

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

WILD FLOWERS.

DURING these lovely spring days the woods in the vicinity of Toronto are thronged with seekers of those "wildings of the wood," the sweet-scented wild flowers, which are now peeping shyly through the brown leaves, and unfolding their fragrant bloom to delight the eye. A more intelligent and more enthusiastic interest in these floral beauties will be felt by the reader who has enjoyed the charming pages of "Canadian Wild Flowers," from the pen of our venerable naturalist, Mrs. Traill, and who has admired the exquisite reproductions of our native flora, fresh from the brush of Mrs. Chamberlin, which are the crowning glory of that book. As a gift-book, a wedding present, or a distinctively Canadian book to send over the seas, we know of nothing in the literature of our country so elegant or appropriate.

SUMMER SHORT STORIES.

A "good seller" for the summer trade will be Edward William Thomson's "Old Man Savarin and Other Stories," which is being issued in a paper edition by the publisher, William Briggs. Many a journey will be lightened by it, and many a knot of "campers" listen to the inimitable stories.

A LOCAL HISTORY.

Early in June a History of Scarborough Township, edited by Mr. David Boyle, and written partly by himself and partly by Miss Fitzgibbon and Mrs. Curzon, will be issued from the busy presses of William Briggs. This prosperous township has an interesting history, which will, no doubt, have substantial justice done it by these writers.

TEXT BOOK FOR TEACHERS.

A work on School Management, written by Mr. John Millar, B.A., Deputy Minister of Education for Ontario, will be issued within a couple of weeks by Wm. Briggs. It is designed as a text-book for teachers.

THE WESTMINSTER.

The first number of The Westminster, the new monthly edited by Rev. J. A. MacDonald, will appear about the 20th, and be dated June. Many subscriptions have already been obtained. The illustrations and special articles will be features. The yearly rate is \$1 50.

THE BIRDS OF MONTREAL.

A very interesting work is now in the hands of the printers, and will shortly be issued by W. Drysdale & Co., Montreal. It is a description of the birds of Montreal by Ernest D. Wittle, a well-known admirer of the feathered tribes. BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER was shown some of the colored

cuts the other day, the workmanship of which was excellent. They ought to make the book acceptable on the shelves of any library. The first edition will be issued by subscription for \$1, and afterwards it is expected that the price to the general public will be \$1 50.

THE BEST SELLING BOOKS.

The month of April has been one of the quietest months with the Montreal News Co. for a long period, as with others. Among the new books they have just placed in the hands of the trade is "Mighty Atom," in paper, 50c., by Marie Corelli; also "Adam Johnstone's Son," cloth \$1.50; trade \$1 nett. "Barabbas" has run through its fourth Canadian edition, being one of the best selling books of the year.

TWO POPULAR NOVELS.

Two new books that the Copp, Clark Co. will issue this month in paper cover are "The Real Lady Hilda," by Mrs. E. M. Croker, and "The Tale of the Ten," by W. Clark Russell. Mrs. Croker, it is not generally known, has relatives in Canada, her uncle having been the late Mr. Alma, of Niagara.

BOOK NOTES

"An Itinerant in the British Isles," a book of travel written by the Rev. W. W. Walker, a clergyman resident in Toronto, has just been published by Wm. Briggs.

THE SEASON FOR NATURALISTS.

The "all alive" bookseller should these days be looking up the naturalists who are scouring the fields and the forests for the new arrivals among the feathered immigrants, and seeing that they appropriate to themselves copies of that Canadian bird-students' classic, McIlwraith's "Birds of Ontario." At the same time he might tempt the collectors of wild flowers with Mrs. Chamberlin's "Canadian Wild Flowers," or Mrs. Dana's "How to Know the Wild Flowers."

NEW ENGLISH NOVELTIES.

SEVERAL new and attractive novelties are announced to the Canadian trade this month by that well known English house, Messrs. Bennis Brothers & Co., 12 St. Benet place, Gracechurch street, London, E.C. The briefest reference to them is only possible as BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER goes to press. One is a capital device for mending a tear in a sheet of music, a map, a leaf of a book, etc., and consists of a transparent, very adhesive tape on a reel, with a simple little device for preventing it unwinding itself, got up in a most attractive and salable form in fancy boxes of two dozen each, to retail at 2d. per reel, the price to the trade being 16s. per gross.

The London trade are patronizing it generously.

Another attractive novelty, quite unique, of which Messrs. Bennis Bros. are the English patentees, is called the "Pik-Fix." This pretty article consists of a round thistle which clings to dress materials, and is attached to all shades of pretty colored paper, representing gorgeously tinted butterflies, or flowers, cinderellas, cockades, etc. It is for use in ball rooms in a similar way that flowers are used in "Battles of Flowers," only in this case the flowers or butterflies on alighting on the garments of the person they are thrown at, cling to it, giving a charming effect. It can be employed with pleasing effect as art decorations, for curtains and such like.

Among Messrs. Bennis Bros.' other novelties are: Travelers' pattern boxes, in sizes to suit buttons, brooches, lace, music, cards, etc. They consist of thick stiff boards in couples like the covers of a book, and for wide articles like buttons or brooches a soft cushion pad is placed between the boards. These double boards are attached to the back by an ingenious arrangement, so that when desirable they can easily be detached from the box, and can be replaced at will, either the same ones or fresh ones. Book files at low cost and after new designs are also among the special lines shown.

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