

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

by Wm. Briggs. The volume has been very favorably reviewed by the American press.

Of Ellen Thorneycroft Fowler's story "Concerning Isabel Carnaby," The London Speaker remarked: "Miss Fowler has achieved a success as thoroughly gratifying to her readers as it must be to herself. 'The novel of the season' will probably be the verdict upon this amazingly witty and brilliant story. The book positively radiates humor. * * * Epigram, paradox, anecdote—In short, all the weapons in the born conversationalist's armoury—appear in this entertaining novel in a state of the highest polish." Miss Fowler has written a new novel entitled "A Double Thread," which will be published in a Canadian copyright edition this Spring by William Briggs. She is a daughter of the Right Hon. Sir Henry Fowler, a prominent member of the Cabinet in the last Liberal Ministry. Her book ran through several editions, and was considered one of the most popular of last year.

MAGAZINE CHANGES.

Beginning with the March number, the publishers of Pearson's Magazine will issue a special American and Canadian edition to sell at 8c.

Truth has been changed from a 5c. weekly to a 25c. illustrated monthly. The first number, in new dress, appeared in February. It is handsomely illustrated and contains some splendid colored plates.

MONTREAL NEWS CO.

The Montreal News Co. will shortly issue a third edition of "Concerning Isabel Carnegie," a clover novel, which has already, had a splendid run. During February they will also issue a 50c. paper edition of "Phroso," by Anthony Hope. A paper edition of Adeline Sergeant's "Margaret Wynne," will be another book from The Montreal News Co. this month. It will sell at 50c.

"Alwyn," by Hey Watts-Dunton, is a new book which will shortly be issued by The Montreal News Co.

THE TRADE IN BIBLES, ETC.

The sales of Bibles, 1000-year-books, etc., have much exceeded those of previous years, so report Warwick Bros. & Rutter. "Bible Helps" is a new book which is much in demand. This year, Bagster's Bibles are shown with many additions to their usual known attractive features, and the new schedule of prices, the fresh plates employed, etc., meet with such favor that the Canadian trade in other editions of the Bible has been affected. The Bagster Art

Bible, with its 140 plates, which was introduced last Fall, is selling well in Canada.

This year, reward books are being sold at 16c. to the shilling, and picture books at 17c. to the shilling. Other new religious works being sold by the firm this year are: "Holy Living and Christian Classics," "Daily Helps," etc.

A line of English poets, in six different bindings, from \$6 a dozen up, are being shown the trade by the same house.

SPECIAL OFFER FOR EASTER CARDS.

A special offer is being made by Warwick Bros. & Rutter to those dealers who wish to handle a limited assortment of Tuck's Easter cards, which are in the forefront of the world's production in this line. Those who wish to handle a \$5 or \$10 assortment



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can have them sent on in time for the approaching trade in these goods by writing Warwick Bros. & Rutter, Toronto.

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FEW men in eastern Canada are as thoroughly posted in every branch of book lore as Mr. Wm. Drysdale, Montreal's veteran bookseller and publisher. For many a year past he has conducted one of the most successful book businesses in the Dominion and has been generally recognized as an authority on literary matters whose opinions were worth listening to. Born in Montreal in April, 1847, of Scotch parentage, he began his business career with the late John Dougall, in The Witness office. He was given charge of the book department, and it was here, no doubt, he first formed the liking for books that has had so marked an effect on his after career. He eventually embarked in business on his

own account, and has nursed a steadily growing trade until he now controls tv. of the largest retail bookstores in Montreal, as well as managing important publishing interests.

Mr. Drysdale was the founder of The Canadian Railway News Co., which first saw light, under his direction, in 1883, and a large portion of its subsequent success has been due to the experience and ability of its founder. Though a busy man, with many demands upon his time, he is active in various philanthropic movements. He is a prominent member of the Society for the Protection of Women and Children, and an active worker in the interests of the Boys' Home. He is a member of Montreal Antiquarian Society, and is exceptionally well posted on the ever interesting past of the city and Province.

Mr. Drysdale's publishing ventures are well known to Canadian booksellers, and include a number of high-class books by Canadian authors. This branch of the business is very near to his heart, and there is no doubt that it will be further developed in the future. Still in the heyday of life, with the confidence and esteem of all who know him, it is safe to say that Mr. Drysdale's achievements are not all in the past, and we may anticipate further successes to crown a long and honorable career.

A BUSINESS CHANGE.

A CHANGE of some interest to the trade has taken place in Toronto, L. D. Merrick, who has been with Nerlich & Co. for 19 years, retiring to start in business for himself at Berlin, Ont. The occasion exemplified the good will felt towards Mr. Merrick himself, and which reigns generally among the staff of the firm. On the afternoon of February 4, Mr. Merrick was presented with a handsome chair by the staff, and in the evening he entertained his friends to a fine supper at his residence on Mutual street. During the evening, Mr. Henry Nerlich presented Mr. Merrick with a valuable jeweled pin on behalf of the firm. A number of addresses were given, one speaker having been 30 years with the firm and another 29 years. Mr. Merrick is followed by the good wishes of his confreres and the trade generally. BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER adds its friendly wishes for his continued prosperity and success.

His successor as traveler for Nerlich & Co. over the Western Central Ontario district is T. Stewart, who is a popular and well qualified man, known and liked by the trade and certain to do well. He has been on the house staff for a number of years, and in that capacity is favorably regarded by the customers of the firm.