

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS—Continued.

Arnold, and sold at 50c., has been steadily growing in favor since it was started, and this year's advance orders show a decided increase over any previous year. A new departure with the Revell Company this year is the publication of an exposition of the Sunday-School lessons in vest-pocket form under the title of the "Gist of the Lesson," by R. A. Torrey, who is an experienced worker and writer along this line. It is neatly bound in leather, price 25 cents, and can be handily carried in the vest pocket.

Any new book by the author of "Probable Sons" is sure of a ready sale. Revell's have bought for the Canadian market an edition of this author's latest book, "Roses," as interesting a tale for young people as has come from this author's pen, and one which is sure to be largely called for.

A strong line with the Revell Company this Fall is their own special edition of the American Oxford Bibles. The special feature of their edition is that it contains, in addition to the other special Oxford helps, the "Companion for Christian Workers," by R. A. Torrey, Superintendent of the Moody Bible Institute, Chicago. No other edition contains this special feature, and they can be sold as cheap or cheaper than the regular Oxford editions.

No bookseller should be without a copy of the new illustrated catalogue for 1899-1900. It contains a full list of all their publications, alphabetically arranged by authors and titles, and has besides a classified topical list, which makes it invaluable.

**WM. BRIGGS' BOOKS.** A veteran controversial writer is the Rev. Dr. Dewart, who

for 25 years edited The Christian Guardian, and had ever a keen eye for heretical tendencies in the church of his choice, or out of it. The public have, in recent years, been interested in a polemical duel between Dr. Dewart and Dr. Workman over differences in biblical interpretation. In Dr. Dewart's "Jesus, the Messiah," the views of his learned opponent on Messianic prophecies were handled with considerable vigor; and during the present year Dr. Workman, in his "Messianic Prophecy Vindicated," has as vigorously defended himself and attacked with much spirit his antagonist's position. It is now Dr. Dewart's turn, and a work by him entitled "The Bible under Higher Criticism"—a review of current revolution theories about the Old Testament—has just been placed on the market. For those who take an interest in these matters, we have no doubt the book will make good reading. Dr. Dewart is a strong, incisive writer, who will always command attention,

whether or not his views are accepted by the reader.

In the snug book-lined library of Dr. Dewart's residence, on Sherbourne street, on Saturday afternoons may be seen a group of gentlemen, whose silvered hair tells of the passage of years that carry past the meridian of life, one with sheaf of MSS. in hand reading aloud, while the others attentively listen, and at intervals interject comments on the matter in hand. There are four in the company, and all are proud to count themselves firm friends and admirers of the late Alexander McLachlan, whose poems they are that are now engaging their attention. The four are Rev. Dr. Dewart, Alexander Hamilton, M.A., M.D., David Boyle, Ph.D., and George Kennedy, LL.D., all men of excellent literary taste and judgment, well fitted, one would say, for the work to which they have set themselves, in collaboration with the Rev. Dr. Bigg, of Messina, N.Y., to select and edit for publication the poetical works of their late gifted friend. Friends of Canadian literature will welcome with pleasure a well edited selection of Alexander McLachlan's poems, and that Dr. Briggs will have charge of the publishing of the volume gives assurance that in typography and binding it will be worthy of the subject matter, a book that would enrich the literature of any country, and which Canada may regard with just pride.

The following from London Academy, put forth in comment on the comparative indifference towards "David Harum" of the English public, illustrates the complacent belief of the Englishman in his superiority under all circumstances and against all comers: "Novels which excite America seldom or never meet with anything but indifference here. The reason usually is either that they are imitations (a little weak, but wholly unashamed) of styles distinctively English (this applies especially to historical novels), or that they are quite beneath our standard, American taste being as yet behind our own. But neither of these charges can be enforced against 'David Harum.' It owes nothing to English models, and it is at once capable and modest, certainly superior to several conspicuous English successes of recent months."

William Briggs will place on the Canadian market this month a new book by Paul Laurence Dunbar, the gifted negro poet of the South, entitled "Poems of Cabin and Field."

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