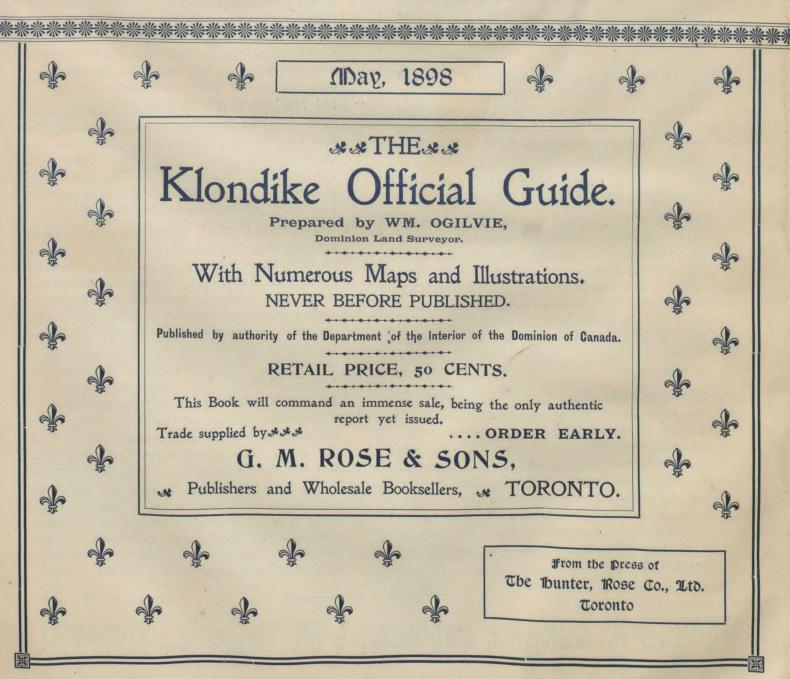


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Editorial.

The Book Room Committee of the Methodist Church in Canada may congratulate itself on securing men of brains and ability to run the Book Room and Publishing business, and to edit the papers published under its auspices. The business is so prosperous that the Committee this year will give the sum of \$10,000 to the Methodist Ministers' Superannuation Fund—the largest amount that has ever been given.

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The Kingston Board of Education has adopted a scheme, to take effect after the midsummer vacation, for the supplying of text-books, writing material, ink, and manifold equipment, for pupils. The pupils will pay a fee of from 15 cents in first form to 50 cents in fourth form per term. They will get one text-book per year, besides all the scribblers, note, copy, and drawing-books required. The cost will be \$1,500. It is reported that the board expects to save the citizens half that amount, now paid to dealers. We doubt if this expectation of the board will be realized in practice. We advise the Kingston dealers to keep a sharp eye on the board, and bring them sharply to time if their promises are not fulfilled,

The rise in the price of wheat and other commodities ought certainly to benefit the book business, because when the trade in the necessities of life is active the tendency is for the trades that have to do with things that are to some extent luxuries to receive a corresponding fillip. Another source of business should be found in the influx of American visitors, which is sure to take place during the present summer, to Canada. It is gratifying to find that our publishers are displaying a laudable amount of enterprise, and getting out some exceedingly good lines to meet the requirements of the season's trade.

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Some fashions change very slowly. Many of us recognize the stupidity of the present system of spelling many words; and yet Uncle Sam can thrash the Spanish Don easier than we can change our present system of spelling. The Funk & Wagnalls Company, of New York, are among those who believe in the spelling reform by the adoption of the form "tho" for "though," and the changing of the final "ed" to "t" when pronounced as "t." But even the Funk & Wagnalls Company finds it hard to adhere to the new form. In reading "The Christian Gentleman," recently published by this house, the word "though" is printed in the new form "tho,' but "flashed" and "astonished" are printed in the usual way, instead of in the new form as "flasht" and "astonisht." As the new form was used in the one word so it should have been used also in the other words. Let us blame the want of uniformity on the muchabused proof-reader!

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The efflorescence of head-lines which has characterized the Toronto newspapers during the past few weeks has been in some respects amusing, and in others pathetic. There are too many newspapers in Toronto, and the ground has to be fought for inch by inch.

It may be said that war is a chronic state of things with them. When real war breaks out, therefore, they are in a measure prepared for it. But the way in which all of them without exception have slopped over in capitals and scare-heads is an example of how not to do it. The consequence has been to utterly tire and disgust the public, and to kill the goose that promised to lay

the golden eggs. The barometers of the Toronto newspapers are subject to flushes of excitement which argues ill for the coolness and stability of their management. They are like yachts carrying more sail than they can readily stand, and a breeze disconcerts and flusters them.

