

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

### WHO'S WHO.

THE fiftieth annual edition of "Who's Who," the encyclopædia of nobility and public men of Great Britain has been issued. It is somewhat larger than previous editions and contains much additional information. The book is very useful to newspaper men and others whose professions require them to be familiar with the prominent men and women of the day. Douglas Sladen is editor and Adam & Charles Black, of London, are the publishers. The work retails at \$1.25.

### THE SEPTEMBER BOOK TRADE.

September promises well for the book trade, if the volume of business during the first week may be taken as an indication. The trade in school books is reported as being well ahead of last year, and there has been a good demand for fiction of all kinds. The books that have been selling quickly are Max Pemberton's "Cronstadt," "Rupert of Hentzau," S. Weir Mitchell's "Hugh Wynne," "Deeds that Won the Empire," by Rev. W. H. Fitchett; "Penelope's Experiences in Scotland," by Kate Douglas Wiggin; and Davis' last novel, "The King's Jackal." The demand for "Quo Vadis" has slackened off a little, but a good many copies are being sold still.

### CHANGE IN ENGLISH PUBLISHING CIRCLES.

August witnessed an important change in the English publishing world when the historic publishing house of R. Bentley & Son, who have been in the front rank of British publishers for many years, transferred its interests to Macmillan & Co., Limited. The two firms explain the reasons for the change in the following letters addressed to their customers:

DEAR SIR,—Having decided to retire from publishing, after many years of continuous work both as publisher and editor, and being the only surviving partner in the firm of Richard Bentley & Son, I have transferred the business, so long carried on here by myself, my father and my grandfather, to Macmillan & Co., Limited, of St. Martin's street, W.C., who will carry it on without interruption in their new premises, and with the assistance of my former staff.

I shall be obliged, therefore, if you will address any future business communications to St. Martin's street. Any remittances due for purchases, prior to August 1, 1898, can be forwarded to New Burlington street, but,

if sent to St. Martin's street (or paid to the traveler on journey), Macmillan & Co. are authorized to give a valid receipt for the same.

I am, dear sir, yours faithfully,

RICHARD BENTLEY.

New Burlington street, London, August, 1898.

DEAR SIR,—Having taken over from the 1st inst. the old-established publishing business of Messrs. Richard Bentley & Son, on the retirement of Mr. Bentley, we beg to acquaint you that all orders for the publications of that firm should in future be sent to us here.

The staff lately employed in New Burlington street are also moved to St. Martin's street, so that no inconvenience will be occasioned to correspondents of the former firm by the change.

The works in course of publication by Messrs. Bentley will appear from St. Martin's street on the same dates as were originally fixed for issue, and The Temple Bar and Argosy magazines will also be published in St. Martin's street, in the same manner as usual.

We remain, dear sir, yours faithfully,

MACMILLAN & CO., Limited.

St. Martin's street, London, W.C., August, 1898.

### TREATISES ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS.

Recent issues of The American Academy of Political and Social Science (Station B., Philadelphia), consist of the following: "Oscillations in Politics," by A. Lawrence Lowell (25c.); "Causes Affecting Railway Rates and Fares" (25c.), by Walter E. Weyl, Ph.D.; "The Relation of the Colonial System to Political Liberty," by Thomas K. Urdahl (15c.); "Sociology and Philanthropy," by Frederick Howard Wines (15c.); "The Study and Teaching of Sociology" (being the report of the annual meeting of the academy), 35c. These publications contain valuable treatises on economic subjects, and booksellers who know of persons making a collection of pamphlets, etc., might direct attention to these.

### NEW 50c. NOVELS.

The Montreal News Co. will shortly place on the market two new books: "The Cost of Her Pride," by Mrs. Alexander, and "The Lust of Hate," by Guy Boothby. Both will be paper editions and will sell at 50c. The Montreal News Co. will control both these novels for Canada.

A third edition of Marchmont's "By Right of Sword," which was numbered

among the most successful of the season's books, will be placed before the trade by The Montreal News Co. in a few weeks.

### SIR JAMES LEMOINE'S BOOK.

The reputation that Sir James M. LeMoine already enjoys as a writer of historical tales and legendary lore, is sure to be enhanced by his latest production, "The Legends of the St. Lawrence." It is a delightful collection of folk lore tales and historical sketches of early French Canada, interspersed with descriptions of scenery and sport on the mighty St. Lawrence. The stories are well told, and many of them are fascinating in their weirdness, but, apart from this, there is something very interesting in the side light that is thrown upon the quaint superstitions and strong belief in the Powers of Darkness, that seem to form part of the French-Canadian character. The author points out that many of these traditions, which are still handed down from father to son, came, originally, from the legendary lore of old France, brought here by the early colonists, centuries ago, or were told at Canadian firesides by General Burgoyne's Hessians and Brunswickers, when they were quartered upon the peasantry of the Lower St. Lawrence parishes, after the termination of the American War of Independence.

A chapter on "Songs of Old Canada" contains more than one interesting story of the old ballads which are so familiar to anyone who has lived amongst the French-Canadians. "Sunny Memories" of Sir Etienne Tache, A.D.C. to the Queen, William Randal Patton, Baron Oliva, Daniel McPherson, U.E.L., and Rev. Cure Beaubien are entertaining sketches of men who were prominent in by-gone days. Altogether, the book is worthy of a place on every bookshelf in the country, and Canadians who take any interest in the romantic early history of French rule in Canada, should not fail to read it.

C. E. Holiwell, of 161 Buade street, Quebec, is the publisher.

### NEW BOOKS BY CANADIANS.

The Toronto News Co. are offering a cloth, illustrated, tourist edition of Dr. Drummond's "Habitant" for sale at \$1 retail. This ought to have a large permanent circulation.

Hon. J. W. Longley, Attorney-General of Nova Scotia, has written a book with love as the subject. The Copp, Clark Co. will publish it next month or early in November.

"Historical Notes Concerning Queen's College, St. John's, Diocese of Newfoundland," is the title of a little illustrated book,