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BRISKEK TRADE IN DRITISH BOOKS.

THE trade in imported books is picking up. The duties paid under the new tariff are considerably less. These are the two prominent features of the official returns to November 30, 1897, recently made public. Roughly speaking, the new tariff came into force about June 1 , 1897 , so that we bave five months' figures to judge by. From these it apprars that we have imported $\$ 8.373$ worth more books during the five months and paid $\$ 28.034$ less duty upon them compared with the same period of 1896. The returns for the two concluding months, namely for October and November, are, however, more striking than those for the whole five months. In the xwo months
referred to the imports were greater by $\$ 10,-$ 000 and the duty paid was less by $\$ 11,000$. These are heavy months on account of the imports tor holiday and Christmas trade, so that the returns for December and January are not likely to bulk so large, unless trade keeps booming. The official statistics we have quoted contain no intimation of the place of origin of the imports, but the increase is generally attributed by the trade to the expansion of business with England. All our Government statistics are annoyingly late or scanty, and we have not received the details for the fiscal year ending June 30 , 1897. which reduces the interest in them to a minimutn. The figures in detail, referred to above, are as follows :

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| July | 48.025 | 56, 217 | 10.327 | 23,897 |
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THE ONTARIO DEpARTMENT STORFS.
The Ontario Legislature, as was indicated last month would probably be the case, has been discussing a bill to limit department stores. or if they won't limit themselves, to bear taxation accordingly. Mr. J. T. Middleton, member for East Hamilton, introduced a measure providing that after Jan. 1, 1899, the council of any city, or town, may pass a bylaw or bylaws for the purpose of imposing upon any departmental store carrying on more than three distinct classes of business a special tax in respect of each additional class of business, and in impos.
ing such business tax, the same may be regulated in and by the bylaw so as to provide either a uniform tax in respect of each additional distinct class of business or the same may be graded in such a manner as may seem proper: provided that no such bylaw shall be passed or take effect under the authority of this Act, without having been carried by a two.thirds vote of the members of the council present and voting thereon.

A discussion took place. The politicians are very amusing persons. On a question like this, affecting as it does the whole system of retail trade, one would expect our elected (and well paid) representatives to to have collected information and considered the problem thoroughly before offering a decisive opinion. There is nothing except uncertainty and lack of definute opinion in the views expressed. However, we give a summary of the debate just to show how little real attention is given by politicians to an important enonomic and social question.

Mr. Kerns (Conservative, Halton; pointed out that care was necessary in order to avoid injuring private interests. The deparmental stores had in some respects been productive of good, inasteuch as they had been successful in introducing a cash system of doing business, which in itself was of importance.

Mr. Stratton (I.iberal, Peterboro') admitted that there are strong arguments for and against the bill. In towns like Peterboro business men were finding it necessary to carry larger variety of goods than ever before. owing to the keen competition. There would be, he feared, a difficulty in defining what are separate classes of goods. If the matter is to be taken hold of and legislation is to be effective, he believed it would have to be taken up by the Government, but it
will require a bill with a great many more clauses than the one under consideration. Hic was not certan what is the best ccourse to pursue, but rather favored action by the (;overnment if any were taken, as the question is of sufficient magnitude to justify the (;overnment taking it into consideration.
Dr. Willoughby (Conservative, Northumberland) had a strong conviction that a great deal of harm was beng done to ordinary business by the departmental store, but he was not sure that the proposition before the llouse was not an undee interference wrth private liberts. However. the subject was too umportant to be dealt with by a private member.
Mr. Conmee (Liberal. Algoma) said that the evil could be remedied hy a change in the assersment law, or $b ;$ a change in the me. thod of making the assessment. Hic hoped the Government would be able to put the House in posssession of further information on the subyert next session.

Thie question was finally shelved until next session-after the elections-when a cominute of the House will investigate it.
a tanthi of herenghak thade.
There was one noticeable feature this year in the character of the holuday stock kept by some of the regular booksellers in Monteal There was less of the cheap class of books, and of those books whose sales are practically contined to the holiday season. This is the efliect of deparmental store competition. There is no doubt that this class of books an be bought more theaply at such stores than at a regular bookstore. And the reason is obvious. A depatumental store buys a large number of each book and gets a job price. It can consequently let them go at a cheaper rate. Buyers unfortumately do not expect as much from the book counter of a deparment store as they do of a bookseller. and put up with a lack of choice there ot which they would complain in a regular bookstore. This is to be deplored, but us a tact.
This action on the part of some of the Montreal booksellers relieves them no doubs of a certain amount of worry. and there is certamly not such a handsome profit to be made from that class ot trade. Moreover. the more sulstantial chass of goods is salable all the jear round. At the same ume is leaves this part of the tield lleat for the de partmental store, and the question may well be asked. will people who are compelled to go to the depurmental sores for cheap editions and the class of lowok having a purely chastmas sale not conturse to fire therr patronage to the same place through
out the year ? It may be added, however. that a hoct of buyers of this class of goods are holiday buyers only.

A Hit ar the pubsisher.
Kev. Prof. Campbell, LLL.D., of the Presbyterian College, Montreal, scores the Canadian publisher pretty severely in the lanuary number of The I'resbyterian College Journal. He says: "The publishing methods of Canada at the present day are simple, and involve the easy-going publisher in no risk. He sends the bills of printer and binder in to the author, and afier these have been paid, gives him credit for a percentage of what he sells. This is very encouraging to native talent! The reason why br. Briggs is favored above other Canadian publishers is that he is carefly and conscientious in making his returns, even in regard to trifling amounts, while other publishers are careless and rather think they honor the author by bleeding him freely and making him no returns. The eaemy of Canadian literature is the Canadian publisher. Hundreds of valuable manuscripts, that the world would be the neher by pussessing, are locked away in desks of authors who have not the wherewithal to pay for the honor of publicity."

We object to Prof. Canpbell's criticism for the reason that it resembles the anger of the worthy Scotsman who "swoor at large." He does not discrimmate or specify. The reference to Dr. Bnggs is, of course, strictly in accordance with the facts. There are other publishers in Canada with a feputation equally ligh. We do not know of any publisher who deserves the condernnation of the professor. As to natuve literature, give the Canadian publisher some privileges in his own market before jou condemn him for not doing more than he does for the Canadian author. Prof. Campbell is a man of hygh talent, and a gust man withal. Vet in this case we think he is unjust.

The İducation bill which has just passed the Yueber l.egislature is designed to make things somewhat easter for the bookseller whe cames a lange stock of school books. l'acucally the only clause which affects the trade is that looking to the simplitication of the text book system, so that the series of
books used will be uniform over the province, and not as now, leaving a considerable choice of text books to he teacher and trustees. Instead of two or three sets of text books on one subject the bookseller will have to keep but one when the bill comes intooperation. Moreover, the intention is to hase fewer changes in text books, which will not leave the dealer will so much dead stock as formerly.

## DEATH OF MR. MAOLEAR.

 I.ISHER IPASSIES UWIR [O TIIE Mdjokits.

