

Holiday Attractions.

ALTHOUGH the various Toronto book establishments present, at this season of the year, their most attractive side, still none are more worthy of mention than the Fleming H. Revell Company, corner of Temperance and Yonge streets.

Special holiday publications this year, we learn from London and New York authorities, are less numerous than for many preceding years, yet a visit to the F. H. Revell Co. would certainly lead us to conclude that these statements were erroneous. Passing by the many tables that groan beneath a weight of attractive standard and holiday publications, one cannot help noticing the large variety of calendars, notably "Our Little Ones" Calendar, which is neatly arranged, three months to a page, with appropriate verses and illustrations, and the Children's Calendar, with special Bible texts for each day in the year, which is so attractive that the little ones would consider it a pleasure to memorize these precious words from day to day. The International Lessons for 1895 is also put up in convenient form, a package of twelve illuminated cards with the lessons and subjects printed upon the back. Among the Xmas cards might be specially mentioned a collection of twelve, known as the Pure and Steadfast Package. "From season to season" is a larger calendar, arranged in the same manner as the one for the little folks, selling at 25 cents. The variety of books for the young is particularly large and attractive, one's attention being specially called to the "Good Shepherd" or "The Life of Our Saviour" for little children, profusely illustrated and printed in large clear type, price 50 cents.

Passing on to the books suited for the older members of the family, there are some half dozen worthy of special notice, among the foremost of which is an attractive little volume by Fanny B. Bates "Between the Lights," being a collection of thoughts for quiet hours, comprising a verse of Scripture and selection of both prose and poetry from some of the world's great minds, for each day in the year. This book is published by A. D. F. Randolph & Co., of New York, but controlled by the Revells. Miss Rose Porter's new book, "A Gift of Peace," selling at \$1.25, is a most attractive little gift and has tastefully arranged selections from the writings of eminent divines and religious poets for each day in the year.

Mrs. Isabella B. Bishop's new book, "Among the Tibetans," would make an exceedingly useful Xmas gift. Although this is Mrs. Bishop's latest work, it has all the attractiveness and originality that characterized her former writings, abounding in personal reminiscences gathered during her journey from the famed Vale of Cashmere into the mountain region. Two other little books should not be overlooked by the thoughtful mother when selecting a gift for some member of the family, and of these we will first mention "Before he is Twenty," a

neat little volume, handsomely bound. In this volume Mr. Robt. J. Burdette contributes an essay on "The Father and His Boy," next "When He Decides," is treated by Frances Hodgson Burnett, phase three, "The Boy in the Office" is contributed by our old friend, Edward W. Bok, while Mrs. Burton Harrison writes a most intelligent article on "The Boy's Evenings and Amusements," the concluding chapter, "Looking Toward a Wife," is written by Mrs. Lyman Abbott. This little work, selling for 50 cents, should be in the hands of every parent and their sons.

In conclusion let us mention, "At Mother's Knee," by Rev. J. M. P. Oates, D.D., being a series of useful hints and reminders to the mother of her duties. Besides these recent publications, the Revell Co. have an unusually complete stock of standard works, and the book-lover should not pass their door without paying them a visit.

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