

Latest Foreign News About Books.

Paris, December 8. A capital bit of light fiction that can be highly recommended to young Americans who contemplate passing their honeymoons on the shores of Lake Como is Gabriel Faure's "L'Amour Sous Les Lauriers Roses," just published by Fasquelle. It is a very romantic novel, narrating the events of the sentimental journey of a young married couple amidst the Italian lakes, and containing a mystic love scene in a deserted cemetery. In spite of its excessive sentimentality the novel abounds with grains of sound, practical philosophy. The author dedicates the volume to Maurice Bares, the National Deputy, and deals with several problems of perilous perversity in language of excessive purity. Calmann-Lévy issues this week a work entitled "Derniers Jours de la Bohème," by Philibert Audebrand, a veteran Parisian journalist, who recounts in a delightful manner his literary souvenirs of half a century ago. Many of the episodes narrated occur in the once famous brasserie in the Rue des Martyrs. Leonce Beneditte, the curator of the Luxembourg Museum, who was commissioned by the government to make

a report on the fine arts exhibition of the World's Fair of 1900, has now issued the material embodied in his report through the publishing house of Emile Levy, under the title of "L'Art du Dix-neuvième Siècle," with two hundred and fifty excellent illustrations. C. I. E.

Books People Are Reading.

NEW-YORK PUBLIC LIBRARY.—The most popular books of the week, according to the demands at the circulating department, are as follows: Adult Fiction—Wharton's "The House of Mirth"; Tarkington's "The Conquest of Canaan"; Wagon's "Rose of the River." Juvenile Fiction—Lans's "Red Fairy Book"; Macdonald's "A Fleete at West Point"; Baum's "Queen Zixi of Lynx." Miscellaneous—Neilson's "Steam Turbines"; London's "The War of the Clouds"; Roberts's "Red Fox." BUFFALO PUBLIC LIBRARY, BUFFALO.—Dec. 8.—According to the demands made at the Buffalo Public Library during the week the following named books were the most popular: Fiction—Von Arnim's "Princess Friscilla's Fortnight"; Tarkington's "The Conquest of Canaan"; Wagon's "Rose of the River." Juvenile—Bailey's "The Peter Newell Mother Goose"; Dopp's "The Red Fairy Book"; "The Big Indian"; Blanchard's "Three Pretty Girls." Miscellaneous—Twin's "Editorial Wild Oats"; Van Dyke's "The Conquest of Canaan"; "The War of the Clouds"; Coffin's "How to Study Pictures." PHILADELPHIA FREE LIBRARY.—Philadelphia, Dec. 8.—The books most read this week are as follows: History—Hunt's "History of England"; Elson's "History of the United States of America"; Barrington's "The Beginnings of History." Description and Travel—Mempes's "Brittany"; Gibbons's "Among French Inns"; Twadd's "Innocents Abroad"; Wallace's "Riada." Biography—Shorter's "Charlotte Brontë and Her Sisters"; Wright's "A Southern Girl in 61"; Roosevelt's "The Old and New World." Fiction—Haggard's "Ayesha"; McGrath's "The Man on the Box"; Crawford's "Margaret"; Phillips's "The Social Secretary"; Tarkington's "The Conquest of Canaan." Miscellaneous—Shaw's "Plays, Pleasant and Unpleasant"; Maeterlinck's "Monna Vanna"; Lang's "Adventures Among Books"; Longfellow's Poems.