THE death in Montreal of Thomas Maclear at the age of 83 removes an old timer in the Toronto book and publishing business. Mr. Maclear was born in Strabane. County Tyrone. Ireland. in August. 1815, and came to Canada in $1 S_{42}$, representing Messrs. Black \& Son, Glasgow. He settled in Toronto, and conducted a wellknown bookstore on Yonge street, iwo doors above King. Afterwards the place was moved to King street :where W. A. Murray \& Co., dry goods, now are. Mr. Maclear went into publishing, and issued Smith's .. Canada Past and Prejent," " Uncle Tom's Cabin." "Dred" and Fleming's "End of All Things." For a number of years he also published The Canadian Almanac. namely. during the period from 1855 to 1859, and, although he sold it in the latter year, his name continued to be printed on it until 1861. Having sold out his book business to W. C. Chewett \& Co., the firm being W. C. Chewett and W. Copp. he went into the wholesale stationery business on Toronto street. Mr. Maclear was one of the first directors of the Canada Permanent Building and Loan Society, and one of the first members of the Board of Trade. He also was actively connected with several benevolent societies. Of late years he has resided in Montreal with his son-in-law, Mr. David Burke. Mr. Maclear was married in 1839 to Isabel, daughter of Mr. Archibald Arbuckle. of Coleraine. She died in 1869. The surviving children are three sons and four daughters.

With Maclear passes away one of the old ngures in the bookselling business of To. ronto. There aic now living, it is said, but five of those who were engaged in the book business in Toronto as far back as 18;6: Mr. John loun:. of the Bible House : Mr. Frank Nisbet, of Kingston; Mir. Alex. Lee: Mr. Hutchison, of Kowsell \& Hutchison, and Mr. James lain, jr., of the Toronto Public Library.

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The Montreal News Co. expect to have in a few days a 75c. paper edution of Stanley Weyman's 'Shrewsbury," Amthony Hope's "Simon Dale," and Conan Doyle's "Tragedy of Korosco." All these books have had a very large sale in England, and the Canadian book reading population will
no doubt readily purchase these fine and cheap editions.

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it. The pens may not be growing less artive, but the purses evidently are beginning to open. Dr. Rand is to be congratu. lated ; so, too. is the country that produced the poet, 'The second edition contains many new poems, some of them, notably, " The Twin Flower." "The llallad of the "China" " and "Lady Dorothea," arnong the first that Dr. Kand has yet written. The latter, we understand, brought from Lord and Iady Aberdeen a letter of warn ap. preciation.

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Among the improvements in the International jible as shown this year by the Canadian agent, William Brigss, is a silk lining in the cheaper lines. The inter. natronal easily maintains its place at the head.

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Willian Brices, a work awained with some impatience by an army of subscribers, the publisher expects to have ready for delivery soon. The original intention wasa work of some 500 pages to sell at 32. The work has now grown to nearly 1,200 pages and will sell at 83, pospaid. It will be a monu. ment to the industry of the compiler and a work of great value.

## THE ROOK OF PRAISE IN STOCK.

William Briggs announces receipe of a full stock of the " Presbyterian Book of Praise " in the small music edition. See advertisement in another column of the various styles and prices. The orders comIng in indicate a popular demand for this edition. It will be the best "seller" of the whole.

## U. E. LOYALIST SERIES.

" Before the Coming of the Loyalists" is the title of a nicely printed and stiff paper covered pamphlet, being No. : in a projected series known as the ". U. E. Series,"
which Haight \& Co., Toronto, are geuing out. The paper is by Mr. C. Haisht, and deals with the events $\alpha$ the Revolutionery War proceding the emigration to Canadu. The pamphint retails at 2 gc . and sbould find popular sale.

## A REMARKABLE Sale.

The publigher of Mr. J. W. Tyrrell's "Across the Sub-Arctics of Canada." reports a remarkably rapid sale for the bookthe first edition of a thousand copies having sold off in less than four weeks from date of issue. Mr. Briggs is putting through a second edition, which he hopes to have from the press by the zoth of this month. Since Principal Grant's "From Ocean to Ocean"' appeared, no book of Canadian travel has excited so much attention as this, and as a contribution to the literature of travel and exploration few of recent issue approach it in absorbing interest. In every respect the book may be regarded as one of the most valuable of the year's publications.


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AR OLD EMCLIEN EOOKELLLER.
Mr. Joeeph Gallop, the oldest bookstal manager in the United Kingdom, has just ratired from business. He has been with W. H. Smith \& Co. for forty-five years. Mr. Gallop tells of a lesson on booksellers' profis which he once gave to Mr. John Bright. The latter, a few years before his death, visited the Derby bookstall, and sood survering it in a critical, quizzing sort of fachion. Presently the following conversation took place between himself and Mr. Gallop:
" Do you take any discount off your books ?" he asked.
" We do not, Mr. Bright," I replied.
-" But you have a large, a very large profit, twenty to twenty-five per cent."

- You are mistaken, Mr. Bright."
"Well, but you do get it."
" Pardon me, sir, but we do not. We have something like $£ 500$ worth of books at this stall at the present moment. First of all, we have to purchase the books ; then we have to pay people for collecting them ; we have, moreover, to send them down by rail, which adds tive per cent. in every case. We have also a very heavy rental, while the deprociation of stock is a mose serious item. reducing the profits from ten to fifteen per cent."

Mr. Bright was silent for a moment.
1 then took up his own work, "John Bright's Speeches," iwo large volumes oc. tavo. twenty-five shillings. "Look at this work of yours, sir. Are these two volumes worth twenty-five shillings ?" Mr. Bright was as silent as the Quaker he was. I proceeded to say. "Well, people are apt to think that W. H. Smith \& Son's business is all profit and that there are no drawbacks to it."
"Well, you have enlightened me, Mr. Gallop. Good-bye."

## ITEME OF INTEAEAT.

$\square$EORGE ELIOT'S " Scenes of Clerical Life " will soon be out of copyright and at the disposal of anybody who likes to publish them. There will be little room left for enterprise, however, having regard to Messrs. Blackwood's issues. Recently thèy brought out a sixpenny edition of the - "Scenes," and now they announce them in three small, dainty volumes. "Mr. Gilfil's love Story " will form one of these booklets, "Amos Barton" another, and " Janet's Repentance ' the third.
The University of Oxford has brought an interesting lawsuit against a U'nited States firm of publishers. This firm. it appears, has reproduced the Oxford inble-or, rather, produced a Bible so designed. The

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authorities of the Oxford University Press claim that the designation "Oxtord" means, and always has meant, that the book was printed at Oxford. They argue that the use of the word on any other Bible is deceptive and fraudulent, and is so intended to be. An injunction is asked against the Aunerican firm, and the case will shorly be heard in New York.

A pamphlet biography of Henryk Sienkiewicz has been published by Litlle. Brown \& Co. to answer at once the manifold eilquiries sent to them concerning the author of "Quo Vadis," which has taken such 2 hold upon the public. An interesting fact about the Polish writer is that in 1877, when
the Polish fraternity of expatriated Poles went to France, Mme. Modjeska and her husband, Count IDozenta Chlaponski were among the party of refugees in which was Sienkiewic 2 .
The tille of the posthumous volume of Professor Henry Drummond which Messrs. Hodder \& Stoughton are about to publish will be "The Ideallile and other Addresses hitherto Unpublished."'

Mr. Stanley Weyman's new romance "Shrewsbury" will be published in February by Messrs. Macmillan.

