**Books—Authors**

A new printing of "From These Roots," Mary Colum's book on literary ideas and philosophies, first published by Scribner's in 1937, will be issued on Dec. 15 by the Columbia University Press.

Little, Brown has ordered another printing of A. J. Cronin's "The Green Years," which brings the total number of copies to 240,000 in less than three weeks after publication.

Rex Stout, writer of mystery stories and chairman of the Writers' War Board, has signed a contract with Jo Meyers, publisher of Avon Books and periodicals, to become editor-in-chief of a new publication, The Rex Stout Mystery Quarterly. The first issue will appear in January. Louis Greenfield has been named managing editor.


James Brendan Connolly, author of sea stories, will be the guest of honor at a reception to be given tomorrow evening by the American Irish Historical Society at its home, 991 Fifth Avenue. James McGurin, president general of the society, announced yesterday. Mr. Connolly will discuss his autobiography, "Sea-Borne—Thirty Years Avoyaging," recently published by Doubleday, Doran.