

These Are New Books Worthy Your Interest

Another contribution to monumental biographies is "Woodrow Wilson; Life and Letters," by Ray Stannard Baker. He was personally selected by the President as one most fitted to write it. Five tons of letters and records went into the making of the four volumes and, although written by a friend and admirer, the work avoids superlatives.

According to Morris Longstreth the Mounted Police of the movies are myths. No one will complain that nerve-racking man-hunts, hear-breadth escapes, death struggles with the North or any other trappings of romance are slighted in his book "The Silent Force, a History of the Canadian Mounted Police."

Elizabeth Madox Roberts' new novel "My Heart and Flesh" is a tragic story of the Kentucky hills.

A pleasant little essay called "Happiness," by William Lyon Phelps, has just been published. "The happiest person is the person who thinks the most interesting thoughts."

An amusing and very human book is the anonymous "Confessions of an Author's Wife."

Collectors of Mississippiana have another item to add. This is the well-written book by Lyle Saxon, called "Father Mississippi."

A vigorous and stirring book is Connolly's "Book of Gloucester Fisherman."

"The American Songbag," by Carl Sandburg, is at last published. It has been a labor of love, the author having spent years and precious time in collecting these American folk-songs.

THE GREAT WHITE WAY "New York Nights" By Stephen Graham George H. Doran & Co.

Of course it depends on what you think a book entitled "New York Nights" should be whether or not you will like this one of Stephen Graham's. But I for one, have a preconceived notion based perhaps unjustly on a cherished book about London called "The London Perambulator."

That book for some reason—partly because I knew that Mr. Graham had also written a book about London, therefore this book must be something like my cherished one—anyway that book sent me to this one with a high sense of expectation, of excitement. A sense which was sadly unfulfilled.

Mr. Graham has gone somehow stiffly not graciously about his bus-

ness of exploring New York at night. Notebook in hand he has knocked at the doors of speakeasies and sat in the outer room of the police court. When a woman at a sequestered night club asked him what he was doing he answered "snooping round." The phrase unhappily stuck in our mind, we felt it more descriptive than we wished. In other words Mr. Graham though he went through the motions failed in the spirit of his task, makes us instead of saying "Ah" at the beauty and mystery of a city at night say "Hm" and wonder how those people stand it to stay up so late at night.

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