Mr. and Mris. Kudyard Kipling sailed for Capetown by the Dunvegan Castle on January 8.

## WALL PAPER AND DECORATIONS.

SOME SUGGi\&GIfONS AS TO THE SYL.YCTIOR



TliE obyect of wall decoration, when properly ronsidered, is as much to protect or preserve the wall from defacement or injury as for its ornamentation: and, this conceded, it follows that covering with some extrancous material is necessary. And therefore, although through tinting in distemper, and by panting, not only desired coloring but iery delightful effects in mural fmosh may be produced, neither tint. ink nor pauntung is altogether to the purpose.

A tinted or a painted wall is not only as easily soiled, but is as liable to injury as a


plain white wall. and once soiled. bruised or broken. the only remedy is to do the whole work over abian, the expense in the end being tas preater than if, in the first inctan e. the wall had been rovered.

A recent method of wall decoration, and one that, for pratteal ienson, cannot be 200 highly commenited, if the question of expense be not advene wo 1 . is that of Mr. J. f. Douthuts. Who tint, with paste and glue apples to walls a tapestry matenal, and then pams, upon is a desion. In some cases this is brought out in wo of three tones of a single color, or in iwo or more culors. a taultess mitation of satin damask. or a mitharabesque. a Moonsh concett, or a set patern-the dowinn always after stnct - C.anis.
rules of art, with color-harmony as the inception. and the result inevitably delightful. But mural decoration of this character being unavoidably costly, the next best method of wall treatment is by papering.

One would be hard to please, indeed, if; in the plenitude of design and finish in which wall papers now appear, there could not be found what would satisfy asthetic taste. It need not be tbat at any great expense decoration should be entered upon. There are to be found papers as low as soc. a roll, of eight yards, that are not only in good colonngs, but of pleasing and artistic designs. At $2 j c$. per roll, very handsome paper may be bought. When the price reaches up to 50 . per roll the papers become elegant, and at all figures above this the papers are sumptuous enough in quality and design for almost any purpose or effect demanded either by taste or opulence.

The present trend of fashion in wall papers is to delicate tints and tones of the positive colors, without very pronounced floriation, with very little gold, or no tinselry at all in the design. Happily for taste that may be offented by tawdriness, the corruptions growing out of Japanese art in wall papers have well nigh disappeared from our market, and designs much more modest and pleasing have superseded them. There could be little objection, certainly, raised against the elegant pressed papers that we see now for drawing-rooms and other apartments of ceremony, if the designs are continued on artistic lines, and the colors introduced should not become so pronounced as to be offensive. When a piece of pressed paper is shown in a design conceived in the art idea, of one or tuo tones of cream or ivory white, pale ecru, Volga green, or other delicate tint, there could be no question of its beauty or elegance; but where strong colors are introduced. and the design is accentuated by the introduction of metallic effects, it ceases to be even pleasing.
Some of the most charming of the recent manufartures in wall papers for dainty purposes are of silk finish, and delicate tones of blue, rose. green and other positive colors are taking the place of the pale neutrals which have for so long a time found place upon the walis of parlors, boudoirs and other dainty apartments. When the design is suitabic. present fancy inclines, after the idea in France. to carry the paper up to the cornice and finish with a picture moulding $t 0$ match in color. Many papers, however. are designed with a frie: $=$ of equal width to match. and the frie: obtains very generally. in the family sitting-roun and bedrooms.

For basement dining.rooms, libraries and halls, canvas paper is much used, special
favor attaching to designs having the grounding color and patterns seen in the lorrlap now devised for mural decoration. C.invas paper is also seen in delicate colors, ard some of fine design have found place on the walls of elegant drawing-rooms.
For halls, when the matter of expense is waived or not taken into account, papers dit leather finish are preferred, the choice being for those in two or three tones of leather color, but hall papers for cottages, of pleasing design and effect, are to be had at the lowest figures at which papers are manufactured; and when plain colors are insisted upon, the cartridge papers are at hand, with all the desired effect of tinting in distemper or painting, and the added


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merit of preserving the wall from defacement or injury.

In the choice of wall papers it is difficult to advise. If the trend of existing styles be slavishly followed there is little need to advise, but it is well to think twice, and oftener, before hanging walls with papers which may cre long become eyesores and which have a tendency to aggravate nervousness. Above all things color-harmony should not be ignored in the selecion of wall papers, wood finish or coloring, carpets. curtains-all the details of furnishing coming into consideration.

WALL PAIEK FOR CAKPETING.
A lady hit upon a happy scheme to cover her hardwood fioors for temporary purposes.
Our travellers are now making their last trip this season. If your stock requires sorting up for Spring drop us a line carly and we will send our traveller or mail samples.
ller husband had just finished a line new hotme and they had moved in．For a tume at least they did not wish to purchase new carpets she decided，therefore．to lay on the foor carpet paper，which was tacked down．Wver this was pasted agood quality of wall paper of pretty design，and this was varnished．The idea was novel and has attracted considerable attention from the lady＇s frends．The paper wore well and pieserved its treshness much longer than one would suppose，and it was easily cleaned．

HIN TU SER．I．WAI．L．IVIER．
Tbere is as much art in selling wall paper as there is in selling dess material．In both cases the purchasers are generally－ ladies．and the discreet salesman ouly offers a limited number of designs so as to limit the invariable yearning after fresh ones． Drapers know well that after they have shown a dozen or so different patterns their work．instead of becoming easier，becomes more difficult．The lady sets confused among the innumerable designs shown her． and at the end of an hour＇s atiempt at mak． ing a selection is generally worse off than when she statted．The same is true of wall papers，and the onlv wat to obtain a satis－ factory tesult is to first get as exact a
description as possible of the room in which the paper is to be used．as to its size．light． etc．，and then an ide．of the customer＇s tastes．
a chlicago sam delokator．
Among Chicago＇s cleverest decorators there are four women．the youngest and most capabic being Miss l．ouise R．Twyman， of Hyde lark．Aliloough scarcely twenty－ two jears of age，still she is one of the pioneers among women in interior decoration in the＂thorough－going ladder and scaffold work＂on walls and ceiling．

It takes a certain kind of energy．perse－ verance and pluck to mount a loft；scaffold－ ing and work for a number of hours， whth uplifted arm and head bent backward， decorating a flat and uninviting expanse of ceiling．It takes a kind of pliysical endur－ ance and grit that not many women ever demonstrate．To paint a tiny piece of can－ vas held comfortably before one is a sum－ mer dream in comparison．．Women all the world over have gained destinction，when the means were easy，talent considered ；but few have won it in this most difficult phase of ant－interior decoration．

Despite her youth．Miss Twyman is no novice．Six years ago，when yet a student in Hyde Park High School，her first work was
begun．Since then it has matured wonder－ fully，and it shows none of the shallowness of the ordinary fresco painters．

The tendencies of her childhood，fostered and directed by her father，Joseph Twyman， a man of enviable reputation as a decorator， have ripened into the serious profession of
her womanhood．

Sume of the exquisite walls which Miss Twiman has completed are a proof of her power．Notable among them is the luxuri－ ous library in Mrs．Frederick Winston＇s home，on North State street．It is a kind of polychromatic room with a fresco and ceiling；border in conventionalized chrysan－ themums．

The coloring and the shading of the whole are superb．The circlet of nowers changes alnost imperceptibly in tint as the eje glances about，revealing all the unex－ pected bursts，like the blue，red and green tire in the heart of the opal．－Wall Paper， Carpets and Curtains．

## A HG RUN ON LINES．

M．Siaunton $\mathbb{E}$ Co．，Toronto，report busi－ そess as very active．Orders have been dropping in steadily and repeat orders have been unusually large Many of their pat－ terns have been tremendous sellers－in fact， some of them have had to be made two or


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## vortes from pides.

