

THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

The men who are now foremost in Canadian letters were born between 1860 and 62. The New York Critic speaks of the quartette of Canadians of increasing literary fame, and it is a remarkable fact that two of this quartette were born in '60 and two in '61. And Mr. Weir, author of Fleurs de Lys, and Rev. F. G. Scott, author of A Soul's Quest and Other Poems, were born in '64-61 respectively, and they are men whose work will rank among the highest, judging from the promise given in their early work. Lake Lyrics and Other Poems, by the Rev. W. W. Campbell, one of the quartette, is full of delightful pictures and songs. Throughout the book there is noticeable a strength of thought, a true sense of harmony in sound and color, and a simplicity which is rarely met in the work of younger men to such a great extent. Mr. Campbell has been quick to discern the wants of the American magazines, and has given them such poems as

A CANADIAN FOLKSONG.

The doors are shut, the windows fast; Outside the gust is driving past, Outside the shivering ivy clings, While on the hob the kettle sings. Margery, Margery, make the tea, Singeth the kettle merrily. The streams are lashed up where they flowed, The ponds are frozen along the road, The cattle are housed in shed and byre, While singeth the kettle on the fire. Margery, Margery, make the tea, Singeth the kettle merrily. The fisherman on the bay in his boat Shivers and buttons up his coat; The traveller stops at the tavern door, And the kettle answers the chimney's roar. Margery, Margery, make the tea, Singeth the kettle merrily. The freight dances upon the wall, Footsteps are heard in the outer hall; A kiss and a welcome that fill the room, And the kettle sings in the glimmer and gloom. Margery, Margery, make the tea, Singeth the kettle merrily. "How Spring Came" is a lyric of more than ordinary worth: No passionate cry came over the desolate places, No answering call from iron-bound land to land; But dawn and sunsets fell on mute, dead faces, And noon and night, death crept from strand to strand.

'Till love breathed out across the wasted reaches, And dipped in rosy dawns from desolate deeps; And woke with mystic songs the sullen beaches, And flamed to life the pale, mute, death-like sleeps. The warm south, with amorous breath blowing, Breathed soft o'er breast of wrinkled lake and mere; And faces white from scorn of the north's snowing, Now rosier grow to greet the kindling year. "Dan'l and Mat" is a dialect poem and was well received by the Toronto papers. It is good dialect and is really pathetic. The brothers were always together and to fight one was to fight both. Finally they were

Out fishin' and caught in a squall; Each tried to rescue the other But the lake, as is hard on us all, Washed their bodies ashore next mornin', High and dry up, and that's all. But of lovin' yer brother means heaven, They've got it an' mor'n than that, For you'll find them away down the shore there, On the island that's called Big Hat; And Mat he lies close up to Dan'l, An' Dan'l he's sleepin' by Mat.

\*Lake Lyrics and Other Poems by W. W. Campbell: St. John, J. & A. McMillan.

The Magazines.

The first number of The Transatlantic is out. It is published on the 1st and 15th of each month, and it aims at being "a mirror of European life and letters," and the reflection from this number is truly European. Henrik Ibsen contributes a serial and Guy de Maupassant, a novelette. The new magazine publishes music, too, Hugo de Stenger contributing "The Dance of the Harvesters." Zola's works have been popular on this side of the water of late, and the article by Ange Galdemar, "An Afternoon with Zola," which gives a charming glimpse of the novelist's private life at Medan, will be well received. There is good philosophy in Ernest Eckstein's "Hope and Resignation." Such a review as The Transatlantic cannot fail to be of use to the literary world, especially to that portion of it outside of Europe. "It has no policy of its own, except the policy of impartiality." The type used is patterned after the old French elzevir face of several centuries ago.

Notes and Announcements.