One of the things that the bookseller, in common with nearly every other tradesman, has to remember is that it is only by repeated endeavor that the public attention can be drawn to his wares. Let a man's window always present the same stereotyped appearance, and the public will get so used to it that at last it will make no impression on the public's visual nerve. The public soon gets used to things, and those which it sees every day are soon not observed at all. Let a man's methods grow into the fossil stage, and no competition need fear him. But even in this particular, one has to steer between the Scylla of utter conservatism and the Charybdis of instability through a too frequent and fickle changeableness. One man will have his stock about the same from year's end to year's end, with the consequence that an all-pervading dust will settle upon it and upon him. Another man will always be turning his things upside down, so that his customers are never sure of anything, and go away from him in disgust. The third man strikes the happy medium, and his trade grows steadily as the months go by.

BOOKSELLERS, ATTENTION!

Booksellers and Newsdealers throughout the Dominion should bestir themselves with reference to one clause of Lord Herschell's new Copyright Bill now before the House of Lords. The clause in question relates to the importation of foreign reprints of British copyright works. All such importations are to be absolutely forbidden except in the case of a colony agreeing to collect a royalty duty on imported copies, and to stamp "Foreign Reprint" on every imported copy. The law is to apply to all foreign reprints of British copyright works whether published before or after the commencement of this Act. The trade will see how far-reaching

this clause will be. If the clause is enforced, all importations (to make the law effective) will have to be sent to a few central points to be examined and stamped. Today a bookseller or newsdealer anywhere in Canada can order these cheap reprints from the United States, and get them passed at any Custom House. So soon as Lord Herschell's new Bill shall become law, the bookseller will be worried and harassed through the delay requisite to have his importation examined at a central point and stamped "Foreign Reprint." At present our Government does not collect royalty duty on foreign reprints. But if our Government agrees to this new Herschell Bill without protest, the royalty duty will have to be collected as a matter of honor. If we protest, we need not collect the royalty. THE CANADIAN BOOKSELLER feels it is justified in entering a formal protest, on behalf of the booksellers and newsdealers of Canada, against the reimposition of the royalty duty. Let every bookseller and newsdealer take the trouble to write to the member of Parliament for his constituency, and also direct to Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Premier, Ottawa, urging that the Government take immediate steps to protest against any Bill that would likely lead to the reimposition of the royalty duty in Canada. We trust that the suggestion here made will be acted upon promptly by the trade. This is a most important question for every bookseller in Canada. Don't delay, but act upon our suggestion at once.

POSTAGE ON PAPERS.

The Hon. Mr. Mulock, Postmaster-General, is able to discern the signs of the times. He saw that the owners of the small weeklies were bitterly opposed to the reimposition of postage on newspapers. He has, therefore, very wisely decided to deal as lightly as possible with the weeklies in his new postal scheme. He now proposes to impose a halfcent a pound rate on daily papers and on weeklies circulating outside the ten-mile zone. It would have been much simpler to have imposed the half-cent rate on the dailies and the same rate on all weekly papers except country local weeklies published in towns of 5,000 and under. These latter to be carried free as at present. This would be some encouragement to the country local weeklies. It is certain that, in the interest of the country, these country local weeklies should be encouraged. The tenmile zone limit will give trouble. It will

certainly disorganize the geographical knowledge of the average country editor. Many points twelve to fifteen miles distant from the office will be found to be only ten miles distant from the zone point. The local postmaster will have to waste a lot of time that could be more usefully employed, if he is going to sean the list each week for papers going outside the zone circuit.

THE CANADIAN PRESS ASSOCIATION.

The Journal of Proceedings of the fortieth annual meeting of the Canadian Press Association, held at Ottawa, March 10-11th, has been issued. It makes a neat octavo pamphlet of 120 pages. The Association in the past has been open to criticism on account of admitting to active membership many who were not considered as eligible. This controversial point has been disposed of by a rule confining the active membership to those actually engaged in the business, either as proprietor, editor, reporter or manager, and giving honorary membership to those who might be considered as specially interested in the objects of the Association, such a type-founders, etc. This is certainly a step in the right direction. It should do much to secure the active interest in the Association of those who were before disposed to be lukewarm in their support. The proceedings at the late annual meeting were of more than ordinary interest. Many of the papers were especially valuable. Mr. Frank A. Munsey, of New York, read a paper, "Random Thoughts on Journalism," which was, perhaps, most remarkable as illustrative of the "grit" and "blow" of the average Yankee. Mr. Munsey related his experience with the American News Company, of New York. Hundreds of dealers throughout the country have a crow to pick with that corporation as well as Mr. Munsey; but few of them, alas! even if they have the courage, have the resources of a Munsey. It would, however, have been interesting if Mr. Munsey had given the other side of the story. At the best it is an open question whether these five and ten cent monthlies are the great blessing to the trade that some people would have us believe. It is certain that they are perfect gold mines to the lucky and plucky publishers; but the trade, in Canada at least, have to sell a powerful number of them to make much out of them. And the principal cause for this is that the publishers keep piling up the number of advertising pages, while the trade has to pay for the cost of transportation of same. Take, for instance, Munsey and McClure magazines for May. Munsey has 160 pages of reading matter, and 96 pages of advertising. McClure has 96 pages of reading matter, and 112 pages of advertising. These maga-