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY.—Boston, Dec. 8.—Among the books most frequently in demand at the Boston Public Library during the week were the following: Fiction—Merwin's "The Road Builders"; Long's "Helmech"; Philippotta's "Knock at a Venture"; Hough's "Heart's Desire"; Warner's "The Resolute"; Henry's "Loving"; Louisa's "The Man in Town"; Von Hutten's "Pam"; Haggard's "Ayesha"; Ford's "His Version of It"; Campbell's "Sea's Toll"; Weymann's "Starvorn Farm." Miscellaneous—King's "Rational Living"; Beveridge's "The Young Man and the World"; Sanday's "Sporting Sketches"; Speed's "The Horse in America"; Mahan's "Sea Power in Its Relation to the United States"; "The Sea and Its Works"; Ladd's "The Philosophy of Religion"; Scott's "The Voyage of the Discovery." BOSTON AND MONOPOLY.—By Thomas Carl Spelling. 12mo, pp. x, 288. (D. Appleton & Co.) A plea for government ownership. WILL THE COMING MAN MARRY? And Other Studies of the Great and Little Problems of the Future. By C. Peters, D. D. 12mo, pp. 192. (Philadelphia: John C. Winston Company.) THE LIFE AND LETTERS OF FELIX CHAIKOVSKY. By Modeste Tchaikovsky. Edited from the Russian by John Lane. 12mo, pp. 324. (New York: John Lane Company.) POETRY. THE LAST OF THE STUARTS. A Dramatic Poem in Five Acts. By Robert Browning. 12mo, pp. 159. (Denver: The Robert Browning Company.) RELIGIOUS. THE LESSON HANDBOOK, 1906. A Complete Treatment of the Lessons of the Bible for the Year. By Henry H. Myer, Boston Series. Edited by J. T. McFarland. 16mo, pp. 164. (Boston & Maine: The Boston Book Company.) THE SUPERINTENDENT'S HELPER FOR 1906. By J. M. H. H. Myer. 16mo, pp. 164. (Boston & Maine: The Boston Book Company.) REPRINTS. THE TRUTH ABOUT THE TEAR AND THE PRESENT STATE OF RUSSIA. By Carl Joubert. 8vo, pp. 265. (Philadelphia: J. R. Lippincott Company.) THE TRAGEDY OF KING LEAR. By William Shakespeare. Edited with an introduction and notes, by Helen A. Clarke. 16mo, pp. 292. (New York: Crowell Company.) A reprint of the First Folio text of 1623, using the original spelling and punctuation. THE WRITINGS OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN. Collected and edited, with a life and introduction, by Albert H. Smyth. Vol. II. 8vo, pp. x, 470. (The Macmillan Company.) Containing everything of literary or historic interest written by Franklin between the years 1722 and 1770. NEW CANTERBURY TALES. By Maurice Hewlett. 8vo, pp. 292. (The Macmillan Company.) Volume 1. The Tale of the Three Kings. THE CONSTITUTIONAL DECISIONS OF JOHN MARSHALL. Edited, with an introductory essay, by Joseph P. Cotton. 8vo, pp. 664. (New York: Putnam's Sons.) An edition of six hundred copies, uniform with the limited edition of "The Founders of the Republic." TRAVEL AND TOPOGRAPHY. VIKINGS OF THE PACIFIC. The Adventures of the Explorers Who Came from the West. Edited by Macmillan Company. CHRONICLES OF BORING. The Danes, the outlaw hunters of the North. Edited by Macmillan Company. TO-DAY ON THE NILE. By H. W. Dunning. 16mo, pp. 120. (New York: Macmillan Company.) A record of several journeys through the Nile Valley, containing practical information and advice for the traveler, with many illustrations and a map of the country. TEACHER'S SUIT HALTED. Question of Eligibility of College Graduates Without Examination. President Magnus Gross of the Manhattan Teachers' Association has suspended his suit to compel the board of examiners of the Department of Education to grant him an elementary school principal's license without an examination, pending an affirmative finding by the board concerning his qualification. Mr. Gross bases his claim for a license without the regular examination on the ground that as he is a college graduate and has had more than twenty years' successful experience in teaching, he is entitled to such license. In support of his claim it is pointed out that, under the by-laws of the board, a college graduate who has had eight years' successful experience in the local schools is "eligible for license." These words have been interpreted to mean "eligible for examination for license." Were the court to decide that the Board of Education meant "eligible for license" it would affect thousands of persons who have taken examinations and have failed, and would, in effect, make the passing of examinations unnecessary, for, except in one or two instances, examinations are not required for license. In support of the claim it is included among the requirements for "eligible for license" that the applicant should be recommended by the Board of Education to amend its by-laws so as to prescribe "eligibility for examinations for license." The board's claim, however, there are other considerations. The examiners have rendered no decision as to whether Mr. Gross is eligible for license. Such a decision would make it most difficult to prove the claim. Mr. Gross has requested a license. Counsel for Mr. Gross has requested a decision, but the board of examiners has not taken any action. The delay, it is stated unofficially, is that the examiners, realizing the importance of the case, are waiting for the board of education to amend its by-laws. It is stated unofficially, however, that the examiners, realizing the importance of the case, are waiting for the board of education to amend its by-laws. It is stated unofficially, however, that the examiners, realizing the importance of the case, are waiting for the board of education to amend its by-laws. It is stated unofficially, however, that the examiners, realizing the importance of the case, are waiting for the board of education to amend its by-laws.

What N. Y. Booksellers Say They Are Selling Most.

The six best selling books in New-York this week, as reported to The New-York Tribune Weekly Review, were taken in the following order: 1. "The House of Mirth".....Edith Wharton.....(Charles Scribner's Sons).....\$1.50 2. "The Conquest of Canaan".....Booth Tarkington.....(Harper & Bros.).....1.50 3. "Nedra".....George Barr McCutcheon.....(Dodd, Mead & Co.).....1.50 4. "The Gambler".....Katherine Cecil Thurston.....(Harper & Bros.).....1.50 5. "My Friend the Chauffeur".....C. N. and A. M. Williamson.....(McClure, Phillips & Co.).....1.50 6. "Fair Margaret".....F. Marion Crawford.....(The Macmillan Co.).....1.50

LITERARY NOTES.

