

## THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

*Nutshell Novels* is the title of a new volume of stories by J. Ashby-Sterry, which will be issued immediately.

A new novel by Mr. Crawford, who is one of the most industrious of living writers, is to begin soon in the *English Illustrated Magazine*—*The Witch of Fragne*.

Thomas Stinson Jarvis, the author of *Geoffrey Hampstead*, is a barrister by profession, and lives in Toronto. This story of out-of-door life is his first attempt at novel writing.

According to the *Bangor Commercial* Miss Blanch Willis Howard, the author of *One Summer, Gimm, The Open Door*, was married recently at Stuttgart, Germany, to Dr. Teufel, of that city. The bridegroom is said to be court physician, and a man of wealth and high social position.

*The Story of Scotland*, by James Macintosh, will be the September volume in the *Story of the Nations Series*, published by the Putnam.

Two volumes by Eugene Field, the witty and entertaining Chicago writer, who has been passing the past year or so abroad, will be published this month by the Scribners—*A Little Book of Western Verse* and *A Little Book of Profitable Tales*.

The third volume in the *Adventure Series*, to be published this month by Macmillan, is *Pellon's Adventures and Sufferings During his Twenty-three Years of Captivity in Morocco*, edited by Dr. Robert Brown. An edition of Shelley's complete poetical works, edited by Professor Dowden, and issued in a single volume of the same size as the one-volume editions of Tennyson and Wordsworth, will be published by the same house.

New editions are forthcoming this month, from the press of Scribners, of Daniel C. Beard's popular *American Boy's Handy Book*, with considerable additions to both text and illustrations, and of Lina and Adelia B. Beard's companion and equally popular volume, *American Girl's Handy Book*, the price of the latter being reduced. Edward Eggleston's two well-known Western stories, *Rory and The Circuit Rider*, are to be issued by the same firm in a new uniform binding.

The London *Daily News* has this gossip about the engagement of Mlle. Jeanne Hugo and the only son of Alphonse Daudet, the novelist. "Young M. Daudet is two years older than his betrothed, and will eventually inherit a large fortune from his mother. Mlle. Hugo has beauty and sweet manners. She is already rich, and will be considerably wealthier on the death of her aunt, Adele. Her marriage will be delayed until she is of age, the will of Victor Hugo being so drawn up that her guardians have no power to sign settlements, or indeed to do anything save to deal with copyrights of his works. She and her brother have inherited half of his fortune, and their aunt the other half."

"The ivy," says the *Critic*, "which surrounds Thackeray's grave in Kensal Green Cemetery, and which had spread over nearly the entire surface of the plain tabular stone, obscuring the modest inscription, has recently been neatly trimmed. Time is beginning to leave traces on the monument erected in the same cemetery by admiring friends nearly thirty years ago. The massive head of the poet and humorist—immediately underneath which is his self-chosen epitaph, 'He Sang the Song of the Shirt'—stands sadly in need of denning, while the figures on the opposite side of which represents a touching scene in the 'Bridge of Sighs,' are in no less need of renovation."

The fifth volume of Henry Morley's *English Writers*, ending with a review of Chaucer's *Canterbury Tales*, will be published this month by the Cassell Publishing Company. The same firm announces for publication in the next few weeks, *The Anglonian*, the clever story that has been read in *Century*; a new novel by a new author, who hides his identity under the nom de plume of Daniel Dane.

Richard Blackmore, the author of *Lorna Doone*, was born at Longworth, Berkshire, in 1825. His mother was a descendant of the good old Dr. Doddridge, and his father was a minister, Rev. John Blackmore. His education was principally at Liverton School and Exeter College. He studied law and was admitted, but never practised except as a conveyancer. He now lives at Liddington, on the Thames, where he interests himself in gardening. He owns one of the largest market gardens in England. He is seldom seen in London, and knows very few of his fellow-authors. He surrounds himself with fruit trees and flowers, and pursues the vocation of literature with the avocation of market gardening, and is known to his neighbors not as Blackmore the author, but as Blackmore, the "man."

Mr. Blackmore has no need to let his pen.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

## HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

Sept. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Gerow and family, who have spent the summer months here last year, Mr. Gerow will remain in St. John a few weeks, after which he will join them in New York, where they intend to take up their residence. This is the second summer that Mr. Gerow and family have spent in Hampton, and although they are about to leave the province, their numerous friends greatly regret, we hope to see them here again.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan, of Sackville, spent Sunday at the village, the guests of Mr. Ryan's sister, Mrs. S. Hayward. Mr. Ryan returned home on Monday. Mrs. Ryan will remain for a short visit. Prof. J. Morley Tweddle, who has been spending his vacation at Berlin, Germany, reached home on Sunday evening.