zines are supplied to the trade at seven cents a copy, net, in New York, on sale. But the return postage on Munsey is about three cents a copy. It will thus be seen that the bookseller has to keep his order cut pretty close to the probable demand, or the postage on his returns will swallow up the profits on a large number that he might have sold. Mr. Munsey will have to devise some new plan to help the Canadian trade if he wishes to make a better impression than the much abused News Company.

Book Reviews.

"The Girl at Cobhurst," by Frank R. Stockton (Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto, cloth, \$1.25). It is thoroughly refreshing to have the privilege of perusing this delightful work. No one seems to be gifted with the faculty of describing home life as Mr. Stockton does. As one walks over the farm at Cobhurst, in the company of its charming Mistress, "The Girl at Cobhurst," the air seems to be redolent with the delicious perfume of new-mown hay. It treats of a sweetly pretty love tale, replete with surprises, and will doubtless meet with an enthusiastic reception from the reading public.

"In the Toils of the Charmer," by Mrs. Edward Kennard, (Rand, McNally, & Co., Chicago and New York, .5c.) one would naturally expect another of those bright, breezy, hunting romances, which have so often delighted us. But in her latest effort she has entirely departed from her beaten path, "In the Toils of the Charmer," being an exceptionally fascinating novel, having for its villain an extremely handsome woman. There are two strongly drawn characters, and the vagaries of love and passion are depicted in Mrs. Kennard's truly charming style, and the interest is well maintained to the end.

"Under the Ban," by Teresa Hammond Strickland. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago and New York. Price \$1.00, cloth bound. The lapse of thirty-two years since the Confederate Banners were folded up for ever at Appomattox has brought the thoughtful student and gra e historian to fields of inquiry, once limited to the politician, and given over to the dreadful arbitrament of the sword. South Carolina, proud, aristocratic, reckless, gallant, hospitable, first to advance, last to retreat, furnishes to the novelist many intensely dramatic and thrilling episodes characteristic of the haughty planter life at the outbreak of the war. "Under the Ban" accurately depicts the social state brought about by the long continuance of hurtful conditions. True to facts, rich in local color, sincere and searching, this brilliant novel proves the inexorable fulfilment of the awful decree, "The sins of the father shall be visited on the children."

"A Daughter of Earth," by E. M. Davy. Rand, McNally & Co., Chicago and New York. Price \$1.00, cloth bound. This is an intensely interesting novel for out-of thecommon, with love as its main theme. The heroine contracts a secret marriage, but is convinced by her French maid, during her husband's absence at his father's death-bed, that her marriage was illegal, disappears from sight, and her husband loses all trace of her. In her solitary life she meets a young doctor, and falls desperately in love with him. Then follows a bit of fine mental and passional analysis on the part of the author, in which is depicted the mysterious workings of human nature. Through all its varying phases he tells the story of three human hearts in their fierce battle with the passions of love and jealousy.

"Paul and His Friends." A series of revival sermons by Louis Albert Banks, D.D., Pastor First M.E. Church, Cleveland, Ohio. Cloth, 12mo, 347 pp. Gilt top; cover design by George Wharton Edwards. Price, \$1.50. New York and London: Funk & Wagnalls Company.

This is the third volume of the remarkable series of revival sermons by Dr. Louis Albert Banks. It is a companion to the preceding volumes, "Christ and His Friends" and "The Fisherman and His Friends." The three volumes make a powerful trilogy. Revival literature has never before been so enriched. This volume, "Paul and His Friends," contains 32 sermons which were preached in the First Methodist Episcopal Church, Cleveland, Ohio, during January, 1898, in a series of evangelistic meetings. The themes had been selected two years before, and illustrations had been gathered during all that time; but each sermon was finally outlined and dictated to a stenographer on the day of delivery. One of the most gracious revivals accompanied their delivery. The blessing of God made them, at that time, messages of salvation to many hearts, and they are now issued in printed form, with no apparent loss of power for good. They are sure to bring suggestive and illustrative material to the help of preachers, Sunday-school teachers, and soulwinners of every class. As a book for the worker in Christ's vineyard, or as a book for devotional reading, it would be difficult to over-estimate the value of "Paul and His Friends."