Messrs. Scribners announce a new and cheaper edition of Charles and Mary Lamb's Poetry for Children. Mr. Lang's new book which Longmans, Green & Co. have announced, will be called The Blue Fairy Book. It is reported that the manuscript of a course of unpublished lectures by Carlyle has been discovered in England. Mr. William Black's new novel will be out in January. This is the one in which Mary Anderson is penned as a leading character. MacMillan & Co. are bringing out a new edition of Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, edited by Mr. John Saunders, assisted by Dr. Furnivall. English Lands, Letters and Kings, from Celt to Tudor, is now on the New York market. Every Anglo-maniac will feel in honor bound to buy it. Mr. Edmund Gosse says that Herbert Spencer's books hardly pay the cost of publication. It is the novelist who gets rich by writings, not the philosopher. Burke's Peage is a \$15 book, but it has a great sale in New York. The New

Yorkers find it useful when they are on the trail of some of those bogus peers who frequently come to America.

Mrs. Amelie Rives Chanler is going to spend part of the coming winter in Spain. Writers are greatly influenced by their environments, so look out for something when the temperature begins to take effect.

Mr. George W. Cable has dramatised his story, "Bonaventure," with the hope of having it put on the stage, but the actors and managers who have read his dramatization are agreed that it lacks sufficient action.

The Wednesday Morning Club, a select literary society of Pittsfield, Mass., took a vote lately on its favorite novels, and Lorna Doone led the poll, with Romola second. Probably only living authors were allowed to enter.

Mr. R. D. Blackmore will publish a new novel in November. Its title will be Kit and Kitty. Mr. Blackmore has been taking a long rest, and probably his new book will show the results, but we must not expect another Lorna Doone.

Prof. H. H. Boyesen, of Columbia, is engaged in a slight disagreement with Mr. K. August Lindertfelt. The latter said that Prof. Boyesen called the Swedes Norse, and the professor says Mr. Lindertfelt should examine his words more carefully before he makes them public property.

Sir Edwin Arnold has been the guest of President Eliot at Cambridge, of late. He likes Harvard pretty well, but misses the separate colleges of the great English universities. Roberts Bros., Boston, are preparing a complete edition of his poems, in two volumes. They formerly filled eight, and Sir Edwin is grateful for the condensation.

A Boston company publishes a book in which Dr. Brown-Sequard gives his own account of the discovery of the alleged elixir. The newspapers have already told more about it than the doctor possibly can, so why has he bothered the public further? The thing will work backwards soon, and all the young will die from very weariness.

Eliza Cook is dead. She was one of those verse-writers who struck the heart of the masses with several poems. A minor poet, her work had an exceptionally large amount of human interest and her name will probably live with the general public after many truer poets are forgotten to all but the specialists.

Mr. Edward W. Bok has been appointed editor of the Ladies Home Journal, of Philadelphia. Mr. Bok and his brother, Mr. William J. Bok, own and manage the "Bok Syndicate Press." The Journal is one of the youngest monthlies, has the youngest editor and pays the largest salary, with one exception, of any magazine in America.

Mr. Barrett Wendell is at work on a new novel which promises to surpass his previous work. Arlo Bates thinks that if Mr. Wendell pays close attention to literary work a high position is assured for him among his generation of novelists, and he says that "few Americans are writing so good English, and few have either his taste or his originality."

Mr. William Sharp left New York, last week, to return to London. While in New York he was the guest of his friend, Mr. Stedman, the critic, poet and banker. At the Authors' Club he met the majority of the New York literary men, and he must have been a conspicuous figure among them. He is stronger than Mr. Bishop and larger than Mr. Bunner.

Tennyson's new poem, "The Throstle," is going the rounds of the newspapers. It is eminently Tennysonian, and is a charming little song, recalling to one's mind some of those matchless lyric bursts of his, uttered in the past days, before the poet laureate began to write from his pocket instead of his heart; those days when high-born desire for utterance prompted him to sing, rather than the desire of the court.

