



NEWS FROM TRADE CENTRES



MONTREAL BOOK TRADE.

THE Christmas book trade in Montreal was on the whole, good, though one or two dealers have observed that there was rather more demand for the medium priced goods than for the expensive lines, than was the case last year. The demand for sets and works of two or three volumes was also not as good as it might have been. There have been no startling arrivals in the book line on this market, though several of the latest novels have sold very well. The Christmas annuals and all books for children sold as usual. New editions of the favorite "old timers" also reappeared and met with a fairly good demand.

Elinor Glyn's odd book "The Damsel and the Sage," was a favorite Christmas gift apparently, judging by sales. "The Way of the Sea," another of Norman Duncan's books, dealing with the Newfoundland fisher folk, published in November, met with a ready sale. Mr. Duncan's books are well appreciated in Montreal.

Of new books there are very few that deserve mention. "The Heart of Hyacinth," another Japanese story by Onoto Watanna, promises to do very well. Another book dealing with Japan is published by McClure, Phillips & Co. The author is Clarence Ludlow Brownell and he tells interestingly of his trip through Japan. He gives some amusing examples of Japanese merchants' struggles in English. Over a drug store was the sign "Ramune Soda" for lemon soda; "Sasupre" did duty for sarsaparilla; "zinzukiza" was an attempt at ginger beer; while for ginger ale the nearest approach was "jingiyae-l." A barber's sign said "To shave or dress hairs away" and a butcher's "cowmeat and pigmeat."

"The Reign of Queen Isyl," by Gelett Burgess and Will Irwin, is of recent appearance and novel enough to create interest. "Sea Scamps," by Dr. Henry C. Rowland is a good "book of the month."

TORONTO.

Tables of the contents of "The Canadian Annual Review" for 1903 have appeared in the form of Specimen Pages. The Review will contain a most exhaustive account of Canadian history and progress during 1903. Mr. J. Castell Hopkins, the editor, has been indefatigable in his researches and the result of his labors will prove a valuable addition to literature on Canada. (Annual Review Publishing Co. \$3.00).

Morang & Co., Limited, are the Canadian publishers of Eden Phillpott's new novel "The American Prisoner," a romance of the west country.

Melwood & Allen announce for publication the end of this month "The Real Diary of a Real Boy," by Henry

A. Shute and the new automobile story "The Lightning Conductor," by C. N. & A. M. Williamson, and have on press second large editions of "The Little Shepherd of Kingdom Come," by John Fox, Jr., and "The Wings of the Morning," by Louis Tracey.

NEW YORK NEWS.

Among the first novels of the year may be reckoned Ellen Glasgow's "The Deliverance," which Doubleday, Page & Co. are announcing.

Eden Phillpott's new novel "The American Prisoner" will be published about the middle of the month by the MacMillan Co. The scene is laid in the west country at the time of the American Revolution.

McClure, Phillips & Co. announce for immediate publication Henry Harland's sparkling Italian romance, "My Friend Prospero."

Mrs. Burton Harrison's new novel, "Sylvia's Husband," is to be published shortly by D. Appleton & Co.

The publication of Mr. Winston Churchill's novel, "The Crossing" has been postponed by the MacMillan Company until this month.

LONDON BOOK NOTES.

The autobiography of the late Herbert Spencer will in all probability be made public in the Fall. Its appearance is being awaited with much interest.

Rider Haggard's new novel entitled "Stella Fregeles" is announced for publication in February by Longman & Co.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling is at present paying his annual visit to South Africa, where he occupies the house provided for him by the late Cecil Rhodes.

It is announced that Mr. John Morley will visit America in the Autumn of 1904. He is to deliver the opening address at the Technical College in Pittsburg.

Mr. Frank T. Bullen's new novel is to be entitled "Sea Paritans" and will appear during the Spring.

The best-selling fiction on the London market includes "The Relentless City," by E. F. Benson, "Barlasech of the Guard," by H. S. Merriman, "Hetty Wesley," by A. T. Quiller-Couch, and "A Passage Perilous," by Rosa N. Carey.

The Christmas number of the Bookman is remarkably strong in every respect. Four separate mounted photographs of J. M. Barrie, Thomas Hardy, Rudyard Kipling, and George Meredith accompany it, while its pages are devoted to illustrated notices of Christmas books.

Mr. Gilbert Dalziel has just retired from the editorship and proprietorship of "Ally Sloper's Half Holiday," which paper he founded in May, 1884.