"Caleb West," by Master Diver F. Hopkinson Smith (Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston and New York). Cloth bound, \$1.25. Illustrations by Malcolm Fraser and Arthur J. Keller.

This is a delightfully entrancing story, far out of the common, and we predict for it a very extensive sale. Henry Sanford, a

young United States engineer, is building a lighthouse on the Atlantic coast, and has a continuous combat with the elements, and also incurs the enmity of the Government Inspector. He has for his diver Caleb West-a fine, rugged specimen of this perilous profession, and a magnificent portraval is given of the difficulties and dangers of the life. Caleb has married Betty, twenty years younger than himself, and who is a general favorite in the sea-coast town. The boiler blows up on the sloop engaged at the works, severely injuring a number of the men, among whom is Sire Lacey, a young rigger. Betty nurses him back to health. He in return induces her to leave her husband. She leaves Lacey in New York while he is sleeping, and goes to Sanford's rooms to seek assistance, and is taken by him to Mrs. Leroy, a great friend of the young engineer. The two finest characters are Captain Joe and his charming wife. Aunty Bell, who took Betty to live with them when called, refuses to take her back.

The friendship between Sanford and Mrs. Leroy is exceptionally cleverly handled. It is a very delicate study, and in this Mr. Smith never descends to the gross, but points out how a really clever woman can help a man over all his quicksands. One cannot spend a more delightful holiday than enjoy the delicious sea breezes with Henry Sanford, Caleb West, Captain Joe and Aunty Bell down on the Atlantic coast.

There are numerous dramatic situations throughout the work, which will hold the reader with thrilling interest.

The book is copiously illustrated with some very fine drawings, beautifully engraved.

Book Motes.

S. R. Crockett's next story will be called "The Silver Skull."

William O'Brien has written a new novel, "A Queen of Men."

Sir Walter Besant's new novel "The Changeling" is running in Chapman's Magazine.

Benjamin Swift, the author of "The Tormenter," has written a new novel, "The Destroyer."

John Mackie, author of "They that Sit in Darkness," has written a new novel, "The Heel of the Woman."

Lamson, Wolffe & Co. will shortly issue a new collection of verse by Bliss Carman, "By the Aurelian Wall and Other Elegies."

William Briggs has got out in a neat book-mark a useful list of Canadian poets,

with a list of some of his most important Canadian publications on the reverse side.

The third edition of F. Clifford Smith's book of stories (mostly French-Canadian) "A Lover in Homespun" has as frontispiece an excellent portrait of the author. The publisher has issued this edition at 25 cents in paper and 50 cents in cloth.

All lovers of Charles Dickens will welcome the appearance of a most artistic brochure brought out this week from the Bryant Press, Toronto, by Mr. E. S. Williamson, whose "Dickensiana" is already known to be the finest and most complete in Canada.

L. C. Page & Company, Boston, Mass., have published "The Continental Dragoon," a love story of the Philipse Manor House in 1777, by Robert Neilson Stephens, author of "An Enemy to the King," illustrated by H. C. Edwards; 1 vol., 12mo, cloth \$1.50.

"Like father like child" is a proverb that finds illustration in the interesting intelligence that the children of our Canadian laureate, Chas. G. D. Roberts, have had a book of their own verse published by Lamson, Wolffe & Co., with the title of "Northland Lyrics." They truly are "chips off the old block."

As Don Carlos is to the fore again, since the Hispano-American war has revived the pretensions of the Legitimist Party, fresh attention is called to Mrs. Craigie's novel, "The School for Saints." The hero, Robert Grange, is a Carlist by conviction, and is involved in the Carlist Rebellion during the early part of this century.

Rev. Dr. Withrow has written an able work on the "Makers of Methodism," now in the press of William Briggs, and to be included with the Epworth League Reading Course for 1898-9. The other books in the course are J. R. Miller's "Week-day Religion," Arthur Temple's "Making of the Empire," and Arabella B. Buckley's "Fairyland of Science." The Book-Room are publishing 2,500 sets of these books. Evidently they have confidence in the prospective demand.

The publisher, William Briggs, reports unusually large advance orders for R. G. MacBeth's "Making of the Canadian West," which has just been placed on the market. The book is a veritable portrait-gallery of the West, with the faces and names of nearly a hundred men who have played their part in the drama of history. There are scenes of great historic interest, and many rare portraits, such as those of Gabriel Dumont, Lepine, a group of Riel and his Council of 1869-70, and a group of Riel's Councillors in 1885. The book excels in every

way the author's previous admirable work on "The Selkirk Settlers in Real Life," and will undoubtedly have a large sale.

