

able we may enumerate, a series of landscape panels, perfect little gems, all different landscape effects, streams, winter scenes, bridges, &c. The series of military sketches should take well with the public. Another series is made up of country church towers, another, richly coloured views on the Thames. Floral cards are of course in abundance.

It is difficult from among so many gems, to select any for particular notice, but among the best we may mention No. 765, a series of exquisite children's cards, after the Kate Greenaway style, delicately coloured, on gold bevel edged cards, and selling at 10 cents each. No. 682, a series of views of churches, with appropriate mottoes, which will take well with religious people. No. 755, a series of beautiful floral cards, with marine views on the same card. No. 768, a set of handsome views with silvered ground, giving a very fine effect. No. 670, is a floral gem, four in the set. Nos. 678 and 679, two sets of water colour sketches, are simply beautiful, and are not surpassed by any in the collection. No. 830, is a set of elegant floral designs which must be seen to be fully appreciated. No. 680, is similar to No. 682, but the views are much larger and the effect is very beautiful. No. 654, will just suit the martial spirit which is now abroad among the people, a set of military sketches, showing the mounted sentries of the Horse Guards, Dragoons, Lancers, and Life Guards, in full dress, as when on duty. No. 655, is a reproduction of the same set in a smaller size to retail at 15 cents, these are selected at random from the 130 sets in the collection. We must not forget to mention that the verses on the whole series are appropriate and well selected.

THE REVISED BIBLE.—The orders given for the Revised Bible were small in comparison with that for the Testament. It was a novelty and bought by a great many as such. The Bible on the contrary has been purchased for its real merit and for constant use.

The sales have been satisfactory, particularly the Minion. Several who bought the Pearl finding the print too small, have returned them and exchanged for a more expensive edition.

To sell a book in any quantity at prices varying from \$2.15 to \$8 is somewhat of a novelty to the generality of Booksellers.

It is anticipated that in July, when the Sunday Schools commence on the Old Testament lessons there will be an increased demand by teachers and advanced scholars; and those in the Trade less capable of judging, consider that the Bible will be a steady quiet sale.

We believe the most expensive imported book was that in Persian Morocco, 5 vols., \$17.

THE ILLUSTRATED WAR NEWS has attained its tenth number. It is certainly the best by far of the series. We learn that it is the intention of the publishers to discontinue it about the first of July, as they presume the great interest in the North-West Rebellion will have abated by that time. It will be succeeded immediately by the *Canadian Pictorial* (see editorial article).

The haste with which the first number was produced is perhaps unparalleled. The Manager of the Grip Co. thought out the idea on a Saturday even-

ing, and the next Wednesday night the first number of the *War News* was complete.

HAMILTON'S WISE MEN.—The Trustees of the Hamilton schools do not allow the parents the option of purchasing the school books for their own children, but assume the fatherly (or motherly) duty themselves. Tenders are invited every six months for the supply and the consequence is that two of the leading Booksellers have the monopoly of the trade.

And, this is the Nineteenth Century, and the era of free and untrammelled competition.

To make the antiquated action consistent the scholar does not pay for each book as he gets it, but so much a quarter, whether using the first or the fourth reader.

Some people go to a good deal of trouble to be eccentric.

A CALL from T. J. Day, and a rattling chat (no other words can describe his nervous practical talk on men and books), helped to banish a headache, and to put one in good humour.

He has fixed the time for the Annual Meeting of the Ontario Booksellers' Association, he being President, for a day about two weeks before the opening of the schools, say early in August.

Full particulars will be given in next number.

A fine Lithographic Portrait of General Middleton has been prepared by Rolph, Smith & Co. It is already having good sale with the Toronto trade, and sells at a moderate price.

A CLOSE MARGIN.—We heard the other day of a stationery order in Toronto, amounting to about \$3,000 being placed at nett cost, the only profit to the seller being, the interest for four months, he receiving prompt cash for the goods. Doing business for the fun of it. Nothing for current expenses.

GUY F. WARWICK, the head of the house of W. Warwick & Son, left for England about the 1st inst., on a nine weeks' purchasing trip.

H. H. FUDGER, Smith & Fudger, has had a pleasant run to England and the Continent. His purchases of fancy goods were large, and as is customary with the old "Wilkes" house, well chosen.

JOHN R. BARBER, Georgetown, the famous Paper-Man is on his feet again. He has had a long spell, about five months, of debilitating illness, but is now fairly well. We hope for his speedy recovery to rugged health.

The long established Book store of A. Piddington, 250 Yonge St., has passed into the hands of R. W. Douglas & Co.

Mr. Douglas has been manager for Mr. Piddington for years. The new firm will continue to deal in rare old books.

The toy branch of Mr. Piddington's business next door to the book store, was bought out by B. B. Toye, in March last.

JOHN OSBORNE, Fancy Goods Dealer, Rossin House Block, Toronto, feeling cramped for room, has greatly enlarged his premises. He purposes returning to his old line—Organs, in addition News and Notions.