We have noticed already a tendency towards smplicity in the decoration of private aparimems, and even public rooms. Here is another example. A moderately-sized dining room in a restaurant here, in l'aris, has recently won considerable attention by having its walls painted a very palegreenish blue grey, while the molding, staves and edkes, as well as the cornice-all of which are of the simplest torm-are painted in a pale, neutral pink, and the whole ceil. mig in harmony, but even paler in toac.

It would be a mistake, however, to beliese that it in nec essarity casier to obtain a satosfactory tesult because the means used are so simple. On the contrary, by using a larget vaicty of means, adever antisan will be able octasomally to hide certan defictencies of construction, mheremt often, for instance. to old huildings. Hut where the decorator is lumted to a more implitied expression in line and color. good. that is ratomal, popotuons are an mevitable conduon. lach decoratue problem begins whh an impressive appeal to the artistic mind to find out which are the best proportions to be tealized or a given surface. Cireat simplicity in hane enlarges a roons, so do light colors. but it is not always desirable to produce such an impression. and therefore to render the same space more comfortable, it nay be adwisable to till out the large surfaces with some representation of an appropmate chanacter, sober, gay, or luxuriant.

In aparments in which a more or less umform uhate colonag is employed for the coverng: of the walls or the wainscoting (compare our $\lambda$ pal number', one may casily counterbalance the somew hat naked appearane of the hight surfaces by filling out the panels with composituans traced in a simple seale. a subdued blue or a warm sepia-- olored unt: it being supposed that the trammes and horderm: of the panels and - eilings are enhanced in thas case by ghlding. oo as to pive them more umporance and relet. In rooms of a sumbar sue, suh as a poudong. for ancatace. a tosy or volet unt will make a vers pretty elles:

Imblems as a subier mas be used on panel, wer the dixos of wer a lirge mirrer. while landsapes admit more hilierty and vanety and are most fit for larder surface.

The painter should always bear in mind that he has simply' $t 0$ indicate a landscape, to suggest it. indeed. he never should attempt in such an instance to closely imitate reality. The casual intervention of some purely ornamental by work, a flower or an arabesque, is used precisely for the purpose of keeping alive the connection of these representations with pure fancy, and for the sake, too, of securing a transition with the architectural part.-The Journal of Decorative Art."

## A Hest mactory.

Messrs. Colin McArthur \& Co. are extremely busy in their shipping department. Their machines are taxed to the utmost capacity to fill their orders.

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Messrs. Colin MeArthur \& Co. state that the) have just filled some very fine orders from the liest Indies and Australia. This is a deserving tribute to the energy displayed by this firm and also marks the high standing of their productions, as in both these markets they have to compete against the best English and French makers.
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Messrs. Watson, Foster \& Co., Montreal, have issued a new calendar for the year. A card sent to the firm will procure one.

ShHPMENTS 2O THE STATES.
Messrs. Watson. Foster \& Co., have just shipped two carloads of wall paper to New lork and two to Chicago. Both shipments were put on the cars in the company's building and shipped direct.

## a couple of good shathers.

We illustrate two very successful wall papers, manufactured by the Watson, Foster Co. They are produced in a goodquality gilt, and retailat from 12 to 15 c . per roll. Hoth have 9 -inch blended frieze and ceiling to match.

james sayre Warren, head of the firm of Warren, Fuller 太 Co.. New York, and one of the pioneers of the wall paper trade. died on Christmas day. His fiest venture in the wall paper fine was in IS68, when in com. pany with I. W. Pinchot he siarted a factory at New York. The venture was a success from the tirst. In $1 \$ 75$ Mr. Pinchot retired and the tirm name becane Whiting. Young A Warren. I few years later it became Warren, Fuller \& large. wheh afterwards was changed to the present name.

Mr. Warten was one of the founders of the National Wall Paper Co... and had many wade memests outside his own company. He retued from business about two years sio.

## A RETAIL FIRN'S 8UCOE8B.

The Bain Book and Stationery Co., King street east. Toronto, have had a most successful holiday trade, their business having been over 50 per cent. ahead of any former year's total.
They made a specialty again this year ax art calendars, only on a larger scale than formerly, utilizing their handsome art gallery for this display. Mr. Huesus, the matager, states that he carried a stock of these goods alone (calendars, cards and booklets) amounting to over $\$ 950$ worth, net cost. By New Year's Day there were not more than $\$ 10$ worth left on his hands. and these, he states, can readily be sold at some sacrifice to lithographers, etc., for designs.
The Bain Co. also report a large demand for books, and a special call for books by Canadian writers or on Canada-the works of Parkman, Roberts, Gilbert Parker, Dr. Drummond, Bourinot. Tyrrell, Barlow Cumberland, Jean Blewett. "Kit" and others, and the Canadian editions of the publications of G. N. Morang, William Briggs and the Copp, Clark Co.
The six best selling books this season have been as follows:

1. "The Mabitant." Dr. Drummond.
2. " london Letlers " " Kit."
"Sub-Arctics of Camada." Tyrrell. "Quo Vadis." Sienkiewicz. "Forge in the Forest." Roberts. " Spanish John." McLennan.
The demand was in about above order. Nansen's "Farthest North." Roberts" " 41 Years in India," "Tennyson's Life," Parkman's works, "Shakespeare" in sets and Gibson's drawings, etc., in the expensive editions, sold well as gift books.
Mr. Huestis is very much satisfied with his Christmas sales, and thinks the book business is not quite dead yet.

## CALENDARS.

The ISyS calendar of Morton, Phillips \&: Co.. Montreal, is a plain, nicely-printed one. The numbers are in clear, black letters, with the holidays in red. The numbers can be seen across the room, and the calendar is just the thing for business men.

Muntin, Gillies \& Co., Hamilton, have again gone in for an artistic tigure in very tine contrasted colorings. Their ig calendar has Robin Hood blowing his horn in his Lincoln green habit and other accoutrements of the famous. .The Royal Arms and the l'mon lack draped are the back ground. The whole thing is handsome and unique. The lirm have a good supply for all who wish to get one. Drop a post card.

## THE JANUARY MAQAZINE8.

THE Canadian Magazine pruduces a readable number, strong in fiction, well illustrated and with two good historical papers-the third of Dr. Bourinot's series on the Makers of Canada, and another on Whe Fenian Raids, "With Booker's Column." Mr. T. Arnold Haultain has a good critique of Sir William Dawson's latest book. The sporting record and the literary department are both good.

The Century opens with an article of special interest to Canadian readers" Portraits of General Wolfe," with five portraits, all giving more pleasing pictures of the great hero than (and apparently quite as authentic as) others more familiar to the average reader. Archibald Forbes, the famous war correspondent, contributes "A Myth of Waterloo." "Scenes from Huxley's Home," with portrait and autograph, is by his son, Leonard Huxley. The new tale by Dr. Weir Mitchell, "The Adventures of Francois," is begun in this number.