Hon. J. D. Edgar's book on Ottawa, just published by George N. Morang, will take a prominent place among the books of the year. It is beautifully gotten up, but its exterior is the least part of its excellence. The volume bears evidence of careful research and sound judgment in the arrangement of facts, while its literary style is charming and unexceptionable. An important feature is its very comprehensive and carefully edited index. This adds to its value as a book of reference in no ordinary degree.

With the opening of the season, Hall Caine's much criticised book, "The Christian," seems to have taken a fresh start. There is, of course, always a new stratum of readers and bookbuyers to be reached, and the tendency of a book like "The Christian" is to advertise itself. The talk about a book filters down from one circle to another till at last curiosity is aroused, and even the masses want to read it, and to judge for themselves as to its quality. This point appears to have been reached with regard to "The Christian." It is yet a seller, and will remain so.

Mr. Morang's recent issue of "A Kentucky Cardinal" and "Aftermath," the two works bound together in one volume, is a good addition to his already-attractive list. The paper edition is bright and metropolitan looking, and will be a "fetching" addition on anybody's counter. This work, by James Lane Allen, the author of "The Choir Invisible," has already demonstrated its quality by the popular run it had in the United States and England. Critics tell us that as a work of literary art and a charming story, it is better even than the work on which James Lane Allen's fame principally rests.

The poem which Dr. W. H. Drummond, author of "The Habitant," has written for Mr. Morang's Midsummer Annual, "Our Lady of the Sunshine," to be published next month, is said to be equal to anything that this able and striking writer has yet produced. It will, no doubt, excite great interest, not only in Montreal, where Dr. Drummond is so well known, but throughout Quebec. But Dr. Drummond's book has already made him famous in both hemispheres. Louis Frechette passes on to this new writer the title which, years ago, Longfellow conferred upon himself, "the pathfinder of a new land of song." Morang is to be congratulated on having secured for his annual so popular a contributor.

Rev. John McDougall, the well-known Methodist Missionary, whose services to the Government in their dealings with the Indians of our North-West have been of the greatest value, and who knows the West probably as thoroughly as any man living, has completed a third volume in the series that relate his experiences on the far western plains. The manuscript is now in the hands of the publisher, William Briggs, and the book will be published next fall. Mr. J. E. Laughlin has been engaged to illustrate it. The author's previous volumes, "Forest, Lake and Prairie," and "Saddle, Sled and Snowshoe," have been very popular, and make great reading for Canadian boys.

The Misses K. M. and R. Lizars, already favorably known to the reading public, have completed a work of fiction which is to be published by George N. Morang. subject of the sketch, which is full of literary ability and humor, is life in a Canadian country town parish. It is understood that its quality is such that it cannot fail to take a place in Canadian literature, and a qualified critic, who has read the manuscript, predicts for it a popular success of no common order. The very favorable comments on the previous work of these accomplished ladies make it natural that there should be considerable expectancy when it is known that they have ventured into a new field of authorship.

There is a good portrait of James Lane Allen in the "Bookman's Literary Year-Book" (Morang) which shows him to be a man of middle age, with a strong, earnest face, and expressive, kindly eyes. The whole aspect of the countenance indicates resolution and a well-balanced nature. The biographical particulars, which accompany the picture, are very interesting, and include the following remarks:—

"The qualities which characterize his work are also characteristic of the man—a sensitive delicacy and vigorous vitality, a strong love and nature, especially in Kentucky. Mr. Allen was born on a farm near Lexington, in the very heart of the blue grass region of Kentucky, where the Allens had been gentleman farmers for three generations before his birth. They were originally Virginians of English ancestry, and by blood and by marriage were related in Virginia, and afterward in Kentucky, to the Madisons, Paynes, Johnsons, Lanes, Congers and Clays—all historic families."

"Cycling in the High Alps" is Mr. Joseph Pennell's inspiring theme for an article which is to appear in the May number of "Cosmopolis." Mr. and Mrs. Pennell whose unique and delightful cycling experiences in France, Hungary, Germany, the Hebrides, etc., have already given them a first place among cyclists, are putting forward a claim of a record

in the Alps. It is clear that they could have astonished Hannibal had he seen them during his famous crossing, and history might in that case have handed down to us a Punic Skedaddle instead of a Punic War. By the way, T. Fisher Unwin, of London, is publishing a volume in which Mrs. Pennell, under the title of "Over the Alps on a Bicycle," assisted by her husband's illustrations, explains how she crossed on her bicycle ten or a dozen of the highest Swiss passes, making a record by so doing.

