

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

MR. GEORGE MORANG'S NEW BOOKS.

The publishing interests in Canada have been strengthened by the addition of Mr. Morang to the ranks, as he is well qualified, both by a knowledge of the art of book-making and by experience of the book market, to do a great deal for the Canadian trade. This has already been proved by the success of the Canadian edition of Hall Caine's "The Christian," a fine specimen of book-making in every detail, which has, in three editions, reached the large figure of 7,800 copies. Another book, Bellamy's "Equality," is now in its second edition and is being steadily ordered right along, having already reached 3,500 copies.

Mr. Morang's announcements this month include several attractive items: "Quo Vadis," by Sienkiewicz, a tale of the days of the Emperor Nero, is to be introduced in Canada by a paper edition at 75c., and in cloth at \$1.50. This book has headed the list of good sellers in the leading cities of the United States, where 80,000 copies have been sold. The United States price has been \$2 a copy. The first Canadian edition will be 3,000 copies, and it ought to sell well here at the new prices.

A Canadian edition of Charles G. D. Roberts' "History of Canada" is being also got ready. It has not yet been pushed in this country, but will doubtless be very popular. It is the only library history of Canada, and is graphically written by this talented author. We observe that the publisher gets out a tastefully printed circular with his books for the trade to use. The one issued with Roberts' History is exceedingly well done.

A fine edition of Jean Blewett's poems is being got ready. It will be an attractive holiday book at \$1. Both the pastoral and dialect poems of this clever writer will be found in the volume. The title is "Heart Songs." Just out is "The Clash of Arms," by J. Bloundelle-Burton. A good idea is that the reverse side of the paper cover is printed exactly like the front, so that a purchaser lifting it for examination must lay it down title up. Bloundelle-Burton's semi-historical novel "Denounced," took well here last year. The present novel is a stirring tale. The time is in the days of Charles II. of England, but the events are worked out principally in France. Andrew Vause, an English soldier, undertakes to avenge his dying brother, whose affianced had been stolen away from him by a French officer. The quest is full of danger and adventure. Its issue is tragic and striking, and the tale reads like a true picture of those times.

"Away from Newspaperdom" is one of the latest of Mr. Morang's publications.

This book of poems by Mr. Bernard McEvoy, the journalist, is a charming contribution to the new poetry, full of love for nature, kindly humor and purity of thought and style. The publisher has made the book a work of art. A more perfect piece of workmanship it would be hard to find. The marginal and other illustrations are by Mr. G. A. Reid, R.C.A. The binding, with its delicate coloring and design in black, is very fine. The volume, \$1, is full of merit, inside and out, and is a strong addition to the list of gift books.

DR. DRUMMOND'S BOOK OF POEMS.

Dr. W. H. Drummond, of Montreal, who has won fame as a writer of French-Canadian dialect poetry, is publishing his poems in book form. The work is finely illustrated and will be brought out by G. P. Putnam & Sons, New York. The illustrations, which are pronounced exquisite by those who have seen them, are by a talented young Canadian artist, F. S. Coburn.

LITERARY NOTES.

Hall Caine has planned a new work which will deal with the great "drunk question."

The Copp, Clark Co. have issued their book catalogue, with the trade prices, etc. Copies sent on application.

The new English magazine for women, "The Ladies' Realm," is now retailing in Canada for 20c.; trade, 15c.

Col. H. R. Gordon has written "Pontiac, Chief of the Ottawas," a Canadian tale. E. P. Dutton & Co., Boston, are publishers.

A new book by David Christie Murray, which the Copp, Clark Co. will issue in 75c. paper and \$1.25 cloth, is "This Little World."

Sir Walter Besant's new book (Copp, Clark Co.) is "A Fountain Sealed," a semi-historical story. It is 75c. in paper, and \$1.25 in cloth.

Miss Fraser ("Florence McNab") the young English authoress of "Veldt and Farm," a book on South Africa, has been through Canada from ocean to ocean gathering material for a volume on Canada.

ECONOMIC PAMPHLETS.

Recent issues of the American Academy of Political and Social Science are: "The Shiftless and Floating City Population," by Dr. E. T. Devine, of the N. Y. Charity Organization, 15c.; "Administrative Centralization and Decentralization in England," by James T. Young, Ph.D., 25c.; "The Philosophical Basis of Economics," by Prof. Sherwood, of Johns Hopkins University, 35c.; "The Problems of Political Science,"

by Prof. Rowe, of the University of Pennsylvania, 25c. Orders may be sent to the Academy Station "B," Philadelphia.

NEW BINDINGS.

The new bindings in artistic colors, for which the Copp, Clark Co. are noted, have had the effect of improving the selling quality of the books. The following are recent additions to the list of artistically bound novels: "The Massarenes," "Belinda's Beaux," "The Wheels of Chance," "A Rose of Yesterday," "Prisoners of Conscience."

THE CANADIAN ALMANAC.

A prospectus for 1898 of this standard almanac, the only permanent work of the kind we have ever had in Canada, is already out. It is published, as heretofore, by the Copp, Clark Co., and the Toronto News Co. have issued a nice circular for the trade. Net cash prices for paper covered copies are \$2.10 per dozen and cloth cased \$4.20.

The features of the issue for 1898 are a colored map, 12 by 16 inches, specially engraved for the almanac; an article on the British Government, with the list of the Ministers, the principal officials and their duties, specially prepared articles on the Army and Navy of the British Empire; the new Canadian tariff alphabetically arranged. All the other departments will be maintained as usual.

MONTREAL NOTES.

Maxwell Gray's "The House of the Hidden Treasure" and Bloundelle-Burton's "Clash of Arms" are two of the books the Montreal News Co. is publishing in a special Canadian paper edition to sell at 50c.

The Montreal News Co. is publishing "Quo Vadis," by Henry K. Sienkiewicz, in a special 75-cent edition.

The Montreal News Co. is now supplying Roberts' "History of Canada." The price is \$2 retail, with a liberal discount to the trade.

Fire on the 4th inst. in the broom factory of the H. A. Nelson & Sons Co., Limited, destroyed their stock of brooms and whisks, but has not interfered at all with other branches of their business. A new broom factory, with improved machinery, is being rapidly fitted up.

James E. Barnes, of the well-known stationery firm of Barnes & Co., St. John, N.B., is dead. The business will be continued under the old firm name by Messrs. G. F. Barnes, J. W. Barnes and Eustace Barnes, sons of the late Mr. Barnes, the two former being thoroughly competent by ability and experience to manage the establishment.