During 1898 The Ladies' Home Journal, Philadelphia, promises an interesting programme: "The Inner Experiences of a Cabinet Minister's Wife," papers by lan Maclaren, letters from Europe by Lilian Bell, articles by ex-president Harrison, fiction by Mark Twain, Marion Crawford, Julia Magruder, etc.; Sousa's new musical march, and other copyright music.. It will continue to be $s t$ a year.

Frank Lesle's Popular Monthly for Febnuary will contain a Klondyke article written by Henry Clay Colver, of Seatle. After describing the various expeditions that have set out from Seattle for Dawson City, the author gives some valuable and interesting information to those about to embark for the gold regions, including a list of necessary provisions, utensils, etc., to last a man for a year. This article is supplemented by one giving a general description of Alaska. its resources, people and customs, by R. H. Herron. There will be more than thirty fine half-tone illustrations of scenes and people in the gold regions and other parts of the Territory, and a handsome map of Alaski, $17 \times 23$ inches, showing the location of the places of interest along the \& Yukon and the Klondyke.
" John Olmstead's Nephew ' is the complete novel in Lippincort's. Two notable articles are " Irrigation from Underground." and "To-day in the Bible."

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Selby \& Co. bawe published on one sheet two sacred songs, Kipling's " Recessional Hymn," and Rev. Chas. Wesley's "Love

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The " Bouquet of Kindergarten and

Primary Songs " has been issued in a new paper edtion. Under each song the gestures are given and notes for the pupil. There is also an introduction by Mrs. J. L. Hughes. The music is nicely printed, and there are a number of attractive introductory illustrations. The book also contains Kipling's recessional set to music by Mr. Wm. Selby. Selby \& Co. are the publishers of the book.

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The travellers of the 11 . A. Nelson \& Sons Co. Limped, of Montreal, are now prepar-
ing to set out again for the spring business. and in addiction to their large line of staple goods, will again carry
 betterassorted lint of novelties than ever before. Novelties in china and glassware, toys, dolls. fancy foods. will be the order of the day. No one interested in this line should miss viewing their line. A specialty this season will be a line of these class combination pocket books. assorted different colors and leathers, y dozen in a case, with and without silver timings. They will carry two lines. one for import, the other for stock. The 11. A. Nelson \& Sons Co.'s broom. and whisk factory, as is general\} ~ known, was burnt out last fall, and though no goods in this branch of their budness have been produced by them, tide
factory will be in full running order by February 1, and dealers may look out for a finer and better assorted line than ever before. Attention is called to the gramophone.
gone to nu y almond.
Mr. S. 13. Gundy, the manager of the


## The brown iron, l. id.

wholesale department of the Methodist Book and Publishing louse, sailed on the Majestic, from New York, on the 2gth ult., on his annual buying trip, Mr. Gundy is thoroughly familiar with the needs of the Canadian trade, has good discrimination in buying, and each year brings back with him a number of "good things." His ven. lures during the past year in toy books and other Christmas goods were most successful. This year's trip should be not less zuccels.


The Blown limen, id.
fol, as he is happy in the company of his charming and accomplished wife.

Kionshy
The latest puzzle novelty is the Klondike lircwnes puzzle. It is a small box with four active brownies, and four small pens.


The Down bros., lind
The puzzle is to get each of the brownies into a pen. This is a very amusing novelty
and sells well. The Montreal News Co. handles them and reports a rapidly increas. ing sale.
good christmas thane.
Messes. Morton, Phillips \& Co. report a good season's trade. In fact, their Christ. mas trade has been considerably above the 7vé rage. Lurown moOS.. s.mitín. Office surprises of all kinds are to be hadat BEes., RimCited, have


The Brown Bros., Lite. just received a large supply of penholder from both Europe and America, also pendis, etc., from all the first-class factories of both old and new world.

The stock of files, inkstands, paper weights, mucilage bottles, waste-paper baskets, copying presses, rulers, erasing knives, etc., at the wardrooms of the Brown Bros., limited, is very large and new goods are arriving daily, and placed on $\rightarrow$ the sample tables and it would be to the $G$


The Brown litho, lid.
interest of the trade not to forget that firm when visiting the city.

Rubber stamps and pads for same are to be had at the Brown Bros., Limited, and the stock in now large and complete.
listerbrook's and Spencerian pens, all numbers, are now to be had at the Brown Bros., limited-every line in stock.

## HANK HOOKS.

The Brown Bros, l,smited, have on hand the largest and finest lines of blank books
to be had in the Dominion. There are all kinds, from the vest pocket memo book to the handsome ledgers used in the largest establishments, and a visit to their extensive warerooms will convince you that it would be hard to find a finer exhibit of blank books anywhere.

## VALENTINES.

The valentine season is very close now, and dealers will be watching for the latest lines. The Nontreal News Co. are showing a fine line of McLaughlin's and E. P. Dotton's valemtines. Both these makers are well known to the trade.

TIIE Sthir sconler.
The Montreal News Co. are handling a novelly for progressive euchre, or games, scoring. It is called the United States Self-scorer, and is the most up-to-date scorer on the market. They are put up in pads with different colored paper for each game, so that there can be no confusion.

BMPORTED PapER AND ENVELOPES.
The official figures of imported papers and envelopes during the six months, May to November, both inclusive, $\mathbf{1 S 9 7}$, indicate a marked expansion in trade. This is under the new tariff which went into force about May 1. : 897. The details are not given in the official figures, only the totals, as follows, which we have supplemented by giving the figures for the same months in the previous year:


FHE DINOS CHUCHBE COMBANY.
Speaking of trade during last year, Mr. John A. Walker, vice•president of the Joseph IMixon Crucible Co., Jersey City, N.J., says :

- In 1893 it was a case of business paralysis, in 1594 we had a year of debility, in iSos the patient partially survived, in 1596 came a relapse, but in 1897 came recovery. and the patient took up his bed and walked. lhe great medicine man was dollar wheat and thaty-cent corn. plus poor harvests at this exigency abroad.
$\cdots 1$ saw it myself. for in November 1 irsited Indianapolis, Cincinnati, Chicago. Wmaha, Denver, Kansas Cily, l'ucblo and St. L.ouis, and saw everyone up to his eyes in new business. The consumer at last had money once mote, and was spending it.
- The industrial triumphs of $18 y 7$ are important In this year the business cloud passed away and another era of prosperity,
hopefully of long duration, opened. Export trade was larger in the fruits of the harvest, and particularly in manufactured goods, than in the history of the country. Americans are competing in every market. American motors won the order in London. On a bridge in Holland an American firm was the lowest bidder. American steel rails go regularly to China, Japan and India. A inovement is on foot to have the English Parliament pass a law changing the stamp on goods not made in England, stamped " Abroad" instead of the name of the country where they are made. This is an effort on the part of the English law-makers to obscure the origin of these grools.
"For the Dixc. Company personally, we have shared in the general prosperity. The year has been an agreeable one, the future looks rosy to those who have eyes to see. Perhaps the outlook was never more inviting. Never were there so many roads open to wealth to those who know how to find them."

