

THE NEW ENGLISH FICTION.

A PARTIAL LIST OF POPULAR NOVELS—THE WAR AND TRADE—SOME
TIMELY PUBLICATIONS.

LONDON, October 25.

OF the making of novels there is no end, and much reviewing of them is a weariness to the flesh. The sixpenny reprint trade, which flourished so well during the Summer months, has given way to the sale of new six-shilling novels. The booksellers are inclined to think that the cheap reprint is a Summer fancy, and will be renewed when the season for vacations and holiday trips comes around again. We shall see. The number of them sold at railway stalls to tourists and trippers certainly indicates their popularity. Concerning several eminent novelists interesting remarks are made. Mr. J. M. Barrie will, it is said, be a Liberal candidate at the next general election in some Scotch constituency. Mr. Rider Haggard will not, report says, again be a candidate. He is shortly to visit Cyprus, Egypt and Palestine, with a book of travels in prospect. Mr. Kipling has promised to visit Scotland during the coming Winter, and lecture to a society of college students. Dr. Conan Doyle has been dabbling in verse, and wrote a poem on the war. The subject of Gissing's new tale is a modern romance, a love story. I subjoin a list of recently published and forthcoming novels:

"Resolved to be Rich", by E. H. Cooper—Duckworth.
"The Young Master of Hyson Hall", by F. R. Stockton—Chatto.
"A Honeymoon's Eclipse", by Sarah Tytler—Chatto.
"To Have and to Hold", by Mary Johnston—Constable.
"The Odds and the Evens", by L. T. Meade—Chambers.
"Light of the Morning", by L. T. Meade—Chambers.
"Robert Orange", by John Oliver Hobbes—(Not yet issued).
"The Hum in Interest", by Violet Hunt—Methuen.
"Wine on the Lees", by J. A. Stewart—Hutchison.
"Red Pottage", by Mary Cholmondeley—Arnold.
"The Doctor", by St. de Vere Stapoole—Unwin.
"The Evolution of Daphne", by Alex. McMillan—Greening.
"Mora: One Woman's History", by T. W. Speight—Greening.
"The White Terror", by Felix Gras—Heinemann.
"The Colossus", by Morley Roberts—Arnold.
"Valda Hanem", by Daisy Hugh Price—Macmillan.
"Via Crucis", by Marian Crawford—Macmillan.
"An Adventuress", by L. T. Meade—Chatto.
"Young April", by Egerton Castle—Macmillan.
"The Transgressors", by Rosalie Masson—Hodder.
"A Son of Erin", by Annie S. Swan—Hutchison.

"A Fair Imperialist", by V. J. Leatherdale—Unwin.
"The Alabaster Box", by Sir Henry Besant—(Serial).
"Pabo the Priest", by Rev. Baring Gould—Methuen.
"A Sailor's Bride", by Guy Boothby—White.
"Adam Grigson", by Mrs. Henry de la Pasture—Smith Elder.
"The Shadow of the Bear", by Headon Hill—Pearson.
"Purple and Fine Linen", by Wm. Thgoth—Casell.
"The Stepmother", by Mrs. Alexander—White.
"The Tower of Dago", by Maurus Jobai Sands.
"The Greatest Gift", by A. W. Marchmont—White.
"The Red Kat's Daughter", by Guy Boothby—Ward.
"Sword and Assegni", by Anna Howorth—Smith Elder.
"On Trial", by Zack—Blackwood.
"The Don and the Undergraduate", by W. E. W. Collins—Blackwood.
"Mrs. Dunbar's Secret", by Alan St. Aubyn—Chatto.
"In a State of Nature", by Alfred Clark—Sampson Low.
"His Darling Sin", by Miss Braddon—Simpkin.
"A Passing Fancy", by Mrs. Lovett Cameron—Long.
"The Touchstone", by Helen Shipton—Robuster.

Fear has been expressed in trade circles that the outbreak of war at the Cape would interfere with the book trade by people devoting most of their leisure to reading newspapers. The fear so far has proved unfounded. The book dealers report a good business. As may be seen in the case of novels, the number of new books announced by the publishers is very large for the Autumn season, and all departments besides fiction, namely, history, biography, travel, belles-letters, juvenile literature, poetry, etc., are well represented. With reference to the war itself, here are a few recent or forthcoming works having a direct or general relation to the subject:

"Stanford's New Scale Map of South Africa", 15 Colled in cover.
"The Armies of the World", by G. S. Jerrain, 3s. 6d.—Lawrence & Bullen.
"South African Recollections", by Mrs. Lionel Phillips, 7s. 6d.—Longmans.
"Uganda in Revolt and the Macdonald Expedition", by Lieut.-Col. Macdonald—Arnold.
"The Transvaal From Within", by J. P. Fitzpatrick, 10s. net—Heinemann.
"The Imperial Russian Navy", by Fred L. Jane—Thacker.

The 15th edition of "Men of the Time" will shortly appear. It was begun in 1852 as a volume of 400 pp., and the new issue will run to 1,300 pp. and contain 3,393 biographies.

W. P. Livingstone is writing "Black Jamaica" (Sampson Low; 6s.), a book setting forth the part taken by the missionaries during the emancipation period in that colony.

The three new stories by Mr. Henty are: "Won by the Sword," a tale of the 30 Years' War; "A Roving Commission, or Through the Black Insurrection of Hayti"; "No Surrender," a tale of the Rising in La Vendee. The first two are 6s. books, the last 5s.

Jerrold & Co. are issuing an English edition of "The Golden Dog," by William Kirby, of Canada.

The new volume in the Victoria Era Series is "British Foreign Missions."

TRADE NEWS.

J. A. Hanratty is starting business as stationer, etc., in Ottawa.

J. C. Chamberlain is starting as stationer, men's furnisher, etc., in Ottawa.

V. E. Lynn & Co., stationers, Ailsa Craig, Ont., are giving up business.

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