

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

NEW WORKS IN FICTION.

IN chatting with Mr. Copp, of the Copp, Clark Co. (who has returned from his vacation in renewed health), THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER heard this week the current news of the trade in fiction. It is gratifying to learn, in the first place, that these publishers are just going to press with another, the sixth, edition of Gilbert Parker's "Seats of the Mighty," so successful has this Canadian story by a Canadian writer been in the Canadian market.

A second edition of Davis' "Soldiers of Fortune" is coming out, and the book is going well, as it is also in England. Dumaurier's "Martian" is selling steadily, and while it may never have the rush sales of "Trilby," yet the probability is that in the long run as many people will read it.

A new novel called "Scarlet and Steel," by E. Livingston Prescott, a military tale full of lively incident, is much in favor just now, while popularity is predicted for "Lazarus, A Tale of the Earth's Great Miracle," by Lucas Cleeve.

Grant Allen's "African Millionaire" continues to be a favorite with Canadian readers. "Beyond the Pale" is another charming book, by Mrs. B. M. Croker, whose stories of Irish and Indian life are appreciated in Canada. A book that seems to have a future is "Mr. Peters," by Riccardo Stephens, author of "The Cruciform Mark." Mrs. Campbell's Praed's "Nulma," her latest novel, is in paper at 50c. On the whole, the season is marked by some good strong novels.

SOUTH AFRICA AND ARMENIA.

Two books dealing with questions of international interest are just in the Copp, Clark Co.'s. One is "Boers and Little Englanders; the Story of the Conventions," by John Procter, barrister-at-law, London, (cloth, \$1.25.) The other is "Letters from Armenia," by Rendel Harris and Helen Harris (cloth, \$2), a work that has been highly spoken of by the English critics.

CLEMENT'S HISTORY OF CANADA.

The new school history of Canada written by W. H. P. Clement, of Toronto, and authorized by the Dominion History Committee, is now being sold throughout the country. The principal publishers are William Briggs and the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, with the following publishers for the other provinces: J. & A. McMillan, St. John; W. Drysdale & Co., Montreal; Consolidated Stationery Co., Limited, Winnipeg, and T. N. Hibben & Co., Victoria. The book is now in much demand, being used in

British Columbia, the Northwest, Manitoba, Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. Ultimately it will be used also in Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island. From the literary standpoint it is a lively narrative of the history of all Canada, and displays a unity of design not conspicuous in previous school histories of the Dominion. Although much condensed it never degenerates into mere dreary recital of facts. As a specimen of book-making it is a creditable production, there being numerous illustrations and maps. There is a capital index. Apart from the sales for school purposes, it seems to us that Mr. Clement's little book will also be much prized for family use, as no other work of the same scope and price is equally valuable for reference. The dealer should make a point of reminding parents whose children are not yet old enough to require the book at school, that its use at home will help them later on. In fact, every Canadian home should have its talks on national history.

CATALOGUE OF HYMN BOOKS, ETC.

The Copp, Clark Co., have issued a very neat catalogue on stiff paper of hymn and tune books, giving the various hymnals of all the churches in all editions and bindings, with net prices, so as to make up a catalogue of 12 pages. Those dealers who have not received one should write for one.

SOME NOTES FROM BOSTON.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. will shortly add to their list of students' editions Thoreau's Walden and Cranch's translation of Virgil's "Æneid," complete, each, crown 8vo, \$1. Bryant's translation of Homer's "Iliad" and Palmer's "Odyssey" are also published in the students' editions.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. are publishing in their Riverside School Library, Poems and Essays by Ralph Waldo Emerson, with copious notes and an introduction to the poems by George H. Browne, a biographical introduction to the essays and a portrait and view of Emerson's home. Bound in half leather; 60c.

NANSEN'S "FARTHEST NORTH."

The Bain Book Co., 53 King street east, report having sold, up to date, about 150 sets of Nansen's "Farthest North" in the various editions. They have bound up a very handsome edition in half-calf, gilt top, 2 vols., which retails at \$4 the set. As Nansen is likely to lecture here this winter a much larger sale is expected. The Bain Co. keep always in stock all of the numerous editions of the Nansen book, as follows: English edition (42s.) at \$14.70; American

edition at \$10, the Colonial editions at \$1.50 and \$2 per set, and their own half-calf edition at \$4. American tourists appreciate very much these colonial editions.

ELEMENTARY DRAWING.

"The Little Folks' Drawing Book," just issued by the Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, is one of the best and most original aids to the smaller pupils in drawing that we have seen. Each page is divided into nine square spaces. The three top spaces are filled with figures, spheres, cubes, squares, circles, cylinders, etc. The pupil is to copy the figures in the next row of spaces. On the third or lowest row he is to invent some new combination with the given figure as a basis. As the pupil progresses he finds combinations cleverly worked out for him. It is surprising how much variety can be worked out of very simple geometrical figures. The book is at once an incitement to the pupil's drawing talent and a pleasure. For kindergarten and private school use nothing could be more comprehensive and useful.

CANADA'S MINERALS.

A timely work on "The Mineral Wealth of Canada," by Prof. A. B. Willmott, B.Sc., of McMaster University, has just appeared, bearing the imprint of William Briggs. Prof. Willmott spent two years in the preparation of the work and has put into compact, convenient form a very full presentation of the mineral resources of Canada.

A BOOK OF TRAVEL.

Mr. Arthur Campbell's "Ride in Morocco and Other Sketches" is announced by William Briggs to be ready within a week or two. Mr. Campbell wields a graceful, clever pen, and has given here a contribution to the literature of travel (by no means scanty) that will receive more than ordinary attention. His sketches include also Rome, Naples and Monte Carlo. He seems to have contracted a fine scorn of the guide-book and its devotees, and, adopting his own methods of sight-seeing, he has in his sketches also got away from the guide-book style. His descriptions are especially fine, and a strong vein of humor brightens still further his always interesting pages.

THE SUB-ARCTICS OF CANADA.

William Briggs has issued a prospectus circular of Mr. J. W. Tyrrell's "Across the Sub-Arctics of Canada," now in the press, which gives an extended table of contents. The following chapter headings indicate the character and contents of the book: "Toronto to Athabasca Landing," "Down the Athabasca," "Running