THIS SOLNDS LIKE A FAIKI TAle.
A valuable acquisition to the writing world is a new patent splitless pen which cannot scratch or become cross-nibbed, and writes on the coarsest or roughest as well as on the finest paper. It produces the, even lines of any delicacy or thickness, rendering it especially valuable to artists and architects, and $i t$ is almost indestructible.
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A new method of packing fragile articles, or china, papier-mache, glass, etc., is to place them between layers of loofah felt, cellulose, pasteboard, caoutchouc. etc., which are shaped to receive them. This method has been patented.

Warwick Bros. \& Rutter have now in stock for immediate delivery a new edition of the Winners' playing card, which has been so popular and has sold so remarkably well.

FRENCH FI.ORAS. TISSIEF.
Warwick Bros. \& Rutter are showing the new french floral tissue in a large range of new designs. This handsome material is 10 feet to the package, and retails from $2 ;$ to joc., according to style.

NEW GAMY COUNTEKS.
Warwick Bros. ※ Rutter have a range of new cellulod game counters and poker clups. A novelty is an inlaid ace of clubs design.

The self-scorer for progressive euchre and other progressive card games is a late novelty which Warwich Bros. \& Rutter
have. It does away with the licking of seals and the punching. One scorer is placed on each table and a ticket is torn off by each gues: and placed in a small bag each player carries. The novelty works easily and relieves the hostess from much work and worry.

## NEW BOOKS FOR JANUARY.

The Copp, Clark Co., L,imited.
Hichens, Rohert.-Byeways. Paper, $75 c$.

Redge, W. Pert.-Secretary to Bayne. M.P. Paper, 75 c .

Gerard, Dorothea, -Miss Providence. Paper. 75 C ; cloth, $\$ 1.25$.

Couch, L. Gulhlek.-A Spanish Maid. Paper, 75 C : cloth, $\$ 1.25$.

Merriman, Henky Seton.-The Grey lady. Paper, 75c.: cloth. \$1.25.

Honbs. John Oliver. -The School for Saints. Paper, 75c.: cloth, \$1.25.

Stockron, Frank R.-The Great Stone of Sardis. Paper. 75 c .; cloth. 81.25.

Mclensan, Wm.-Spanish John. Yaper. 75c.: cloth, 81.25.

Watson, A.E. T.-Racing and Chasing. Paper, 75c.; cloth. \$1.25.

Gordon, H. Lang.-Sir James Simpson, Master of Medicine. Cloth. \$1.35.

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##  NEW BOOKS REVIEWED. <br> The next vest thing to the reading of a good book ls, perhegs, the perusal of en inteligent 

BDDHISM AND ITS CHRISTIAN CRITICS.-By Dr. l'aul Carus. Cloth, 316 pp., $\$ 1.25$. Open Court Pub. Co., Chicago. The author deals with the origin and development and the doctrines of Buaddhism, addressing himself mainly to Christians. The book he desires to be con. sidered a contribution to comparative religion, and he bases hls researches upon the belief that mankind will ultimately have one religion, and that whatever the fate of creeds may be, truth will ultimately prevail. As an intelligent examination of the contrasts and analogies of Buddhism and Christianity the work is readable and informing.

The Unnamed Lake.- 13j Frederick George Scott. Cloth, $\leqslant 1,48 \mathrm{pp}$. William Briges, Toronto. We need not trouble our readers with a literary critu's vews of Mr. Scolt's poetry. His poems are noteworthy for punty of thought and style and a simple umagery which is hughly effectuve. Mr. Scott has a place among the half-dozen Canadians who have secured a great deal of popularity on this continent during the past ten jears: Roberts, Carman, Campbell, Lampman and D. C. Scott. This is a "first edtion," and it is worthy of note, for the people who make a fad of collecting "firsts." that Mr. Scot's volume. "The Soul's duest," ${ }^{\prime}$ is out of print. The present volume is a charming little book as to binding. printing. paper, etc.

To hombos for the Jember.-lly Kit. Cloth, 75c. 154 pp . George N. Morang. Toronto. This book had a large holiday sale. and there is no reason to suppose that interest in " lapses because that season is over. The accoumt of the Jubilee by" "Kit" (Mra. Watkins) was intintely the cleverest and brightest prece of descriptive writing about the Jubilee by a Canadian pen. As a litte memonal volume Kit's book should be in many Canadian bookshelves. The brown cloth and ast cover design attract the eye and show how the publisher has done his part in "playing up " to the text.
beoks: a Gemeto com Reamsio. By John Millar, B.A. Cloth. $\$ 1,112$ pp. William Brags, Toronto. Mr. Millar is the Deputy Ministef of Education for On. tario. and, though he has other clams to prose as an adviser upan books, his offical postuon has doubtless had its weight in considering the usefuiness wo well as the enloyment of reading. One may not coin-
cide with all the author's views, but they seem practical and sensible and are not wearisome. Each period of youth or school life is taken up. and a list of books suitable for each is given. We do not agree with Mr. Millar's choice in several cases, but in general his lists are chosen with care and propriety. As instances where we would have selected other works by the same author, may be mentioned Henty's "Curse of Carne's Hold,' Dickens' " Dombey \& Son," Thackeray's "Virginians," Goldwin Smith's "Life of Cowper," Pope's "Essay on Man." etc. Among Canadian books there are also some omissions, for instance, (so far as a quick reading of the lists shows) none of Sir William Dawson's books appear, nor does Mr. Lesperance's "Bastonnais" (one of the best of Canadian historical novels), nor Mr. Cumberland's "Story of the Flag." and some others. Also, why is Dr. Bourinot preferred to Todd as a constitutional authonty? It is far to add, however, that Mr. Millar has tried to select works which are issued at a popular price, and not to choose books that are apt to be scarce or expensive.

Betwege Earth and Sky.-l3y E. W. Thomson. Cloth, \$1.25. art cover design, 295 pp . William Briges, Toronto. This is a thoroughly enjojable book of short stories. There are twenty-Qne tales, dealing with escapes from peril, and they are written in the author's most vivid and engaging style. Mr. Thomson, the clever Canadian who is editor of The Youth's Companion, Boston, has specially devoted his talent for story-writing to short tales, and his volume "Old Man Savarin and Other Stories" has had an immense sale in Canada. The new volume has many thrilling adventures, and the last tale is " pethcrick's Peril." one of the most enlivening stories of a boy"s narrow escapes from death that bave been written. In appearance, the book is most attractive

Gobden Treasury of American Songs and livers.-Edited by F. L. Kinowles. Cloth, ant cover, gilt top. $\$ 1.25$ : 319 pp . L. C. Page N Co., Boston. This dainty publication is an ideal gift book. It is handsomel; and tastefully gotten up. Its contents include tremost notable specimens of American songs and lyrics. The editor has tried to make a critical selection, not devoting the largest part of the book to the products of a few famous names, but taking care to gather all that comes up to the
standard. It is, therefore, representative in a good sense. Mr. Knowles' preface is in itself a gem, being marked by courage, discrimination and taste.