Mrs. A. A. Stockton spent Sunday in town, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Gerow.

Mr. Geo. B. McLeod, who was spending his holidays with his father at Ashlon, left on Wednesday for Kingston, Ont., to resume his studies at the Royal Military college in that city. This will be Mr. McLeod's last year.

Mr. Miles B. Dixon, of St. John, was among the visitors in town on Monday.

Mrs. Dr. Brown, of Yonkers, N.Y., spent Sunday and Monday here visiting her sister, Mrs. C. A. Palmer, Linden Heights.

Mr. S. L. T. Burnham and Mr. L. H. Vaughan, who have been spending a couple of weeks at that delightful seaside resort, N.S., paid a short visit last week to their friend, Miss Tweddle.

## HAMPTON VILLAGE.

Sept. 3.—Mrs. Geo. Dunfield, of St. John, with a party of friends, came up by steamer *Clyton* on Friday at the village.

Miss Ida Seely, who has been visiting friends at Petticoat and Havelock for the last three or four weeks, returned home on Friday evening.

Mr. Samuel Flewelling and Rev. M. Blackadar, who have been attending the Maritime Baptist convention at Yarmouth, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. B. Bruce Scoville, of St. John, spent Sunday at Mrs. Caldwell's.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ryan, of Sackville, spent Sunday with Mr. S. Hayward.

Miss Alice King, of Boston, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Caldwell.

Mrs. Todd, wife of Rev. Mr. Todd of Woodstock, is spending a few days with Mr. S. Frost, Lower Norton.

Miss Otty, of Model Farm, spent Monday with Mrs. Wm. Otty.

Mrs. Crosby, of Royal Columbia, is visiting Mrs. Caldwell.

Mrs. H. Chute left on Tuesday morning for a visit of four or five weeks with friends in Boston and vicinity.

Miss Stephens, of St. John, is visiting Miss Jennie Raymond.

As usual, although the weather was very dull, the people of the village were out for a walk on Thursday trip.

Sept. 2.—The Messrs Keith and Stockton are very ill at Mr. M. B. Keith's.

Mrs. E. E. Emerson has spent a large part of this summer with her friends at Mecanic Settlement, Havelock and Dorchester. She is with us now looking over the village.

Miss Moore has left us. She is missed very much by all who saw her at the school for the last year, and will all the children's friends. We hope to have her with us again after she is through attending her school at Fredericton.

The W.C.T.U. is proving a doubtful success here as anyone with 10 cents can get liquor, although nearly all our ladies speak with disapproval.

The Messrs. Eugene Walsh and Maud Sharp left for the Normal School, also Messrs. G. M. Dan, and Edward Price. Their many friends hope they will prove successful in their endeavors to fit themselves for the arduous duties of a teacher.

Mrs. Walsh went to St. John with her daughter and saw her sister on board train for Fredericton.

Mrs. Fred Seely is here at her father's, Mr. W. W. Price. She has a beautiful bouncing baby boy of only five weeks old with her. He is the Rev. Mr. Seely's grandson, and reports says the baby gentleman is very fond of him as he is the only grandchild he has. Mrs. Seely looks well and is warmly welcomed by her many friends.

TONIAS.

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[Progress is for sale in Miltona at the post office.]

Sept. 3.—Rev. C. G. McCully, of Calais, preached in the Congregational church last Sunday morning. A small but happy party gathered at the residence of Mr. J. Sullivan, last Thursday evening, to witness the marriage of his eldest daughter, Addie, to Orren D. Morrison. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Wedderburn. Mrs. Morrison was the recipient of many beautiful presents.

Miss Knight, of Providence, is the guest of Mrs. Chase, O. Dexter.

Miss Mame McLean spent last week with her cousin, Miss Helen O'Brien.

Mr. Smith O. Dexter, of Augusta, Me., is visiting friends here.

Mr. Andrew Mungall has returned from Montreal. Miss Eliza and Miss Mame McLean left for a short trip to Bangor on Monday.

Mrs. Chas. Hawthorn, of Fredericton, and her little son, are spending a few weeks here. MAC.

ST. ANDREWS.

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