The Periodicals.

In the next week's Literature, "Among My Books" will be written by Ian Maclaren.

Casper Whitney is the chief correspondent of "Harper's Weekly" in the war between the United States and Spain.

Poultney Bigelow, who within a month has crossed Spain on a bicycle, will give the Spanish view of the situation in a series of articles written for "Harper's Weekly."

The Theological staff has taken charge of the publishing of the Manitoba "College Journal" for the summer, and the first issue will soon be in the hands of subscribers. Of the staff Mr. Hy. Stirling is editor-in-chief, and Mr. R. A. King, business manager.

Mr. George Wrigley, formerly of the "Farmers' Sun," has established another journal in Toronto. The "Citizen and Country," as it is called, is a 16 page, 3 col., folio, neatly printed, and every page is replete with interesting matter on the political, social, moral and economic line.

In addition to its other special arrangements for war news, the Mail and Empire has despatched "Kit," the widely-known editor of its "Woman's Kingdom" page, to the United States to write up the war news for Canadian readers. "Kit's" reputation is sufficient to ensure a series of thoroughly readable letters.

"The Writer" (Boston) for May opens with a practical article on "Humorous Writing," by W. J. Lampton, the paragrapher of the "Washington Star," who writes so many bright verses for the "New York Sun." The "Personal Gossip About Authors" includes notes about Alphonse Daudet and W. S. Gilbert. The reference list of "Literary Articles in Periodicals" indexes all articles about literary matters in current periodicals, and the "News and Notes" are fresh and timely. The price of "The Writer" is ten cents a number, or one dollar a year. It is published by the Writer Publishing Co., P.O. Box 1905, Boston.

The "Globe" displayed its usual enterprise in despatching John A. Ewan to the United States. Canadians have more confidence in the reports of their own men than in the highly-colored, misleading despatches sent in by the correspondents of the U.S. papers. By the way, the story of Mr. Ewan's appointment shows the vicissitudes of a newspaper-man's life. Mr. Ewan was at his desk till one o'clock on the morning of his departure. He was back at his desk at 2 p.m., when he was called into the editor's office. Here he was informed that he had been appointed a "special" for the paper and would be expected to leave on the 4.20 train on his way to the scene of action, "How long shall I be away?" "Why, most probably till the war is over." Two hours and a half in which to rush home, pack his valise, and take a long farewell of wife and children was excitement enough for the moment. As a compensation for his hurried departure he was informed that the paper would provide handsomely for his wife and family should he meet with any accident while away.

One of the most important articles in the "Forum" for May is by Dr. J. G. Bourinot. on "Canada's Relations with the United States, and Her Influence in Imperial Councils." Dr. Bourinot has been Clerk to the Canadian House of Commons for more than twenty years, and is an accepted authority on all questions relating to the Dominion. He asserts that the whole history of Canada proves that there has been always among the people, not merely an attachment to England and her institutions, but a latent influence which in times of peace as in times of peril has led them onward in a path of national development, which with every decade has diverged more and more from the United States; and he thinks that the statesmen and people of the United States have never appreciated the tendency of this political development. If the relations of Canadians with the citizens of the United States have not been always satisfactory, it has been owing generally, he says, to the selfish feelings which have too frequently animated us in the making of treaties and in other matters directly affecting the interest of the united British provinces. As regards Canada and England, Dr. Bourinot says that, although the Queen is still the head of the executive authority, yet in all matters of Dominion concern Canada is a free agent : and he expresses the hope that American statesmen will labor to bring their own citizens to believe that, instead of annexation to the United States, the thing to be striven for is an alliance of all Englishspeaking communities for common defence as the assured guarantee of the security of the American continent.

In Memoriam.

In our March issue we had to record the death of George Maclean Rose, the head of the firm of Hunter, Rose & Co., and G. M. Rose & Sons. It is now our painful duty

zations. The funeral took place from the late residence of the deceased, No. 15 Elgin Avenue, on Monday afternoon, May 2nd. A large concourse of relatives and friends attended to pay the last respects to the memory of one who was beloved for his



THE LATE WILLIAM MANSON ROSE.

