for the press. Mr. Morgan's long experience as an author and editor of books, and the inexhaustible stores of information he possesses relative to our public men of the past, and his wide acquaintance with Canadians now living,

constitute the best kind of equipment for producing a satisfactory biographical encyclopædia.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins has been visiting Ottawa and Montreal in connection with the new cyclopædia of Canada he is to edit and which the Bradley-Garretson Co. are to publish. It will cover the history, resources, politics, statistics, etc., of Canada, and the Prime Minister, Hon. Mr. Laurier, will, it is said, write the introduction. The first volume will be ready in a year.

Last year Messrs. Hodder & Stoughton, London, Eng., published Mrs. Ashley Carus-Wilson's second book, entitled "Tokwa and Other Poems." This month they are bringing out in a very dainty little volume a separate edition of the longest poem in that collection. "Thora; Memoirs of a Nineteenth Century Woman," is the name of this new publication, which will be on sale in Montreal shortly.

A short serial from the pen of Wm. McLennan, Montreal, has been accepted by Harper's Monthly, and will probably appear before the end of the year. This is a marked tribute to a talented Canadian writer.

The new Popular Cyclopædia, shortly to be placed on the market, will have a Canadian supplement specially prepared for it by Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley, assisted by Mr. J. W. Daffoe, of The Montreal Star, and Mr. John A. Garvin, of The Montreal Herald.

Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley has disposed of the English and American rights to his new story, "In the Swing of the Sea." It will appear first as a serial in Our Young People, Philadelphia, and then be published in book form the coming autumn by the American Baptist Publication Society, and by James Nisbet & Co. in Great Britain. It is said that Mr. Oxley, who is one of our brightest and most industrious writers and whose books are much appreciated abroad and at home, is writing a new story of the Northwest.

"Epigrams" is the title of Arthur J. Stringer's new book of poetic gems just published at 50c. by T. H. Warren, printer, London, Ont. The critics speak highly of the rhythm, finish and wit of Mr. Stringer's verses.

Dr. McLellan, the well-known Ontario educationist, and author of the "Psychology of Number," is bringing out, in collaboration with A. F. Ames, superintendent of schools in Illinois (and a graduate of Toronto Uni-

versity), a work on the "Psychology of Arithmetic" applying the principles of his first book to the teaching of arithmetic. It will be brought out by a Chicago house. Dr. McLellan is also said to have in contemplation a work on the "Psychology of Literature."

Mr. Charles G. D. Roberts passed through Boston a few days ago on his way from his home in Fredericton, N.B., to New York, whither he has been called to collaborate with Mr. Francis Bellamy in the editorship of The Illustrated American. Lamson, Wolfe & Co. will publish his next work, "A History of Canada."

THE MARCH MAGAZINES.

IN The Canadian Mr. David Christie Murray continues "My Contemporaries in Fiction," a brilliantly written series of amiable criticisms, dealing this time with Meredith and Hall Caine. Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley has a capital story "The Guest of Gamache," illustrated by J. S. O'Higgins, a strong and pathetic tale of an Anticosti wrecker. Prof. Clark, of Trinity, has an agreeable literary paper on Tennyson's "Crossing the Bar." Prof. DeMille, of King's College, Nova Scotia, takes up the gauntlet thrown down by Mr. Gordon Waldron regarding Canadian poets. An article on reciprocity, "Trips to Washington," is timely. The number is bright and varied.

The complete novel in Lippincott's is "Dead Selves," by Julia Magruder, author of "Princess Sonia." The magazine combines a novel with a regular programme of contributions including poetry, fiction, literature, etc. This enables Lippincott's to hold its own in these days of much cheap magazine competition. "In the Manuscript Room of the British Museum" is an attractive article.

Frank Leslie's popular Monthly has a fine colored frontispiece, a girl on horseback rushing along through spring foliage— "Ye Mad March Ride." "Ninety-seven Years in the White House," gives a glimpse of the family life there. Mr. Oakley Hall, the journalist, writes on "The Great Lincoln Inauguration." "Vassar College" is dealt with in the educational series. There is a second paper on General Lee. On the whole a good number.

The Review of Reviews (New York edition) contains a character sketch of Lyman Gage, the U. S. Secretary-elect of the Treasury, and Mr. Stead's first paper on Monarchy and the Queen. The latter is a highly readable and sympathetic view of Her Majesty by a Radical supporter of the Monarchy.