



NEWS FROM TRADE CENTRES



MONTREAL TRADE.

BUSINESS in the book and stationery lines in Montreal during the month has been quite satisfactory in comparison with the previous month. The Fall trade is in full swing, and in playing cards, invitation stationery, etc., there is a fairly good movement. Some handsome books have been received this month, among them being Morley's "Life of Gladstone," in three volumes. Considering the comparatively limited demand for biographical works of any sort, the demand for this book in Montreal is quite good, due in a great measure to the personality of the author, as well as to his subject.

...

"The Faith of Robert Louis Stevenson" is a new book about that most interesting character by John Kelman, Jr. The chapters are under such headings as these: "Religion and the Man," "Actor and Preacher," "The Gift of Vision" and "Sympathy and Appreciation." Lovers of Stevenson's writings usually extend their admiration to the man, judging by the ready sale which all books about him receive. "Old Quebec," by Gilbert Parker, is selling well. Kipling's "The Five Nations," has also been one of the selling books of the month.

...

A very handsome book is "Backgrounds of Literature," by Hamilton Wright Mabie. This is an exceedingly interesting volume, illustrated with five photo engravings of landscapes and scenes made famous by the greatest authors. "The Lake Country and Wordsworth," for instance, forms one chapter. "The Washington Irving Country" is another. "Two Country Walks in Canada," by Arnold Haultain, is a small book, artistically bound and printed. As its title indicates, it is descriptive of Canadian life and scenery under our varied climate.

...

"The Land of the Heather," by Clifford Johnson; "The Martyr Graves of Scotland," by Rev. J. H. Thomson, and "A Literary History of England," by J. H. Millar, are three new Scottish books which are receiving considerable attention from the Montreal public.

...

Howard Pyle's book, "Rejected of Men," has not sold any too well in Montreal. Two other books from Harper's, "The Relentless City," by C. F. Benson, and "Hesper," by Hamlin Garland, have done a little better.

...

"The Hansel and the Sage," by Eleanor Glyn, is doing very well. Another children's book by Laura E. Richard has appeared in time for the Christmas trade. It is "More Five Minute Stories," illustrated and printed in large type.

...

Of Joseph Hocking's "A Flame of Fire," much good is spoken. The paper edition is in fair demand.

A new magazine, the "Independent Review," is out. It is devoted to advanced theological thought.

ENGLISH BOOK NOTES.

THE leading books of the day in popular fiction on the London market are "Barlusch of the Guard," by H. S. Merriman; "Place and Power," by E. T. Fowler; "The Mettle of the Pasture," by James Lane Allen; and "The Call of the Wild," by Jack London.

Morley's "Life of Gladstone" has enjoyed enormous sales. The publishers announce that the demand is unprecedented in the history of political biography.

Miss Beatrice Harraden's new novel, "Katharine Frencham," has just made its appearance. The scenes are laid in England and Norway.

The title of Mr. A. T. Quiller-Couch's new novel is "Hetty Wesley." It was brought out by Harper & Brothers, on the 7th inst.

Methuen & Co., are to publish an English edition of Dumas' novels, some 70 in number. The price is 6d. per volume in paper and 2s. 6d. in cloth.

The English Bookman for October is a splendid double Shakespearean number, replete with choice illustrations and invaluable to students of the great dramatist.

George Newnes, Limited, will shortly publish in their thin paper classics, Boswell's "Life of Johnson" (2 volumes).

"Through Canada in Harvest Time" is the title of a timely work by Mr. James Lumsden, which was published by T. Fisher Unwin, on October 26.

Blackie & Son, of Edinburgh, are bringing out a Library of Great Novelists. The series includes among others, "Jane Eyre," "The Newcombes," "John Halifax, Gentleman," "Westward Ho," "David Copperfield," and several others.

Cassell & Co. announce pocket editions of Robert Louis Stevenson's "Kidnapped" and "Catriona."

NEW YORK NOTES.

STEWART EDWARD WHITE is at present in New York collaborating with the actor, Robert Edeson, in the dramatization of "Conjuror's House," in which the latter is to appear early in January.

The publication of Henry Harland's new Italian novel, "My Friend Prospero," has been postponed until next Spring. It is expected that it will eclipse the author's first favorite, "The Cardinal's Snuff-Box."

Best selling books in New York at the beginning of the month ranked as follows: "Wings of the Morning," "Mettle of the Pasture," "The Long Night," "Pigs in Clover," "Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," and "Maids of Paradise."

The Macmillan Co., publishers of Morley's "Gladstone," are said to be contemplating an issue of the work in parts, so great has been the demand for the book.