A Handpul of Silver.-By L. T. Meade. Cloth, illus.; 316 pp.; 35. 6d. Oliphant, Anderson \& Ferrier, Edinburgh. Mrs. Meade is well known as a writer of healthy entertaining fiction. The present tale is satisfactory reading. Audrey Church, a lovely English girl, lives with her mother who keeps boarders in Brussels. A relative, Sir Julius Le Breton, leaves his daughter Dorothy to Mrs. Church's care. This embarrassing legacy, since all are poor, threatens Mrs. Church's peace of mind until a windfall relieves the family. Audrey becomes engaged to Paul Greville, whom Dorothy had declined to marry owing to her poverty. Audrey is a selfish, scheming girl, and conceals her knowledge that the windfall is not honestly her mother's. She repents of her plot to keep Greville and Dorothy apart and marries someone else. The lovers are thus united.

The Beth Book.-By Sarah Grand. Paper. 75c.: 573 pp . George Morang, Toronto. This novel is, like the publisher's other copyright Canadian editions, an excellent prece of work. The story itself centres around Beth, a wayward, handsome girl, whose girlhood is made uncomfortable and unsatisfying to her by parents who do not understand her and who are poor. The girl is practically driven by circumstances into marriage with Dr. Daniel Maclure, who is a low-minded person, with neither the manners of a gentleman nor the courage of a man. Unknown to Beth, his income is derived from a hospital for women with an incurable disease. Beth, with all her eccentricities and unconventionalities, is represented by the authoress as a pure and modest woman. She finds that a young girl staying in her house as a patient is her husband's paramour. leaving her husband, Beth goes to London and makes a living by her pen, and becomes friendly with a young American artist, Arthur Brock, who resides in the same lodging house as herself. He falls ill, and she nurses him as a sister would do and keeps him from starvation from her own slender stock of money. He leaves to regain his health, and she is found by friends interested in the cause of women ill and half starved. Once recovered, she finds her true mission as a platform orator. The last page of the book gives us a pecp of Brock appearing again on the scene as Beth's lover. The story is long, written in parts with power, but without much refinement, and more likely to attain success by its handling of themes usually deemed forbidden than by any other qua lity

Beth's relations with her husband, a weak scoundrel, are certauly a very daring picture of domestic unhappiness.

In the New Capital. City of Ortana, in 1999. - By John Galbraith. Toronto News Co. Pnce, 25c. This unique and interesting book is an attempt by the author (who is a Canadian and citizen ot Toronto) to solve the problem of somuch unemployed labor and low wages which exists at the present time. In the first part of the book the author discards books on political economy, and makes certain enquiries from characters " who have seen better days" and learns from them that the cause of their troubles m.yy be traced to the uses of new machinery displacing manual labor, present system of taxation, and the liquor traffic. The second part of the book takes the form of a dream of the city of Ottawa in 1999 when the author finds Canada an independent country governed by a National Progressive Democracy, with a native of Quebec as king. There are also tutles won by merit, but not hereditary. By the combination of the single tax, and short hours of labor, to counteract the effects of new machinery. life is almost a happy dream in this age. A novel, yet reasonable, way of producing prohibition of the liquor traffic, is by licensing the individual drinker instead of the seller, thereby compelling him to exercise self-control and moderation in his habit. After a time the desire leaves the individual and the manuiacture of liquors ceases. On the whole the book makes a pleasant evening's reading and is instructive on certain social problems which confront us at the present time. It is having quite a sale in Ontario and the city of Montreal and especially among the laboring classes, who hope for the realization of some of the ideas contained in it.

Cromivelles Place in History. - By S. R. Gardiner. Cloth, 116 pp., 3s. 6d. l.ongmans \& Co., London; Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. Mr. Gardiner is the highest living authority on this period of English history, and in these six lectures he has embodied the fruits of long study and close research. It is, therefore, an admirable treatise in a most popular framework upon the career of one of the greatest of Englishmen and monarchs. Without the exuber. ance of Carlyle, Gardiner takes a very appreciative view of Cromwell, contending that the great captain-general's abortive constitutional attempts were tentative efforts which have all been realized by England in the 19th century.

The Professqu's Children.-By E.H. Fowler. Cloth, 254 pp., illis., 6s. Long. mans \& Co., London ; Copp. Clark Co.,

Limited, Toronto. A oleasantly humorous and perfectly natural $:$ ry of children. illustrating their characteristics and developing natures. The professor, their father, founds a lecture dealing, it the psychological phenomena of childhood upon his observations of the little folk. larents and lovers of children will love the book.

Childres's Ways.-l3y James Sully, M.A., LL.D., professor of philosophy in London University. Cloth, illus., gilt top, 193 pp. Longmans, London; Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto. This is a serious and philosophical treatise upon the same subject as that dealt with in the book reviewed above. For parents, teachers and all persons who wish to reflect, the book is invaluable.

Racing and Chasing.-By A. E. T. Watson. Longmans' Colonial Library. Cloth, $\$ 1.25$; paper, 75 c .; 344 pp. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. A volume of English sporting stories will be much appreciated. especially when told by a keen sportsman with the skill to spin a lively yarn.

A New Manual of Method.-By A. H. Garlick, B.A. Clofh, diagrams, $37^{8}$ pp., $\$ 1.25$. A new edition of a valuable work upon the whole scheme of practical education. with a well tabulated but thorough treatment of each subject in the class. The health, capability, etc., of the student are considered. The book, which is by an authority, contains a vast amount of information for the teacher.

The Book of Dreams and Ghosts.By Andrew Lang. Cloth, ast cover, 301 pp., 6s. Longmans, London: Copp. Clark Co., Toronto. Mr. Lang has collected industriously a large number of well. authenticated stories of ghosts, dreams, visions and strange occurrences in which the supernatural element is popularly supposed to be present. Mr. Lang attempts explanations wherever possible and clears himself from the charge of undue credulity. Many of the incidents are undoubtedly strange, and the book is very readable and entertaining. In tact, it is the cleverest compilation of the kind that has lately appeared. There are many persons in Canada interested in this branch of investigation.

The Thurn Ahout Aghicultural. De-pression- - By F. A. Channing. M. P. Cloth, $388 \mathrm{pp} ., 6 \mathrm{~s}$. Longmans, London : Copp. Clark Co., Toronto. Mr. Channing. the Liberal M.P., was one of the British Agricultural Commission of 1894 , and in this book are given his reasons for dissent. ing from the findings of that body. It is the radical free-trade view, and is, therefore, of importance to parliamentanans,
students and others in Canada who feel that our preferential th..lff is giving us a direct interest in the tende: - of events in Britain. The book is full ol statistical and other information.
Nikvana: a Storv of Buddilist Pillio-sophr.- By Paul Carus. Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago. Fifty pp., \$1. This is both unique and beautiful as a piece of bookmaking. It has been printed in Tokio, Japan, on thick, Nexible, colored Japanese paper with large illustrations on many of the pages. The cover illustrations, as well as the others, are specimens of Japanese art, and the whole book is a gom -to be kept as a curiosity and work of art. The story is readable and embodies the doctrines of Buddha.

What Gunpowder Plot Was.-By S. R. Gardiner. Cloth, 208 pp ., illus. Longmans \& Co., London. Copp, Clark Co., Toronto. A celebrated Jesuit, Father Gerard, wrote a book to prove that the Gunpowder Plot and Guy Fawkes and all the rest of it was a pure myth. This book is an answer to it. Father Gerard apparently did not expect that so accurate, dispassionate and qualified a historian as Mr Gardiner would take the trouble to challenge the correctness of the myth theory The authorities are all quoted, and the story is well told. To Orangemen the book will be acceptable, as well as to Protestants who are not willing to relinquish one of their fundamental opinions regarding the history o England in James I.'s reign.

