

## BOOK NOTES.

CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS, of Windsor, N.S., one of our most brilliant Canadian writers, has a story, entitled "The Raid from Beausejour; and How the Carter Boy Lifted the Mortgage," in the press of Hunt & Eaton, the Methodist publishing house in New York. Professor Roberts in his prose writings displays almost equal felicity with his better known poetical contributions to literature.

"Tan Tle Jum" is advertised in Laird & Lee's advertisement and reviewed in another column. Great book.

Among the Canadian books of this year to reach a second edition is Rev. John Kennedy's "Afloat for Eternity; a Pilgrim's Progress for the Times."

J. M. LeMoine, the well-known Quebec naturalist and literateur, is publishing a second series of his "Canadian Leaves."

Dr. J. H. Garner, of Lucknow, an accomplished and enthusiastic naturalist, is engaged on a work descriptive of the reptiles of Ontario and Eastern Canada.

"Triumphant Songs, No. 4," a new collection by the Chicago singer and music publisher, E. O. Excell, is announced for early issue by the Methodist Book Room.

"The Sandcliff Mystery" by S. C. Graham, is now offered by Cooper & Co. in 30-cent paper edition. When this book first appeared Hunter, Rose & Co. disposed of an edition of 1,000 copies. It is a novel of much merit.

Cooper & Co. report that the sale for "Heavenly Twins" and Stead's book on Chicago are still selling very rapidly. Mrs. Alexander's "Found Wanting" and Albert Ross' "Love at Seventy" are also selling extremely well.

Prof. L. E. Horning, of Victoria College, is contributing a series of able articles on Canadian literature to the columns of The Week. These papers had their origin in the Canadian literary evenings given at the college last winter.

A Methodist hymn and tune book will be issued in September. There will be three editions and nine bindings—a people's edition, a choir edition and an organists' edition. A large sale is assured. Wm. Briggs is the publisher.

Fisher Unwin, the London publisher of Crockett's works, announces the early publication of an edition de luxe of "The Stick Minister," in a limited edition of 250 copies, exquisitely illustrated. Five copies are to be printed on Japan paper, and sell at £5 5s net.

The Toronto News Co., with commendable enterprise, have secured the copyright and exclusive sale of the historical album of the Queen's Own Rifles, being an illustrated history of the regiment from 1856 to 1894. This book is going to have a wonderful sale,

and the first edition will be pretty well sold before Sept. 15th, the date of issue. The price will be 75 cents and \$1.

Law Wallace's "Prince of India," in its third Canadian edition, is still having a steady sale. Three editions of a two-volume story at \$2.50 is what, perhaps, no other book has attained in Canada, and may be noted as a gratifying sign of a growing taste for a better class of literature.

Nelson & Sons, the great Edinburgh publishers, have issued in a neat shilling edition J. Macdonald Oxley's "Wreckers of Sable Island." Mr. Oxley's stories are finding high favor in England, where he is looked upon as the successor to Kingston as a writer of stirring tales for boy readers.

Max O'Rell's latest book, which is to be published in September, is said to be much more of an ambitious piece of work than anything which he has previously done. It does not concern itself with the people of any especial country, but is an account of the whole Anglo-Saxon race all over the world.

The Toronto News Co. have just issued "The Pearl," by Marie Bernhardt, in paper at 50 cents. In a similar edition is "A Perfect Fool," by Florence Warden. About Sept. 1st Gilbert Parker's "Trail of the Sword" will be ready. It should sell well. These three books, in fact, are all worthy of dealers' attention.

The Methodist Book Room announces two new books by Annie S. Swan for issue about the first of October. "A Lost Ideal" is said by her English publishers to be the best thing she has written since "Maitland of Laurieston." "Airlie's Mission" is a charming little story of the influence of a noble Christian girl. The latter book will be fully illustrated.

Dr. Douglas' memorial volume of Discourses and Addresses has, within a few copies, run through the first edition. A second is being put through with despatch. The call for another edition within three months of issue speaks much not only for the respect in which the memory of the great preacher is held, but as well the high character of his public utterances here crystallized in print.

There is crying need for a good, up-to-date history of Canadian literature. Few of its people have any conception of the wealth of good literature this young country can already boast of. We have been so intent on making history that our thoughts have not much been allowed to dwell on the past. What pen, with the knowledge, taste and judgment, will give us a capable review of literary history.

There are few, if any, books which picture more graphically the condition of things existing in the early days of Canadian Methodism than does "The Experiences of a Blackwoods Preacher," in which the author,

Rev. J. H. Hiltz, relates in easy, racy style the incidents of thirty years in the Canadian Methodist itinerancy. This book is nearing the close of a second edition, and should pass through several succeeding issues. Different conditions now happily exist, but those who enjoy the privileges of these later days should not forget the sturdy pioneers to whom our country owes more than it has yet realized.

The "History of the Independent Order of Foresters," by Oronhyatekha, M.D., a book of formidable dimensions, has been issued by Hunter, Rose & Co., Toronto. The book gives an exhaustive history of the growth of the order from its inception to the present day, and is illustrated with quite unusual profuseness. The troubles which beset the order in its early days are gone into fully and openly, much of the correspondence of the officers of the order being given in full. In addition to the history of the I.O.F., the book contains a brief account of the principal sister societies.

Mr. E. Richard, a former partner of Hon. Mr. Laurier, and a member of the House of Commons, and more recently an official in the Northwest, has prepared for publication, in two volumes, a history of the Acadian people, particularly of the circumstances connected with their expulsion from Nova Scotia. The old, yet ever new, story will be told by Mr. Richard in a somewhat different manner from that of Mr. Parkman. Mr. Richard does not believe that the expulsion was necessary or that the Acadians deserved such treatment. It is said that he does not blame the Home Government, but holds the New Englanders and the Nova Scotia Governor mainly responsible.

## NEW STATIONERY.

Some handsome boxed stationery has just been opened up by Warwick Bros. & Rutter for the best trade. The colorings and quality of the papers and envelopes, their size and shape, the handsomely ornamented boxes—all combine to make these goods exceedingly taking and suitable.

The Mediæval, Athenian, Parian and Satin Twill are the leaders, and are shown in both large and small octavo and in ruled and plain.

Their stock of black bordered paper and envelopes has been augmented and reassorted.

A new thing in boxed visiting cards is seen in a flat box, about 4 x 5 inches, covered with white satin paper, containing 100 extra super, small court, thin ivory cards. The top of the box is embossed, and forms an excellent and recherche receptacle for the cards after they have left the printer's hands. The box adds nothing to the cost.

A set of royal octavo petty account books is a special feature in this line of their stock.