Mr. Arthur Stedman, in an article in the October Book-Buyer, points to Miss Constance Fenimore Woolson as the leading American female novelist. Many will probably be tempted to question Mr. Stedman's statement, but on second thought it will appear that no other name can fairly contest with hers. Miss Murfree, Mrs. Amelie Rives-Chanler, Miss French and a host of others, are local specialists, but Miss Woolson has a wide adaptability, besides literary genius. Her name would be more familiar but for the fact that she has spent her life, since 1879, in England and various parts of Europe. However, the author of Anne and Jupiter Lights is not likely to be little known.

It is with apparent pleasure that America congratulates its two contributors, Major Joseph Kirkland and Mrs. Eliza W. Peattie, on their success in winning the first and second prizes, respectively, in the Detroit Free Press competition, but it is with great satisfaction that it remarks that the third prize goes to Mr. Elbridge S. Brooks, of Boston. Several stories were in from Australia and New Zealand and Boston excelled over them at least. Masses of manuscript came in and many of the stories were of exceptional merit, so the Free Press decided to retain some for publication at fair prices, providing the authors were willing, of course. A St. John newspaper man competed and an offer has been made for his story.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

[FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND EIGHTH PAGES.]

HAMPTON.

[Progress is for sale at Hampton station by T. G. Barnes, and Geo. E. Frost, and at Hampton village by Messrs. A. & W. Hicks.]

Oct. 16.—Mr. Wm. Crockett, chief superintendent of education, and Mr. John March, secretary school trustees, St. John, were in town last week.

Miss Bertha Stewart, after a two weeks' visit to her parents at Lakeside, left on Wednesday to resume her duties at the Public Hospital, St. John.

Mr. Charles Fawcett, of Sackville; Mr. Charles D. McAlpine and Mr. Charles D. Jones, of St. John, were among the visitors in town on Thursday.

Miss Lemont, of Fredericton, who has been visiting her relatives here for several weeks past, has returned home.

Dr. Thomas Walker, of St. John spent Tuesday of last week at the village, attending the fair and annual exhibition.

The Methodist church near the station has been undergoing some very pleasing improvements. The interior walls and ceilings have been calcimined, which adds greatly to its appearance.

Mr. J. Milton Barnes, of the Western Union office, St. John, who has resided with his parents during the past summer, has again taken up his residence in the city for the winter. Mr. Barnes, who is an especial favorite, particularly with the ladies, will be greatly missed here.

Mrs. S. Hayward paid a brief visit to friends at Rothesay on Monday.

Dr. L. G. DeBertram, of New York, one of the directors of the Central and also of the St. Martins & Upham railway, was in town on Saturday upon business.

His lordship the coadjutor bishop held confirmation service at the parish church, Lakeside, on Sunday morning. Nine persons were confirmed. In the evening he preached in the Chapel of the Messiah, near the station, to a crowded house. His text was from 1 John, iii, 2. The rector, Rev. Mr. Maynard, assisted.

Miss Armstrong, of Digby, is making a visit to her friends, the Misses Peters, here.

Mr. and Mrs. James E. White, of St. John, were in town on Saturday.

The ladies connected with the Episcopal church are making preparations for a concert, to be held in Smith's hall, on Tuesday evening next.

Among those registered at the Vendome, are the following: Mr. James J. Kaye, Mr. F. W. Kaye, Mr. H. McAvity, Mrs. Roberts, of St. John; Mr. P. A. MacGowan, of MacGowan & Taylor, Mr. W. A. Davis, of the I. C. R., Moncton; Mr. E. S. Sutcliffe and Mr. A. Harr, of Halifax.

Quite a number of our townfolk took advantage of the reduced fares on the I. C. R., during this (merchants') week, to visit the city.

MUSQUASH.

