

PREFACE.

This is not a catalogue. It is merely a list of the books now in the Westmount Library, arranged alphabetically by the name (real or assumed) of the author, and supplemented by a list of the fiction, and of certain works suitable for younger readers which the library now possesses.

There are no cross-references. Hence, as the purpose has been to select the form of an author's name most familiar to the public, many real names have been discarded in favour of well-known pseudonyms; as for instance, George Eliot, Anthony Hope and Mark Twain. On the other hand, "Alice in Wonderland" will be found under Dodgson, the real name of its author.

A complete card catalogue of authors and subjects, with copious cross-references is accessible in the library to all readers; but to have reproduced it in book form would have involved an expenditure of time and money entirely disproportionate to the value of the work. Lists like the present are, however, compact and portable, and through their aid it is easy to become acquainted with the character of the library.

Finally, it should be remembered that the works noted here constitute only the nucleus of the library. Additions are now being, and will continue to be, made. This fact accounts for the absence of many titles, which would otherwise be inexplicable.