

THE Bookseller and Stationer

Subscription, One Dollar a Year.

Single Copies, Ten Cents.

Vol. XXII.

MONTREAL AND TORONTO, CANADA, SEPTEMBER, 1906.

No. 9.

THE LEADING FALL BOOK LISTS

ANOTHER Fall season is at hand and once more Bookseller and Stationer takes pleasure in presenting a summary of what the leading publishers are preparing for the season. There is, as usual, a great variety of material from which booksellers can select. The difficulty will be to know what to discard. The exercise of a little discretion will, however, obviate this and enable the dealer to make a telling selection.

McLeod & Allen.

The Fall list of McLeod & Allen is as yet incomplete, but a few important announcements can be made. The most prominent of their Fall novels will undoubtedly be "The Fighting Chance," by Robert W. Chambers. It is a society novel, a drama and a love story rolled into one. It moves along lightly and airily at first, then gains intensity in a cloudier atmosphere of anger, hope, less love and sordid motives, until it bursts into a tremendous period of financial storm and stress; and at last the clouds break in a thrilling, fascinating denouement. The book contains eight charming illustrations by A. B. Wenzell. (Cloth \$1.25).

In "Blindfolded," McLeod & Allen have a first rate mystery story. It is by E. A. Walcott, and will be ready this month. A young man from New England goes out to San Francisco at the urgent call of an old college chum, to assist him in some mysterious difficulty. The two bear a striking resemblance to each other, so that it is no surprise when the San Franciscan is murdered early in the story, to find the New Englander step into his shoes with the object of avenging the murder. He is completely in the dark about the affair; hence the title. By degrees light shines in and at the end he sees it all clearly.

A deeper note has been touched by F. Hopkinson Smith in his new novel, "The Tides of Barnegat," than in any of his previous books. It is a story of life on the shores of Barnegat, a tale of love and death, sin and self-sacrifice, lightened by the kindness and sympathetic humor that characterize all his writings. (Cloth \$1.25. Paper 75c.)

Frank H. Spearman, the writer of railroad stories, has written yet another story of the road, which is claimed to be his most ambitious and most important work. It is called "Whispering Smith," and presents a vivid picture of life in the Rockies during the pioneer period, when every man carried his life in his own hands and the great civilizing factor was the advancing railroad. (Cloth \$1.25. Paper 75c.)

An important book on Canada appears in McLeod & Allen's list. It is entitled "Camp Fires in the Canadian Rockies," and is by William T. Hornaday, Sc.D., director of the New York Zoological Park. It is the narrative, racy, unconventional, and full of adventurous interest, of an expedition which Mr. Hornaday and Mr. Phillips, the latter a famous mountain climber and camera expert, made into the well-nigh inaccessible mountains of British Columbia in search of the elusive mountain goats and mountain sheep. There are 70 illustrations in the book and two maps. (8vo. \$3 net).

There is also another story by Harold Bindloss, the author of "Alton of Somasco," entitled "The Cattle Baron's Daughter," and another of Gordon Holmes' mystery stories, "The Late Tenant."

The Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

As a head-liner The Copp, Clark Co. will offer Mary Cholmondeley's splendid new novel, "Prisoners," which has aroused much interest during its serial publication in the American Magazine. The story presents a striking situation, which holds the reader's attention. A beautiful English girl, married to an elderly Italian nobleman, takes leave of an old lover. While they are saying farewell a murder is committed in the neighborhood, and the Duchess' lover, to escape suspicion, takes refuge in her room. He is found here and, in order to clear her, he pretends to be the murderer. He is sentenced to fifteen years in prison. The Duchess is torn between two emotions, and herein lies the tragedy of the tale. The conclusion is worked out with great skill.

The most important of Copp-Clark's Canadian books will be Professor Charles G. D. Roberts' "The Heart that Knows," formerly announced as "By the Waters of Fundy." It, too, is a powerful story, with a well-turned plot. A young sailor of Westcock Village, near the mouth of the Tantramar, believing himself deceived by his betrothed, runs away on the eve of marriage. Presently a son is born, who grows up to hate his father. When he arrives at years of manhood he sails away to avenge his mother's wrongs. Fate throws him in with his father, unknown to both, and the two men come to love each other. Finally their mutual identities are discovered, there is a reconciliation and the early misunderstandings are righted.

A remarkable book by the Italian novelist, Antonio Fogazzaro, entitled "The Saint," is another important Fall publication which has already been issued. It has created a sensation in Europe, as it lays bare internal