Oct. 16.—Mr. J. Dunn entertained a number of friends at his charming residence the other evening. A driving party of fifteen drove from St. John, Friday afternoon. Among the party were Mrs. Horace King, Miss Annie King, Miss Holly, Mr. Horace King, Mr. Cushing, Mr. Holly, Mr. Moore and others. The afternoon was spent with archery and croquet on the grounds of the Musquash hotel. After supper the company turned their attention to music, and after singing a number of songs, the party drove to the city.

Mr. and Mrs. Knight were pleasantly surprised by a number of their friends, one evening last week. The young folks assembled at Mr. G. C. Carman's, and proceeded to Mr. Knight's spacious residence, where they were hospitably entertained. The rooms were cleared of furniture and dancing kept up until a late hour.

Mr. D. A. Morrison, of New York, and his friend, Mr. Barry Allan, of St. John, have been spending a few days at the Musquash hotel.

Mr. Seely, of St. John, has returned home, after a very enjoyable week spent with his friend, Mr. Mount Carman.

After spending a week shooting in the marshes near Musquash, Mr. D'Orsay Murray returned to his home in St. John, with a well-filled game bag slung over his shoulder.

I hear there is a party on the "tapis" tonight, the occasion being the celebration of Mr. Mount Carman's nineteenth birthday. An enjoyable evening is expected by all.

Mrs. G. C. Carman returned home Monday, after a week's visit to the city.

Miss H. Clarke has returned, after a brief visit to her home in St. John.

DIGBY, N. S.

[Progress is for sale in Digby at Mrs. Gillebrand's.]

Oct. 14.—On Thursday evening Mrs. A. H. Ellis gave a very pleasant party. Cards, dancing and Mr. and Mrs. Ellis' genial hospitality made a most enjoyable evening. The party was given in honor of Miss Mary Corvan, of St. John, who is Mrs. Ellis' guest.

Miss Edith Ambrose went to Boston, via Yarmouth, on Wednesday, where she intends passing the winter.

Mr. Oakes, who died very suddenly, on Monday, of paralysis of the heart, was buried on Thursday, and the large number of people present at his funeral testified to the respect in which he was held here and in the neighboring places.

Mr. Kerr, of St. John, is in Digby for the fall shooting, and is boarding at Mrs. Short's.

Mrs. Norman Bishop, of Yarmouth, is visiting at Mrs. Short's.

Mr. and Mrs. John Welsh returned on Saturday from an extended tour in the United States and Upper Canada.

Mrs. and Miss Bolton, of Portland, Me., and Miss Keil, of St. John, guests of Mrs. Emeline Fritz, left by the Monticello on Saturday.

Mrs. Joel Fritz and her mother, Mrs. Thompson, are in Bridgetown and vicinity for a fortnight's visit.

Mr. Alfred Mills and Miss Mills, of St. John, were in Digby for a few hours on Saturday, guests at Hawthorn Villa.

Mr. Fletcher Stack is in Boston. His trip will probably combine business and enjoyment. His pleasant, courteous manner make us all miss him from his place of business here, and we will be glad to see him back again.

RICHIBUCTO.

Oct. 16.—The fancy sale and harvest supper held in the temperance hall, last Thursday evening, by the ladies of Chalmers' church, was a success. The performances of Miss Gencross on the violin were heartily applauded. An address was delivered by Rev. Mr. Sellars.

Rev. Robert Crisp, of Chatham, spent a few days in town, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Thompson.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Phinney left last Thursday for Fredericton.

Mrs. W. H. Keith, of Weldford, spent a few days in town last week, visiting her parents.

Mr. Geo. McLeod, of St. John, Mr. Herbert Irving, of Buctouche, and Mr. R. F. Robertson, of Moncton, were in town last week.

Mr. James McDougall, of Florida, arrived in town last Saturday, after an absence of five years.

Rev. J. A. Clark, of Newcastle, preached in the Methodist church last Sunday evening.

Mr. Henry and Mrs. O'Leary left on Monday for St. John.

Mrs. Martin Flanagan returned from Campbellton on Monday.

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