

to truth, an exciting football story, with the roar of the bleachers in it, a story of a Texas cowboy and his subjugation by a little half-Mexican wife, and a tale of a complication between a typical club man and a goured newspaper writer, under the title, *The Rich Fool and the Clever Pauper*.

The Canadian Magazine is doing wonderfully well just now. The Christmas number was undoubtedly one of the best things ever given to Canadian magazine readers. January is to hand with some excellent articles. Newsdealers should give this monthly the fullest possible advantage in the matter of display and advertising. It is one of the few signs which show that Canadians take an interest in literature.

The Christmas number of *Toilettes* has as a frontispiece a large photo-engraving of the Rt. Hon. the Countess of Aberdeen, the wife of Canada's Governor-General. The whole number was exceedingly good, and many newsdealers found a profitable sale for it. At \$1.50 a year it is a paper which suits the purses of the ladies.

Gilbert Parker supplies the opening chapters of a serial story in January Lippincott's, *The Trespasser*, which will run through six numbers of the magazine. It deals with a Canadian of high family, who comes from a wild and wandering life to take his rightful place in England, and is of uncommon force and interest. This story should help Canadian newsdealers to extend their list of subscribers.

Francis Parkman's remarkably heroic and fruitful career is the subject of a careful study by the Rev. Julius H. Ward in *McClure's Magazine* for January. A series of portraits of Mr. Parkman, and numerous pictures of his house, library, and so on, add greatly to the attractiveness of the article.

*McClure's Magazine* for January will contain short stories by Mrs. Louise Chandler Moulton, I. Zangwill and Gilbert Parker.

#### THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

FROM many towns comes the report of an increased holiday trade. Stratford, London, Hamilton, Galt, Ottawa, and many other Ontario towns, have happy dealers. Toronto is unhappy. Collections are very, very bad, owing to the destructive competition waged between the big store and the small one. The North-west trade has been fairly good. Maritime Province trade, so far as heard from, is average. The Quebec trade can be seen from our Montreal correspondent.

Collections are nearly equal to last year. One or two houses report better terms than last year—E. G. Nerlich & Co. and Warwick Bros. & Rutter; while one or two report more requests for renewals. On the whole, collections can be said to be equal to last year, with a few weak spots exposed.

The situation is decidedly better than the wholesalers had anticipated.

#### BOOK NOTES.

W. J. GAGE has secured an interim copyright of the book called "Reality vs. Romance," or "A Journey Through South Central Africa," by Jas. Johnston, M.D.

The December number of *BOOKS AND NOTIONS* was full of book news that will be good for two months yet. Preserve it.

Cooper & Co., 11 Front west, Toronto, are pushing F. T. Neely's "Parliament of Religions." It is in one volume of over 1,000 pages, is well illustrated, and retails at \$2.50.

We have received the winter catalogue of the Fleming H. Revell Co. In its neat form, splendidly arranged contents and index, the bookbuyer finds a book-lover's catalogue. Ever increasing (the additions during 1893 numbering 175 titles), the list still maintains its high standard and adds only such books as are of true worth.

Cooper & Co. are handling "A Tennessee Judge," by Opie Reid, from the press of Laird & Lee. This book was reviewed in last month's issue. They also report a continued demand for Benson's "Dodo" and Savage's "Life and Love."

Mr. S. B. Gundy, the genial manager of the wholesale department of the Methodist Book and Publishing House, sailed on the 30th ult. for England to appropriate for his house as much of the "cream" as he may capture in the European market. There are few who know the needs of the Canadian book trade better than does Mr. Gundy, and as he is an intelligent and shrewd buyer, the trade may look to seeing a very choice range of samples shown by the Book Room travelers in the spring.

The Fleming H. Revell Company announce as ready the following new books. *The Way Into the Holiest*, an Exposition of Hebrews; *Key Words to the Inner Life*, both by Rev. F. B. Meyer; *Everyday Religion*, by Hannah Whitall Smith, author of *Christian's Secret of a Happy Life*; *Bible Studies for 1894*, by Rev. Geo. F. Pentecost, D.D.; *Jesus Himself*, by Rev. Andrew Murray; *The Young Preacher*, by Rev. T. L. Cuyler, D.D.; *The Divine Unity of Scripture*, by Rev. Adolph Saphir.

The issue of 40,000 copies of Nattress's "Physiology and Temperance" within three months is rather remarkable, and should gratify author and publisher alike. Dr. Nattress certainly made a happy hit in this little work. Not only is it an excellent school text-book, but the preparation of such common-sense chapters as "First Aids to the Sick and Injured" and "How to Prevent Disease" make it invaluable in the home. No doubt also the agitation over the Plebiscite movement helped to swell the sales. The N. Y. National Temperance Advocate refers to this book as "one of the best books of its class that has yet appeared in any country." The book has been recommend-

ed by the Minister of Education of British Columbia for use in the public schools of that province.

The Methodist Book and Publishing House are at work on a third edition of Lew Wallace's "Prince of India," the demands of the holiday trade having exhausted the second edition. This is good book-selling, and does not look as though hard times were so severely felt after all. Lew Wallace, if he can always score such successes as *Ben Hur* and *Prince of India*, can well afford to write leisurely. These two books are among the world's best books, and are sufficient in themselves to secure to the author a place among "the immortals."

An artistically-designed booklet has just been issued, containing a collection of the tuneful verse of Mr. Alan Sullivan, a talented young Canadian who, though his training has been scientific, courts the muse with most pleasing effect. Mr. Sullivan, who is the son of Bishop Sullivan, has already submitted his work to the test of public criticism, and the result has been most gratifying to himself. The present collection—"Venice and Other Verse"—embodies a wide range of subjects, the treatment of which shows the author to be possessed of the true poetic genius.

A constant spectator at every fire in New York city, and a frequent visitor at the engine houses of the department of New York, is James L. Ford, the author of "Hypnotic Tales." Mr. Ford has written a book for boys on the subject, which is called "The Third Alarm." The story gives full descriptions of the arrangements and equipments of what is acknowledged to be the best fire department in the world; so that any boy, after having read it, will be able to signal a fire, to mount a truck, and, if necessary, to man a hose. Mr. Frank N. Gregory has made some spirited drawings for this record of the adventures of a New York boy. It was published by Brentano's in time for the holidays.

"Through Evangeline's Country." This is the title of a finely-printed and profusely-illustrated volume—a description of the land of Evangeline, of which every Nova Scotian is justly proud. The writer is Jeannette A. Grant; the publishers, Joseph Knight & Co., Boston. Along with graphic descriptions of the country are given many interesting historical statements and reminiscences of the Acadians. The book opens with a bit of Acadian history. Then follow racy pen pictures of "The Border Land"—Yarmouth, St. Mary's Bay, Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Valley, Cornwallis Valley, and Grand Pre. There is also a neat map of Western Nova Scotia, and thirty-six illustrations.

Pentecost's *Bible Studies on the International S. S. Lessons* comes to us this year greatly improved in the matter of mechanical production. Commencing as it does with the volume for 1894 a new series of the