

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

PUBLISHERS' SYNDICATE BOOKS.

The season of out-of-door books is again with us, and The Publishers' Syndicate, Limited, of Toronto, this month announces a strong list of publications suitable to the opening of Summer. This house has devoted special attention for some years to this delightful class of literature, and has become known as the leading Canadian publisher of Nature books.

The Syndicate leader among Nature books this month is undoubtedly Ernest Seton-Thompson's new book, "Bird Portraits." It is of quarto size, on heavy coated paper, 8½ by 12 in., and bound in green cloth. The series of bird pictures by the distinguished artist are very charming, while the accompanying descriptions have been entertainingly written by Ralph Hoffman, of the Audubon Society, one of the authors of "Bird World." Mr. Seton-Thompson's newest work will be sure to meet with a warm welcome in every part of Canada, and orders, to insure prompt shipment from the first Canadian edition, should reach The Publishers' Syndicate as early as possible, as the book is just about to issue at the time of going to press.

Other Nature books of great excellence may be found in The Publishers' Syndicate list, such as Dugmore's "Bird Homes," Margaret W. Morley's "Wasps and Their Ways," Harriet L. Keeler's "Our Native Trees" and Mrs. Dana's "Wild Flowers" and "Ferns," all of which are recognized as leaders on their subjects. Besides these may be mentioned "Flame, Electricity and the Camera," by George Hes, a new Canadian edition of which has been printed to meet the demand.

In the field of fiction, it may be mentioned that The Publishers' Syndicate has issued a second Canadian edition of Booth Tarkington's short novel, "Monsieur Beaucaire," which has had an almost unprecedented run in the United States, selling up to over 90,000 copies in a short while. The first Canadian edition was run off in about a month. This book may be recommended as a most delightful bit of fiction issued in a charming form.

The new novel by Clifford Smith, "A Daughter of Patricians," has been placed on the market during the past week by The Publishers' Syndicate, and is meeting with a rapid sale. The English reviews on the book have been excellent, and the fact that the story, in addition to being a strong tale,

deals with the phase of law involved in the Delpit case in Montreal, lends to it more than an ordinary interest. The novel is issued both in cloth and paper.

Dr. Wm. Barry, who has become famous as the author of "Arden Massiter" and "The Two Standards," has issued through The Publishers' Syndicate an Irish story, "The Wizard's Knot," which is without doubt the best thing he has done. It is a really thrilling tale, finely told and of absorbing interest, but its chief charm to the real lover of literature lies in the intimate knowledge of Irish peasant character which it displays, and in which it is certainly unequalled by any work of fiction in recent years. "The Wizard's Knot" will prove one of the most successful novels, of the higher class, to be issued this season.

"The Love Letters of Dorothy Osborne," that admirable classic of epistolary literature, is having a wide sale since the new edition was issued by The Publishers' Syndicate. Dealers should not be without some copies of this book. In fact, it may well be said that a pleasing feature of the Syndicate list is the uniform high character of the publications offered to the Canadian reading public by this enterprising company.

MORANG & CO.'S NEW LIST.

Morang & Co. announce the early publication of "Five Years of My Life," the appearance of which is exciting so much interest in Europe and the United States at present. Here we have for the first time from the pen of the chief actor in the Dreyfus tragedy a plain circumstantial record of the sort of treatment he received from his captors and the persecution on the lonely island in the midst of the inhospitable sea. The aspect of sincerity is on every page and the book will do much to place Dreyfus in his right position before the world. It is illustrated with several interesting half tone cuts, besides plans and sketches, which add greatly to the value of the volume. It goes without saying that this book will be a great seller.

The trade has responded to the advertisements and newspaper criticism of "The Visits of Elizabeth" and the result has been to stimulate a large sale which will not be interfered with by the cheap and imperfect piratical reprint which a few minor booksellers have thought it worth their while to try and sell.

"The Octopus" is proving its great

interest as a book by the demand for it which has at once sprung up in the trade. It is recognized as of exceptional strength and as possessing the requisites to make it an important feature of the year's book trade. Members of the trade will find it to their advantage to handle this book as it is sure to make a name for itself in the immediate future. The fight against a powerful railway monopoly exactly reproduces the attitude of mind of a great many persons in Canada. It is a long story with plenty of vim, and is realistic without coarseness.

Mr. Bain's new edition of "The Travels and Adventures of Alexander Henry" is one of the most strikingly handsome pieces of bookmaking that we remember to have seen in this or any other country. It sells for \$3.50 net. It is a necessity to every Canadian collection. Henry's travels are vivid and interesting and the book is therefore something far more than a work of antiquarian value.

Morang & Co. are adding another new volume to their educational series. It is "Concerning Children," by Charlotte Perkins Gilman, author of "Women and Economics" and other works. The book aims at discoursing in a pleasant incisive way upon the training of the mind and character of children. It has all the serious philosophy, keen wit and clever satire of this author's other books, and is not only of special value to teachers and all those concerned in education, but has a great attraction for mothers of families. It sells at \$1.25.

W. J. GAGE & CO.'S LIST.

W. J. Gage & Co. have made a great hit in securing "God's Puppets," by Imogen Clark. It is a most fascinating novel and a book among books. The first American edition was just off the press two days and a second large edition was immediately printed. We cannot do better than quote the following: "W. J. Rolfe, of Cambridge, Mass., the well-known Shakespearean editor and author, has written Imogen Clark high praise of her beautiful story, 'God's Puppets.'" The following extract is published with permission: "Just a line to tell you how much I have enjoyed your novel. When I found time to take it up I couldn't lay it aside for work that I ought to be doing, and I finished it at two sittings. It is a masterly work, better than I anticipated, measuring your ability by what I had already seen of your books and magazine matter. It is far ahead of the 'Little Lad,' admirable and charming as that was in its way. It ought to have a large sale, but nowadays it isn't the best