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"A Gentleman Player," all were successful books.

Dr. Rand's "Treasury of Canadian Verse" will be ready by about May 15. The book has created extraordinary interest, and is bound to have a large sale. The publisher reports that rarely has he received so many inquiries and orders in advance as have come since he announced this book. "R.V.," in his column in The Montreal Gazette, suggests that the book would be a suitable gift to our soldiers in South Africa, and proceeds to observe: "Whether during the interval of rest from march or combat, or the weary hours of captivity or convalescence, the 'Treasury' would be rich in solace, and create links of association with old scenes both strong and tender. Our belief is that the volume is of quality so uniformly high, though varied in subject, that it will do in letters what the heroic spirit of our young men has accomplished in warfare—it will seize and hold the attention of our fellow-citizens of the Empire until they have formed a true estimate of us."

William Briggs, who had the Canadian market for Lounsbury and Rowan's "Guide to the Wild Flowers," a most popular book on the beautiful "wildings of the wood," announces that he has had the good fortune to secure the market for a new work by the

same authors, entitled "A Guide to the Trees." A work of this sort, with its splendid series of illustrations, should prove very popular in Canada, where trees are vastly more abundant than is information about them.

A new series of popular biographies is being published by Andrew Melrose. The first is that of Field Marshal Lord Roberts, by Horace G. Groser. The price is 35c. The sale of this is being pushed by William Briggs.

Three new books of sacred music are being published in Canadian editions. A new one by E. O. Excell, entitled "Make His Praise Glorious," is sure of a popular sale. An excellent collection by Rev. Hugh E. Smith, entitled "Melodies of Salvation," will be in great demand. The third is "White Lilies," issued by The Echo Music Co., a house noted for the excellence of its musical publications.

A new writer comes to claim attention. Jas. A. Wickersham, an American, is the man, and his story, "Enoch Willoughby," is announced as one of high merit. Its characters are portrayed with sympathy, knowledge and humor, and the whole book is racy of the soil of the Middle West a generation ago. The Canadian edition will be published shortly.

A Canadian edition of Bram Stoker's

"Dracula" will appear this month. The author has produced a strong and dramatic story of a human vampire, which has attracted wide attention in England and America. Many competent critics have pronounced it the most daringly successful work of imagination that has seen the light for some time. It is not a story for people with weak nerves, who are afraid of the gruesome.

THE PUBLISHERS' SYNDICATE'S BOOKS.

An important book deal has just been made, whereby the well-known Publishers' Syndicate, Limited, 51 Yonge street, Toronto, become sole Canadian agents for the very popular religious publications of Messrs. T. & T. Clark, Edinburgh. The arrangement will be of much convenience to Canadian buyers of the Messrs. Clark's books, which have a very wide sale throughout the Dominion. The Publishers' Syndicate last week issued the first volume of a series now being published by Messrs. T. & T. Clark, under the title of "The World's Epoch-makers." The series will be one of much literary and historical value. The first volume, just now out, deals with "Cranmer and the English Reformation." Following it will shortly be ready "Wesley and Methodism," by F. J. Snell, M.A. (Oxon); "Buddha and Buddhism," by Arthur Little,