

"Trilby." In England Mr. T. Fisher Unwin has been, comparatively speaking, equally successful.

G. P. Putnam's Sons will publish shortly the authorized American edition of "Le Soutien de Famille," the last story, completed shortly before his death, of Alphonse Daudet. The book will be issued simultaneously in Paris, London and New York. The American version will probably be issued under the title of "The Wage-Earner."

Elliot Stock, 62 Paternoster Row, London, has issued "Book Prices Current," being a record of the prices at which books have been sold at auction, the titles and description in full, the catalogue numbers, the names of the purchasers, and special notices, containing the prices for the year 1897. Price, £1. 7s. 6d. nett.

Haight & Co., Toronto, has issued in a tastily printed 24 page octavo pamphlet, No. 1 of the U. E. Series, entitled, "Before the Coming of the Loyalists," by C. Haight. The substance of the pamphlet was read before the United Empire Loyalists' Association of Ontario. Mr. Haight is well known as the author of several books. Anything from his pen may be read with pleasure and profit.

J. W. Bengough, cartoonist, humorist, elocutionist, single taxist, is also an ardent prohibitionist. He has written a "Gin-Mill Primer"—a First Book of Lessons for Young and Old, but especially for the Man who has a Vote—fully illustrated with his inimitable drawings. William Briggs is issuing this at a popular price, and a large demand is anticipated for the approaching plebiscite campaign.

John M. Whyte, the well-known gospel singer, has compiled a book of rousing temperance songs—most of them new and of his own composition—for use in the coming plebiscite campaign. He has given to it the thoroughly up-to-date title of "Nuggets of Gold"—possibly intending the book as a sort of "gold cure" for intemperance. Mr. Whyte not only has the faculty of writing catchy music, but seems equally happy in the words of his songs. William Briggs is publishing the book.

Mr. Fisher Unwin will publish in the spring what promises to be one of the most interesting travel books of the year. It is the narrative by Captain M. S. Wellby, of the 18th Hussars, and Lieutenant Malcolm, of their journey from Len to Pekin across Tibet. His new work is entitled "Through Tibet Unknown." It will be a handsome volume with a hundred illustrations, including twelve plates, by Mr. A. D. McCormick,

the illustrator of Sir William Conway's "Climbing in the Karakorum Himalayas."

Charles Scribner's Sons, New York, have just published "What is Good Music?" Suggestions to persons desiring to cultivate a taste in Musical Art, by W. J. Henderson, 12mo., \$1.00 net. "Outlines of Descriptive Psychology," by George Trumbull Ladd, D.D., Professor of Philosophy in Yale University, 8vo., \$1.50 net. "St. Paul's Epistle to the Ephesians," a practical exposition, by Charles Gore, M.A., D.D., of the Community of the Resurrection, Canon of Westminster, 12mo., \$1.50.

Roberts Brothers, Boston, have issued two valuable works on the celebrated Rossetti's (1) "Christina Rossetti." A Biographical and Critical Study, by Mackenzie Bell, author of "Spring's Immortality, and Other Poems," and "Charles Whitehead, a Biographical and Critical Monograph." With six portraits and six facsimiles. Crown 8vo. Cloth, gilt. Price, \$2.50. (2) "Recollections of Dante Gabriel Rossetti," by T. Hall Caine, author of "The Christian." 12 mo., cloth. Price, \$1.50. A third and cheaper edition.

An important new Canadian book is the Year Book of British Columbia for 1897, by R. E. Gosnell, Librarian and Secretary Bureau of Statistics, Victoria, B.C. This is the only comprehensive work on British Columbia published in recent years. It contains over 500 octavo pages, including 80 pages of representative illustrations, with special maps. It also has a special chapter on Klondyke and the Canadian Yukon, with latest and best map yet issued, showing routes. Price in cloth, \$2.50. In paper, \$2.25.

L. C. Page & Co., Boston, have made arrangements with Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr to publish her new book, entitled "In King's Houses," a romance of the days of Queen Anne. They will probably publish the American copyright edition of Edward Heron-Allen's literal prose translation of the Rubáyat contained in the Bodleian MS., 140—the one that Fitzgerald used. Mr. Heron-Allen's volume contains a valuable introduction and apparatus of notes, and a photogravure reproduction of the Persian MS., together with a transcript into modern Persian script.

We are about to witness the outbreak of a boom on Peter the Great similar to that which has raged for some years round the person of Napoleon. Sir Henry Irving, with all the world open to him, has chosen a play on Peter the Great, written by his son. With this drama the Lyceum season will open in January. Professor Oscar Browning is about to publish a life of the

inevitable Peter; and Mr. J. M. Graham's historical novel, *The Son of the Czar*, published by Harpers, has already attracted considerable attention, and will certainly be widely read, as it gives a powerful presentation of Russian life at the most critical epoch of Muscovite history.

A second large edition of "The School for Saints," Mrs. Craigie's politico-romantic novel, has been published in England. The first edition amounted to ten thousand copies. The necessity for a reprint is, therefore, very remarkable, and, in the case of so long and thoughtful a story, an encouraging sign that the public interest in literature is not confined to the reading and criticising of paragraphs. The acceptance by the Queen of a copy of the book gives the final cachet of public approval to the work. It may be added that the second edition has been independently reached in the United States. A Canadian edition of this story has also sold well.

Another Arctic work of vast interest is announced, differing from all others previously published, in that the expedition was by balloon, instead of by boat or sledge. The book has been written by M. Lachambre and M. Machuron, the experts in aerostatics, who accompanied Andree to Spitzbergen, and saw him sail through the air into the unknown. Complete particulars regarding the construction and equipment of the balloon are given, together with all the details of the preparation for the start, and the circumstances surrounding the latter itself. The work is to be illustrated by more than fifty engravings, after photographs taken by the authors during the time of preparation, and at the time of the start.

Affairs in the Far East give timeliness to Mr. Fisher Unwin's announcement that he will shortly issue a new edition of "The Real Japan," of which several editions have been issued, and which has been for several months out of print. In the new issue the figures of Japanese naval and military development and finance will be brought up to date, and an additional chapter will discuss the general position and prospects of Japan. A new edition, in a cheap popular form, of Mr. Norman's book, "The Far East," with a fresh chapter upon the present situation and the question of the partition of China, will also be issued by Mr. Unwin in a few weeks. Two large editions have been sold at a guinea, and the new one will be priced at 7s. 6d.

Lord Rosebery is credited with the remark that when the time came to write Mr. Gladstone's life in full, the work would have to be undertaken by, and distributed amongst, a limited liability company. Mr.