

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

published within a few days by The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited. The title of this book is "The Messages of Jesus according to the Synoptists," and its author is Prof. Thomas C. Hall, of Union Theological Seminary.

Much interest has been evinced in the forthcoming novel by Mr. F. Clifford Smith, which will shortly be issued by The Publishers' Syndicate. "A Daughter of Patricians," as the story is called, is essentially a Canadian novel and yet will enlist support on far wider grounds than that. It is a fine story, vividly told and interesting to a degree, while it has also the merit of possessing an underlying thought. It seeks to trace the influence of music on the human mind, and the instance of how by means of music mental balance may be restored is especially interesting. Not less remarkable is the fact that the plot of the story hinges on a condition of affairs which has, since the book went to press, been accurately reproduced in the circumstances of the well-known Delpit marriage case.

Hamilton Drummond's new story "The Seven Houses" will shortly be issued by The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited. It is the best thing Drummond has yet done, and may be counted among the foremost of contemporary romantic novels.

MORANG'S EDUCATIONAL BOOKS. The new text-books for schools issued by Morang & Co. are attracting wide attention both in school and trade circles.

The "Modern Phonic Primer" (12c.) with 70 colored pictures, and a word arrangement based on modern principles is praised by every teacher to whom it has been shown. Testimonials from the leading inspectors of public schools in various countries are couched in the highest terms.

Among Morang's other text-books are several for the classical course. These include: "Cæsar," Books IV. and V., with maps, illustrations, notes, vocabulary and exercises for retranslation, by Prof. Grant, M.A., of Upper Canada College (35c.); "Cornelius Nepos," select lives, with maps, notes, vocabulary, etc. (35c.); "Nenophon's Anabasis," Book I., with maps, plans, notes, etc. (35c.); and (at once) "Virgil's Æneid," Book II., with illustrations, notes, etc. (35c.). All these are new works, not new issues of old ones. The etymological and other work is, therefore, strictly down to date. The books, too, are well printed and neatly bound.

In English literature and grammar the following books are issued: Scott's "Lay" with Rolfe's notes, cloth, 240 pp. (50c.); the same with introduction and notes for young students, cloth, 244 pp. (30c.); Mil-

ton's "Paradise Lost," book, with notes, etc., by F. Gorse, M.A. (35c.); Shakespeare's "Merchant of Venice" and "Richard II." (two books at 35c. each) with notes in each case by H. L. Withers, B.A., and Dr. C. H. Herford.

It will be noted that the editors of these various editions are authorities in their own departments, a fact which adds much to the value of the books in school use.

Reference has once before been made in this column to the very complete treatise on our language issued by Morang & Co. and called "A Modern English Grammar," by H. G. Buehler. This is a very able work, and is so designated by a number of Canadian educationists. A supplementary chapter on the history of the language is being added by Prof. Edgar, of Victoria College, Toronto.

Specimens of any of these books will be sent free to the trade on application.

MAURIOE HEWLETT.

I.

[After Reading His "Richard Yea-and-Nay."]
 We leap into the saddle, grip the reins,
 And kiss the velvet flank with golden spur,
 And then, like great, lost winds, we rush with her,

The fair Jehane, through lawless war's domains'
 Here's love, with bloody tears, that groans and strains:

Here's valor, that the soul's foundations stir,
 Here's sacrifice, that life's pined windows blur,
 As we ride over Saladin's wide plans!

We hear the swish of twice ten thousand blades,
 We feel the hurricane of Norman wrath:

We see the English wolves at Moslem throats'
 And then we dream of far-off Norman glades,
 And walk with love along the primrose path,
 As Richard's song above the tower floats!

II.

Ye novelists of Britain, hide your heads'
 Back to the woods, with large but nimble feet'
 For here's your master swigging down the street,
 With sword in hand, to cut your fame to shreds!
 Back to your caves' and into your straw beds!
 And nevermore upon this planet bleat!

Content your stomachs now with uncooked meat:
 The banquet hall's for him whom genius weds!

Ye write with pens, this New Man with a sword.
 Ye write with ink; and he with blood and tears;
 Ye from the head; and he from the head and heart.

He fronts his work like Richard, his great lord,
 Or like a god who rules starred hemispheres,
 And not like greedy traders in a mart!

—JOHN ERNEST McCANN, in The Times Saturday Review,
 February 16, 1901.

The pioneer firm in the wholesale and retail book and stationery business in the city of Quebec is that of J. P. Dery & Fils. The business was established in 1872 and has grown to large proportions, its representatives covering the Provinces of Quebec and New Brunswick and Gaspe district.

THE MONTREAL TRADE.

Books That Sell—London Periodicals—Displays in the Window.

FROM BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER'S Special Correspondent.

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FEBRUARY was stock-taking month, and the book publishers seem to have decided that they will not interrupt the bookseller in his annual task. New books continue to be scarce. A few publications of minor importance have been issued through the month, but not one of these has created a stir. The best selling book continues to be Zangwill's "Mantle of Elijah," which is still in fairly good demand. "An English Woman's Love Letters" was originally intended to be the book of the season, but its star of popularity has sadly waned. Although there are still those who are curious enough to explore its passions, it finds few admirers, but a book wanting admirers must also want a large sale. "Eleanor," by Mrs. Humphrey Ward, is another one of those books whose sale has dropped off. Conan Doyle's "Boer War," and Rosebery's "Napoleon" are still being called for, and are two of the best sellers on the market to day. "The Duke," by Clouston, and "Rule with a Difference," by Rose Carey, are selling steadily.

As for new books, the most important is, perhaps, "Peccavi," by E. W. Hornung. Then there are "A Missing Hero," by Mrs. Alexander; "As a Watch in the Night," by Mrs. Campbell-Praed, and "The Cardinal's Rose" (Harper's, cloth), by Van Tassel Sutphen. "My New Curate," by Sheehan, published in cloth, is another late production that seems to be taking fairly well.

The chief interest of the month seems to have hung around the special numbers of the leading English periodicals. The demand has not yet been supplied, but it is likely that further supplies will be forthcoming. Dealers are now taking orders for the Record number of The Illustrated London News, which will be out about April 15. There seems to be some uncertainty about the price; most dealers quote \$1.50, while others fail to see how it can be sold under \$2. The demand will most certainly be heavy. During the first few days after its arrival the Funeral number sold at \$1, but the price dropped, one dull morning, to 75c.

F. E. Grafton & Sons are making extensive changes in their store on St. James street. A partition is being run down the centre of the store, and the book business will be confined to the western half. This will make the store more compact, and it