to record the death of his son, William Manson Rose, who died in New York on April 30th, on his way home from South Carolina. The late W. M. Rose was the second son of the late George Maclean Rose. The deceased was also secretarytreasurer of the Hunter, Rose Co., Limited, and was a reliable accountant. His death, although expected, came very sudden, and his wife, who accompanied him in his travels, was utterly prostrated. She is left, with three children, to mourn the loss of a loving husband and father. Deceased was very popularly known in Toronto. He was prominently connected with the Young Liberal Club, and always took an active interest in politics. He was also a member of the Toronto Athletic Club, Independent Order of Foresters, Canadian Club, Toronto Camera Club, and other prominent organimany amiable qualities. The pall-bearers were D. A. Rose, G. M. Rose, F. W. Rose, M. C. Rose, R. H. Rose, and Major D. M. Robertson. The Rev. Oscar B. Hawes, Unitarian Minister, conducted the obsequies at the funeral. Before leaving the house he delivered a touching and beautiful discourse on the life and merits of the deceased.

M. F. Mansfield, New York, has just ready in the Story of the Empire Series the following volumes: "The Story of India," by Demetrius C. Boulger; "The Story of Australia," by Flora L. Shaw; and "The Story of Canada," by Howard Angus Kennedy, the editor of the series. He has also just ready "Futility," a novel by Morgan Robertson, author of "Spun Yarn," and "The Red, White and Blue," containing the correct rendering of "America," "The Star-Spangled Banner," "Columbia, the Gem of the Ocean," and "Yankee Doodle," with page decorations from designs by Blanche McManus.

Miscellaneous.

EVIDENCES OF PATRIOTISM.

Mr. Wanamaker of Philadelphia has given notice to his 1,500 employees that in the event of war with Spain the salaries of all men who enter the military service of the Government will be paid to their families during the period of their absence, and that their places will be held open until they return. In addition to this, the firm will place an insurance of \$1,000 on each employee who gives his service to his country, payable to his family if his life is lost while engaged in military duty.

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THE LITERARY MOVEMENT IN AMERICA.—Almira: "You should join our book club. Why, last winter I read over a hundred books by giving five minutes a day. I read Nansen's 'Prisoner of Zenda,' Hall Caine's 'Quo Vadis,' Allen's 'Christian,' Julian Hawthorne's 'Choir Invisible,' and Hope's 'Farthest North!'" Lucinda: "How Charming!"—Life.

Two classes of merchants are profiting by the war excitement—the book men and the flag dealers. The demand upon the latter for the Stars and Stripes has been greater than at any time, Fourths of July not excepted, since the civil war, and the stock, so a leading handler of bunting said vesterday, on hand is now practically exhausted. "The deuce of it all is that," he continued, "although the bunting factories are working night and day, we cannot get our orders filled half as rapidly as we would like, and prices have advanced appreciably in consequence. In fact, the situation approaches very nearly to a flag famine, and the buyer who succeeds in getting a sufficient quantity of the national colors to proclaim his patriotism is lucky, no matter what price he pays." The rush upon the booksellers is for anything and everything containing the modernized manual of arms. Clerks want them, and bankers, lawyers. workingmen, doctors; in fact, everybody, and as ordinarily a not overly large stock is carried, many of the largest concerns have been cleaned out. It is as if nine out of every ten men expected to be called out and wanted to be prepared at least theoretically for the duties he would have to perform.—"Geyer's Stationer."

There was a brisk discussion at the last meeting of the Hamilton Public Library Board. Complaints having been made that the supply of fiction in the library was not equal to the demand, Dr. Lyle championed the cause of those who wanted books other than fiction. He said that some \$2,100 was to be spent this year on books, binding and periodicals. As the binding was nearly all fiction rebound, and as the periodicals and papers would all have to be put under the head of light literature, while only some \$400 would be spent for what might be called heavy literature, it would be seen that fiction readers had little to complain of. Exception was taken to Rev. Dr. Lyle's classing papers and many of the magazines, such as the "Forum," "Nineteenth Century" and other high-class periodicals, as light literature. Many of these periodicals discussed the live questions of the day in politics, history and general economic conditions, and could not be classed as light literature—certainly they were not read by novel readers.

Dr. Lyle maintained that novel readers were well looked after—of the books recommended for purchase this day the majority were novels; and so long as he was on the board he was determined that the student and the reader of history and general literature should have a fair show.

The other members of the board all agreed with this view; thus what threatened at one time to develop into a somewhat warm discussion ended.

Bret Harte's forthcoming volume of recent verse is to be entitled "Some Later Poems."

C. Arthur Pearson, London, has secured the manuscript of Savage Landor's book of travel in Thibet. The book will be published early in the fall.

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BOOKS ABOUT GLADSTONE.

The death of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone will create a call for his books, and also for books written about him. The following list may be found useful:

"Gleanings of Past Years," by W. E. Gladstone, 7 vols., at \$1.00 each; also, "Later Gleanings," a new volume just published, \$1.25. Published by C. Scribner's Sons, New York.