Dr. William Byron Forbush, author of "The Boy Problem," has written a new book called "The Boy's Life of Christ," which is just published by Funk & Wagnalls. A new story about "Omar" Fitzgerald has recently got into print. It is made public by his biographer, Mr. Thomas Wright, to whom it was related by a lady, who knew the old hermit, in this fashion: We were giving a garden party in the afternoon, and I had a little loaf of fancy bread in my hand intended for tea later on. The paper was scanty and the loaf very visible. Fitzgerald no sooner saw the loaf than he exclaimed: "Young lady, shake hands with me, I honor you." I could not do so, and he said: "Because you are not ashamed to be seen carrying a loaf of bread." So we shook hands, and I said: "As I am going to carry it inside by and by, I mean to give it to you." He said: "I don't see why I should object to carry it outside." Fitzgerald smiled, tilted his head sideways and said: "I hope you will always speak to me when we meet, and never forget me." He said: "I am so much alike." So I suggested that he should look a little lower than the bonnet. He said: "I will for a minute, and then said: "So I will, so I will."

of the Gordons. I didn't know how they found this out, but I was rather touched. Concerning Japanese women General Hamilton declares that they "are the most charming example of the feminine gender in the world." "Looks may be a matter of taste, but charm is not. The smile of the Japanese girl is an enchantment; she looks exquisitely good, and I am sure those looks at least do not belie her." She is intensely, essentially feminine. Asiatic women still guard the secret of what Western women show signs of losing. Men have always been selfish, but now an appalling danger confronts civilization in the shape of the American selfish woman and her imitators in Europe. Louis Tracy's "Karl Grier," which has been appearing serially in The New York Tribune Sunday Magazine, will be published in book form early next month by Edward J. Clode. Dr. William Osler, LL. D., D. C. L., formerly of Johns Hopkins University, has just been appointed a delegate of the Oxford University Press, Oxford, England. Sir James Crichton-Browne, in his addresses on "The Prevention of Senility" and "A Sanitary Outlook," now published in a single small volume by Macmillan, takes issue with Dr. Osler in his theories that man reaches the acme of his powers at forty, and at sixty should seek retirement. He does this with a full understanding of what the doctor intended to convey in his recent much misunderstood and derided remarks on the subject. Sir James believes that with care and attention to the laws of hygiene it should be possible for men and women to live out a century of useful accomplishment, and his book is full of valuable hints toward the attaining of that hopeful and desirable result. With increase of knowledge in preventive medicine, and with improved methods of sanitation, he considers it more than probable that old age, and a green old age, will be the happy lot of our posterity; if not, haply, of some of us. Alleyne Ireland, author of "The Far Eastern Tropics," has undertaken the preparation of a much fuller "Report on Colonial Administration in the Far East," the result of three years' travel and investigation in the Philippines, French Indo-China, Java, the Federated Malay States, Burma, North Borneo, Sarawak, the Straits Settlements and Hong Kong. The report will be published in several volumes by Small, Maynard & Co., and will treat of every form of dependent government now in force in any part of the tropical world, including crown colony government, chartered company government, protected government, Indian provincial government, the residential system and government by commission. The exclusion of Dr. Edward Everett Hale and other distinguished Unitarians from the National Federation of Churches inspired the Rev. Dr. Minot Savage to preach a notable sermon a few weeks ago on "What Is Christianity?" This sermon, together with another one preached by him last August before the International Council, in John Calvin's Church, the Cathedral of St. Peter, on "Beligion: Its Changing Forms and Its Eternal Essence," will be published immediately in a single volume, by W. B. Perkins, New-York.

BOOKS OF THE WEEK.

LOUIS XIV AND LA GRANDE MADAME. (1603-1688). By Louis de Rougemont. 12mo, pp. 384. (G. P. Putnam's Sons.) A life of the King and Mlle de Montpensier, set in a vivid picture of court life. Illustrated by many half-tone reproductions from paintings and engravings. JOHN FLETCHER HURST. By Albert Osborn. Illustrated. 8vo, pp. xiv, 264. (Eaton & Mains.) A life of the well-known Methodist divine. DRAMA. THE GIRL WITH THE GREEN EYES. A Play in Four Acts. By G. B. Shaw. 12mo, pp. 104. (D. Appleton & Co.) A play in four acts, in which the grand search

for the whole of the world's trouble lies deep, and may be found in a distinctive American trait—the desire to win at any cost. Compare our college athletics with those of the English universities, and the difference in spirit is seen at once. Almost every young Englishman is a lover of outdoor sports and plays a game "for all there is in it," but, whether, owing to climate or a superior endowment, he is a sportsman, or a sportsman as pleasure, and not as a game, your English sportsman or cricketer keeps himself in good condition, and is ready to play at any time, and may be at the same time mindful of the Horatian maxim, "Dulce est desipere in loco." He will not come to the ground to play for the sake of the money, and over-training, but full of fight, and if he loses, will not look next day the life of one of our college athletes during the football season. For eight or ten weeks he has been studying hard, and his coach or team manager keeps one eye on the college authorities to see that he stays above the strenuous, the student character, and is not allowed to keep him hard at work. The luckless—of it is favored—youth eats at a training table, away from the society of his college mates, and plays hard football almost every day, makes long trips about the country with the team, gets his share of shocks and bruises, and is not allowed to play worse, thinks football all the time, and probably breakfasts all night before the "big game" at the season's end. The question, "Does it pay?" has been asked many times already, and will be asked many more, but it is a doubtful if any other ball sport will ever gain the hold that football possesses upon the masses, and it is not likely that lacrosse are all excellent games, calling for strength and agility, headwork and nerve. Lacrosse is a game of the future, and it is of interest to the spectator. 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