



The death is announced of Mr. T. N. Hibben, of T. N. Hibben & Co., Victoria B. C.

The stationery stock belonging to Max Burkenroad was purchased by J. R. Wolf at 45 cents on the dollar.

Mr. W. M. Lowery, of the firm of Lowery Bros., stationers, Petrolea, was married on the 14th inst. to Miss M. Mary E. McPherson, youngest daughter of Geo. S. McPherson, Esq., Petrolea.

Mr. Watson, manager of the Willard Tract Depository, is now in Europe buying for the coming season's trade. The Depository's new catalogue will be out in a week, and will be mailed to any address enquiries are received from.

We regret to announce in this number the death of Rev. Robert Lwing, book and stationery dealer, Collingwood. He was taken ill suddenly. The doctors in attendance pronounced his case to be influenza. The rev. gentleman gradually grew worse and died on the 15th inst.

The most recherche little pocket calendars we have seen are those got out by the Toronto News Company. They are just the size to slip into the compartment of a wallet or a lady's pocket-book. They fold once, and, though smaller, externally resemble the most dainty of hall programmes.

The friends of Mr. A. E. Huestis, for the past six years with the Methodist Publishing House, will regret to learn that he is leaving Toronto. He goes to Halifax as manager of the Methodist Book Room there, of which his father, Rev. S. F. Huestis is the Book Steward. BOOKS AND NOTIONS wishes him every success in his new position.

In this issue Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, announce a reduction in price of their standard lines of note paper, so well known to the trade, being the "Queen Anne," "Windsor" and "Windsor Vellum." These goods have always held a leading place, and the firm claims that at the prices now asked they are positively the best value in the market.

Mr. W. H. Buckley, Niagara Falls, has got into his new store, and is to be congratulated on the array of bound books, stationery, and notions he has displayed. Mr. Buckley is a young man with experience and taste for his business. His is the only book and stationery store in the town, and he has a well merited trade, as his present premises and well assorted stock amply testify.

"Sacred Songs and Solos" is a new hymn book compiled by Ira D. Sankey. It contains 750 pieces, selected from a variety of sources, and expressive of all the moods of religious

feeling. The book is published in many different forms, with or without the music. Every description in which it is issued can be had at the Willard Tract Depository, Toronto, which is the sole agency in this country for the sale of the book.

"The Kettle-Drum"—a military parade, by Paul Sohmer; "My Heart's Delight"—polka, by M. Martin. "Forget-me-not"—valse, by Florence Fare; these three pieces are the creditable additions to Canadian pianoforte music which Messrs. Suckling & Sons have published since our last issue. The trade has already transferred a large part of the present edition to the music-loving homes of the country.

Gilbert & Sullivan's latest opera, the Gondoliers, is now being got out by the Anglo-Canadian Music Publishers' Association (Limited), 13 Richmond St., W., Toronto. The libretto they have already published, and a creditable issue of their press it is. The vocal score will be out in the second or third week in February. It will be published simultaneously in London, Toronto and New York. The prices are, for vocal score \$1, pianoforte solo, 75c., and libretto 25c.

Messrs. Whaley, Royce & Co. report an improved trade on last season's, as they now do two and a half times the business they did then. Their hand instrument department is kept very busy, and they have added a new feature to their business, viz., music engraving. Their trade with the Maritime Provinces has been greatly developed this winter. The abundant snow there enables trade to go normally on its course. Messrs. Whaley, Royce & Co. have sold a very large number of their Zimmerman autoharps.

Many of our readers will learn with regret of the death at the early age of thirty-six of Mr. Fred. H. Moody, a well known traveller for the Willard Tract Depository. Mr. Moody had made himself a favorite with the trade throughout the extent of the territory he travelled over. He was in the service of the Depository for just a year, having before that time travelled for a fancy goods trade. He was an Englishman, and a prominent member of the Sons of England. He leaves a wife and two young children. The cause of his death was congestion of the lungs, from which he suffered but three days before the fatal termination of the disease. He was interred in Kingston.

St. Valentine's day will be here in a fortnight and from the interest already manifested by the trade, both at home and abroad, it is evident that there will be a great revival this year of the traditional custom of sending special greetings. Publishing houses, whose prestige qualifies them to introduce or rehabilitate a fashion, have gone into the making of valentines for this year on a large scale. Taste has run considerably in the direction of lace goods, and the grotesque element has been largely neglect-

ed. Prices run generally in the regions of low figures, from one cent to twenty-five, although costly ones are to be had, up to \$10. The styles and varieties of the valentines that will be in favor this year are tastefully exhibited by the Toronto News Company in their valentine catalogue for 1890. It should be in the hands of the trade throughout the country. Its get-up is a very charming embodiment of the ideas that usually pervade and brighten the valentine season.

The Toronto News Company has in a choice lot of Easter cards, of which the trade should know something before laying in their season's stock. The designs and the finish of these cards should make the missive observance of the coming Easter exceedingly popular. We think the trade should be able to make more out of the fashion of sending Easter cards than they do. They are goods that require but little persuasive art to induce customers to buy them. The same firm has also got in a new line of birthday, condolence, memorial and correspondence cards. These last, we are astonished to find, are not more commonly handled here. Dealers themselves are to blame that they are not, for the cards themselves have a strong hold in the circles of elegance and taste in England. They are intended to be used for writing short notes upon to favorite friends, and are certainly a very pretty conceit. Their introduction would be a very easy matter. The Toronto News Company is also prepared now to fill spring orders for its well-known standard base-ball goods.

Messrs. Hart & Co. are now engaged in the publication of three new books, which they will have ready for the early spring trade: (1) "The New Empire," by the author of "The Irish Problem," a well known Toronto writer, is not to be a visionary or theoretic work, as we might surmise from the association of its title with the name of a current, speculative, political idea, but is to be historical. It will present an important part of imperial history in colonial perspective. (2) "The History of Presbyterianism in Ireland," by Rev. Wm. Cleland, of this city, is written specially for readers on this side of the Atlantic. It deals with a question that touches history at many points, and one that is made specially interesting at a time when the political fate of the Ulster Irish is kept hanging in the balance. (3) "The Pocket Atlas and Gazetteer of Canada," by J. G. Bartholomew,

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