

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

buckskin coat drawing for the purpose from one in Mr. Boyle's collection of Indian relics in the Archaeological Department. The book will be ready about December 2.

Dr. Welldon, the Bishop of Calcutta, has contributed an introduction to Arthur Stanley's volume of "Patriotic Songs."

In "The Making of a Marchioness," Mrs. Burnett shows she has lost none of her cunning in bookcraft. She exhibits the keen insight of a wife and mother, and in this story shows how, not brilliant beauty, not exquisite toilet, not wit and vivacity, but moral goodness and kindness in woman will win the hearts of men. It is the story of Cinderella over again, with variations to suit modern society.

A volume entitled "The New Covenant a Lost Secret," by Mrs. Ross, principal of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, of Ottawa, has just been issued. Mrs. Ross is the widow of the late Rev. John Ross, of Brucefield, whose biography, written by her and published with the title "The Man With the Book," had a very considerable sale some few years ago.

To the already extraordinary number of sumptuously illustrated native books published this year has been added one on "Our Ferns and their Haunts." The writer of the text is Willard Nelson Clute; the illustrations are supplied by William Walworth Stilson. The volume includes descriptions and illustrations of every species known to grow in North America north of the Gulf States and east of the Rocky Mountains. Few families of plants are so generally admired and yet so little known as the ferns. This volume is a startling revelation of the number of varieties of them. The book contains 195 illustrations.

Another substantial volume, and a work involving a great amount of research, is "The Insect Book," by Leland O. Howard, Ph.D., chief entomologist in the United States Department of Agriculture. As the subtitle announces, the book presents "a popular account of the bees, wasps, ants, grasshoppers, flies and other North-American insects, exclusive of the butterflies, moths and beetles, with full life histories, tables and bibliographies." Dr. Howard has a numerous family of little folks to deal with. Indeed, such wealth of material had he to deal with that the problem of housing all within the cover of one volume was one of no small difficulty. This work embraces some 428 pages, 10 x 7½ in., and is an admirable piece of condensation. It must be of great value to the agricultural community. Every farmers' institute should have one or more copies to read and study.

The public libraries and high school libraries also should include this book.

The failure to distinguish between mushrooms and toadstools has caused many a lover of the edible fungi his life. But in those days no such work as Miss Marshall's "Mushroom Book," with its detailed descriptions and splendid photographic reproductions, existed for the information and warning of epicures. The old familiar method of distinction had to go—"Eat it. If you live it's a mushroom; if you die it's not." Miss Marshall's book is not only one of the most interesting, but we think it the best illustrated of all the many native books of the year.

Two capital boys' books for the holiday season are "For the Colours: A Boys' Book for the Army," by Herbert Hayens, and "Held to Ransom: A Story of Spanish Brigands," by F. B. Forester. Mr. Hayens is making a strong bid for equal popularity with G. A. Henty as a writer of boys' stories.

"Warwick of the Knobs."

To readers who are familiar with Mr. Lloyd's earlier work, "Stringtown on the Pike," no introduction is needed to "Warwick of the Knobs." While the plot of the book is laid in Boone County (unlike "Stringtown") it contains very little dialect, and little attention is paid to Kentucky superstitions. The scenery, people, methods



of worship and the prejudices have all been drawn from actual life. Although properly classed as fiction, it is the fiction of fact. "Warwick" becomes a centre of strangely dramatic scenes of deeply pathetic incidents. His trials of faith are so severe that most mortals would be driven to agnosticism or infidelity, but this hard-shelled Baptist preacher remains true to his God and his faith. The development of this character

has added another memorable name to fiction, and Mr. Lloyd has produced a book that will add to his wonderful popularity achieved by the immense sale of "Stringtown on the Pike."

A very handsome cloth edition has just been placed on the market by W. J. Gage & Co. to retail at \$1.25. It goes without saying that this will be a leader among new fiction for the holiday trade.

"Books That Are Worth While."

Four volumes which are this year deserving of a conspicuous space upon the counters of every Canadian bookseller are the Boys' Own Annual, Girls' Own Annual, Sunday At Home, Leisure Hour.

These books are the best known volumes of the kind issued in the English language, and in past years have been used as an advertising medium by some people in the trade. After years of constant effort on behalf of the booksellers, the publishers of these volumes, Messrs. Warwick Bros. & Rutter, have at last succeeded in forming an agreement whereby these books will be sold at not less than \$1.75 per volume in any store in Canada. The books have been copyrighted in Canada, and every dealer—whether his order be for one copy or 1,000 copies—who will handle these books this year will sign this agreement.

The trade will be supplied by the regular book jobbers or by the publishers, Messrs. Warwick Bros. & Rutter, and we would like to see the booksellers of Canada show their appreciation of the efforts of the publishers to protect the entire interests of the trade by giving these works a prominent place in their stores. As to the relative merits of the books, a few words will suffice.

The Boys Own Annual stands out supreme among books for boys or youths. The contents are a perfect mine of good reading; stories of absorbing interest and exciting adventure; articles on many sports and pastimes; modern inventions and how to make them; prize competitions, etc., etc. Such well-known writers of boys' stories as Dr. Gordon Stables, Rev. Henry Taylor, Charles Marriott, Louis Becke, G. Manville Fenn and many others are among the contributors to this year's number.

The Girls' Own Annual is full of much useful and delightful information such as



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