"W. E. Gladstone and his Contemporaries; Fifty Years of Social and Political Progress," by Thomas Archer. 2 vols., 4to. with plates and numerous illustrations. Published in 1883, now out of print, worth probably \$5.

"A Diary of Two Parliaments: the Gladstone Parliament, 1880–1885," by Henry W. Lucy Published in 1885, by Cassell & Co., at £1 1s.

"Speeches of the Rt. Hon. W. E. Gladstone; with a Sketch of His Life," edited by H. W. Lucy. Published in 1885, by Routledge & Sons, London and New York, at 3s. 6d. cloth and 1s. in paper cover.

"England Under Gladstone, 1880–1885," by Justin Huntly McCarthy. Published in 1885, by Chatte & Windus, London, at 7s. 6d.

"The Story of Gladstone's Life," by Justin McCarthy. Published in 1898, by The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, at \$2.25.

"London Letters and Some Others," by G. W. Smalley (describes Gladstone's two Midlothian campaigns). Published in 1891, in two volumes, by Harper & Brothers, New York, at \$6.00.

"Mr. Gladstone; a Character Sketch." In the Review of Reviews, London, for April and May, 1892. 6d. each.

"The Impregnable Rock of Holy Scripture." Published at 35c., by Alden, New York. Revised edition, with portrait, \$1. Wattles, Philadelphia.

"Thoughts from the Writings and Speeches of W. E. Gladstone," edited by G. B. Smith. Published in 1895, by F. A. Stokes, New York, at \$2.50.

London "Truth" gives the following favorable notice of "Simon Dale," published by George N. Morang, Toronto: In "Simon Dale" Mr. Anthony Hope has achieved the most brilliant success of the year—though the public who could admire "The Christian" may lack the wit to discover it. As, however, it has the popular and opportune merit of being an historical novel of breathless interest, it must score an ample, if not an adequate, success. Wh t will most charm you in it is a wit worthy of the Merry Monarch, of Rochester, and of Nell Gwyn, who grace its lively sage, and indeed and in truth worthy of Congreve himself. Like Congreve and like Sheridan, Mr. Hope cannot resist the temptation of making all his personages as witty as him-

self, and the result is that you read the story, as it were, by successive and incessant flashes of sheet lightning. Open the book where you will, and you are dazzled by these coruscations, of which the following specimens of Charles's and Rochester's cynical vein is but an average sample :

"In defining virtue as the device by which the weak intimidate the strong," observed Rochester, "the philosopher declared the purpose of virtue rather than its effect. For the strong are not intimidated, while the weak, falling slaves to their own puppet, grow more helpless still." "It's a just retribution on them," said the King, "for having invented a thing so tiresome." "In truth, sir, all these things that make virtue are given a man for his profit, that he may not go empty-handed into the mart of the world. He has stuff for barter; he can give honor for pleasure, morality for money, religion for power." "The sum of the matter," said the King, "is that he who refuses no bargain, however iniquitous, and performs none, however binding "-" Is a King among men, sir," interposed Rochester, with a low bow, "even as your Majesty is here at Whitehall."

The only lack of wit shown in the book is exhibited by its hero-not in words, since he also is brilliant in repartee—but in his mutton-headed obtuseness in love. If, however, heroes did not in this way play bopeep with heroines, most novels would come to an untimely end. By giving the book the form of an autobiography, Mr. Anthony Hope encounters, without overcoming, the difficulty of describing in minute detail scenes and conversations which the narrator

could not by any possibility have either seen or heard or had reported to him.

Mr. Justin McCarthy's "Story of Gladstone's Life," published by The Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, is a sketch of the journalistic kind-light, slight, skimming, and impressionist—but it is as interesting as it is opportune. It gives, perhaps, the best answer that has yet been given to the charge of interested inconsistency, which in one form or another is for ever being pressed against the "hope of the stern, unbending Tories" of 1832. The Christian form of the charge is that which was epigrammatically expressed by Archdeacon Denison years since at a Tory dinner. During one of these sudden and sultry silences which sometimes at a dinner-table precede and presage a storm of babble, he launched this thunderbolt, "Gladstone is the most conscientious man in Europe." Before his Tory friends could make up their minds as to whether wine or Satan had entered into the Archdeacon, he added, quietly, "But he changes his conscience every week." While the Arab proverb, "The greatest impostor is the unconscious impostor," fairly expresses this view of Mr. Gladstone, the other—the Vicar of Bray-conception of him is the more popular, as being the more intelligible to the average Tory mind.

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