The Monkey that Would not Kili.. -By Henry Drummond. Cloth. 115 pp. . illus., si. Fleming H. Revell Co., To. ronto. Tricky was a very bad monkey. They tried to do away with him but failed. He and his successor, Gun, proved, however. useful little creatures to their friends. The stories appeared anonymously in Lady Aberdeen's paper, Wee Willie Winkle, and it is only now that the authorship of Prof. Drummond is acknowledged.

Sters in the lhonic System.-By $A$. E. Cullen and C. C. Niven. Cloth, 94 pp. Copp, Clark Cu.. Toronto. Two accomplished and successful lady teachers of Toronto have embodied in thys book their sys. tem of teaching children to read. The sys. tem is very carefully and clearly outlined, and to teachers of the very young the book will be of much practical value.

## SEND FOR ONE.

The North Amencan Life Co., Toronto, are very generously handing out to their friends a neat leather memomandum book containing calendar and other useful information. They will send you ene on receipt of your request mentioning this paper.

FORTHCOMING ENGLISH BOOKS.

## BIOGRAPHY A FEATURE IN THE FEW LISTS NOW OUT.

  GORDON HIGAH.ANDHES.

l.oNions, Dec. 30. 1897.

EARLY in January the "Life of the Prince of Wales," which has been much delayed by the printing strike in Edinburgh. will appear Grant Rıchards is the publisher. The authorship is still a secret, several denials having been given to the statement that the biographer is Mr. H. D. Traill. editor of literature. Mr. Richards, by the way, is an instance of a publisher turning author, as he is writing. in conjunction with Mr. (i. W. Steevens, the journalist, a romance giving the adventures of an linglishman iranslated back. wards to the days of the Roman Empire.

It is announced that Giay \& Bird. will publish January 3 the English edition of the work just concluded by Justin Winsor. the librarian of Harvard College. who died a few weeks ago. The book's tille is "The Westward Movement : tine Struggle for the Trans-Alleghany Region, 1763-1797."

Princess Beatice, widow of the late Prinee Henry of Battenberg, has published at Warmstadt a devotional book dealing with widows mourning. It is written in German and contains a preface by the Rer. Mr. Vogel, a German clergyman, who says that he was requested torevise the work, but that he lelt unchanged many sentences which were not quite (ierman.' fearing to efface their originality.
The 'Jublishers' Circular says that the ousput of books duting the past year in Gireat Butan was larger by some 1.400 volumes than in 1896 . In theology there is 2 rise of about 100 books, and in education 160. while politics and commerce show the notable augmentation of 300 books. While the demand for light reading also grows, the total increase in fiction is not as great as was expected. Travels and poetry are much the same as last year. The tolal number of books and new editions published in the past twelve months is 6,573 . The smallest number is on law. 140, and the largest in novels. 2.677. There is revived interest in theology. white the arts and sciences show a balling off.

NAW FILTBN.
Mr. Anthony Hope had setled upon the sitle " Born in the lurple" for his next novel. Apparently, however. this title has at some period been used for a book.

Messrs Hodder and Stoughton are to publish immedately a new volume 1 sicot's sketches. by "David l.yall." under the name of ". Lravid Lyall's Love Story:"

Mrs. Florn Annie Steel, the author of "Un the Face of the Waters," has sailed for India with a view to writing another novel. The scene of the new story will probably be laid at Lucknow.

It is understood that Mr. Thomas Hardy has made considerable progress with a new novel.

Mrs. Croker's novel, "Miss Balmaine's Past." is announced by Messrs. Chatto for January 13. Somewhat later they will issue Mr. Henty's new story of adventure. "Colonel Thorndyke's Secret." and yet later a novel by Mr. Manville Fenn.

MOGRAPHICAL WORKS, ETC.
"The Life and Letters of Sir George Savile, Baronet, First Marquis of Halifax," with a new edition of his works, now for the first time collected and revised by Mr. H. C. Foxcroft, is in preparation for early pub. lication by Messrs. Longmanns. Green $\mathbb{E}$ Co.
" Auld Lang Syne" is the title of Professor Max Muller's new book, which Messrs. I.ongmans \& Co. will publish in january. The volume will contain literary and musical reminiscences as well as " Recollections of Royalties."

Mr. John Millais, the younger son of the late Sir J. E. Millais, is engaged on an exhaustive biography of his father. The book, which will be extensively illustrated with reproductions of the great artist's work, will not be ready for publication for some considerable time.

Early in the New Year Messrs. Blackic \& Son will publish, under the title "The Two Duchesses." the family correspondence of. and relating to. Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. Elizaberh, Duchess of Devonshire. the Earl and Countess of Bristol. Lord and Landy Byron, the Earl of Aberdeen. Sir Augustus Foster, and others. between the year 1777 and 1859 .

Mr. Murray will publish shortly a book of a somewhat unusual kind, named " The Nemoirs of a Highland Lady." It contains the reminiscences of Miss Grant, of Rothiemurchus, who became the wife of General Smith, of Baltiboys, county Wicklow, and died in iSS 5 in her eighty-ninthyear. She left a minute record of her whole life, which was printed a short time ago for private circulation : but the interest which it aroused lias been such as to induce the family to give t to the world. It furmshes a lively picture of those leudal feelings and that spitit of clanship which stall characterized bcottish
social life during the early part of the present century. The author's range of acquaintances was as varied as it was wide. Among the names of those whom she knew, or about whom she writes, are to be found Mr. Yerceval, Mr. Canning, Lord Lauderdale. Sir Francis Burdett, lords Eldon, Stowell and Jeffrey, Sir Walter Scott! Shelles, Mrs. Thrale, Mrs. Siddons and the Kembles. The work will be edited by lady Sirachey, a niece of the author.

MISCELLALEOLS.
Messrs. Methuen will publish on january 3. 1898 , the long-expected volume in which I'rince lienri of Orleans describes his travels of $1895 \cdot 6$, entitled "From Tonkin to India." These travels from China to the valley of the Bramaputra covered a distance of 2,100 miles, of which 1,600 were through absolutely unexplored country. No fewer than seventeen ranges of mountains were crossed, at altitudes of from it.00 to 13.000 fect. The journey was made memorable by the discovery of the sources of the Irrawaddy. To the physical difticulties of the journey were added dangers from the attacks of savage tribes. The book will be found a most important contribution to the literature of adventure ard discovery.
Mr. John Macqueen will publish in a day or two a small volume on the (;ordon Highlanders, whose achievements at Iargai have excited so much interest. The wruter is Mr. James Milne, who hails from the Aberdeenshire Ilighlands, a district with Which the corps has been identitied ever since its formation. The Gordon lligh. landers have had a record as picturesque as their origin was romantic.

Dr. Alfred P. Hillier, who, after the Jameson Raid, was detained as a polatical pnsoner in l'retoria, will issue early in the year a work entutled " Raid and Reform," comprising historical essays on the Transvaal, more particularl; in the jears $1895-6$, and including the greater part of the author's diary during his imprisonment. I'wo prehistorical essays will treat of the dawn of native life in South Africa.

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