

ago for all purposes, owing to the fact that her late husband had a great dislike to having his name associated with her ideas, and with a view to save him annoyance. While he lived, Mrs. Sarah Grand did not feel able to publish any explanation, and the consequence to her has been unpleasant, from the suggestions of 'eccentricity,' 'conceit' or 'affectation' so charitably made by critics and paragraph writers in the press." Mme. Grand, who is an invalid, proposes to start a new book soon.

A CANADIAN PROFESSOR'S BOOK.

Prof. John Cox, professor of experimental physics, McGill College, Montreal, is writing an "Introduction to Physical Science" for the English University Extension Series. It will be published by John Murray, London.

CLIFFORD SMITH'S STORIES.

Mr. Clifford Smith, of The Montreal Witness, has been in Toronto superintending the bringing out of the third edition of his volume of short stories entitled "A Lover in Homespun," published by William Briggs.

He has about completed his new novel, which will probably be produced by the Jerrolds, of London, Eng.

NEW EDITION OF CLEMENT'S HISTORY.

A second edition of the new Dominion history will shortly be issued, containing a few slight alterations and additions. This work is now authorized for use in the schools of every province of the Dominion, Nova Scotia, the last to recognize it, having recently added it to the list of authorized books.

GLADSTONE'S FUTURE BIOGRAPHER.

It is understood that Mr. Gladstone has chosen John Morley as his biographer and literary executor, and that many of his letters and private papers have recently been sent to Mr. Morley.

A TRIUMPH IN PRIVATE POST CARDS.

As tasteful and artistic a private post card as one will see in a day's march, is that which Mr. Morang, the Toronto publisher, has lately designed. It is a photograph, in colors, of a bookshelf containing several Morang editions in their natural colorings. A very dainty piece of work, indeed.

THE COPP, CLARK CO.'S LIST.

Among the new books just out from this house are: "With the Conquering Turk," by G. W. Stevens, the clever English war correspondent (cloth, with maps, \$2), who writes entertainingly of the late Turk-Grecian war; the "Story of the Malakand

Field Force," by Lieut. W. L. Spencer Churchill (noticed in another column); "The Pioneers of the Klondyke," an account of two years' police service in the Yukon, by M. H. E. Hayne and H. West Taylor (illus., cloth, \$1.25).

The appearance in Hamilton, Toronto, and other places, of Miss Julia Arthur, the successful Canadian actress, in "A Lady of Quality," has given Mrs. Burnett's novel—on which the play is founded—a good run.

About April 23 an entirely new novel, by Frank R. Stockton, one which has never appeared serially, will be ready in cloth, \$1.25, and paper, 75c. The scene is laid in a country village, and a match-making old maid and a French cook are typical characters in Stockton's peculiarly humorous vein.

Other books of note from the Copp, Clark Co. are: "American Wives and English Husbands," by Gertrude Atherton, author of "Patience Sparhawk," cloth, \$1.25, paper, 50c.; the "Children of the Sea," by Joseph Conrad, called in the English edition, "The Nigger of the Narcissus,"

A NEW STORY BY MR. CROCKETT.

William Briggs announces the issue, about the 20th of this month, of S. R. Crockett's new story, "The Standard Bearer," another tale of the Scottish Covenanters. The story opens with a vivid picture of the pursuit of fugitive Covenanters by the dragoons. The hero, who becomes a covenanting minister, sees many strange and stirring adventures. The charming love story which runs through the book is varied by much excellent fighting and many picturesque incidents. Few of the great writers of the day have taken so strong a hold of the Canadian reading public as Mr. Crockett, and "The Standard Bearer" is likely to be ranked with his strongest work. The book will be issued in both paper and cloth binding.

A TRIBUTE TO TYRELL'S "ACROSS THE SUB-ARCTICS."

The Bookman for March has the following racy tribute to the Tyrells and the book "Across the Sub-Arctics of Canada," written by the younger of the brothers: "This is the popular story of a scientific expedition sent to explore the 'barren lands' between Athabaska lake and the northern part of Hudson's Bay. It has the fascination which always clings to narratives of adventure into unknown regions, and especially into the domains of the ice king. Compared with such enterprises as those of Nansen or Peary, this one claims but an humble place; yet, the unpretentious, candid and decidedly well-told story of the trip of these bright young Canadians shows them capable of as high heroism as the better-known explorers,

and before their journey's end their mettle was fully tested.

"There is a variety in this narrative which those of strictly Arctic expeditions lack. It leads through wonderful lakes and rivers hitherto unvisited by white men, with thrilling adventures in running unknown and perilous rapids, it tells of the lonely, far-north outposts of the Hudson's Bay Company; it introduces us to the Indian and Eskimo natives of that terra incognita, and makes us acquainted with the hardy voyageurs and marvellously skilful canoeemen, it furnishes hunting adventure with caribou, reindeer, bears and wolves. The really perilous part of the journey came after its object had been gained and the untrodden regions had been safely passed. But the race for life down the shore of Hudson's Bay, against the quick-coming Arctic winter, in the face of storms, ice-floes and famine, compares in thrilling interest with more conspicuous narratives.

"The Canadians take themselves seriously, as well they may. They have a mighty country, whose resources are but beginning to be appreciated. Yet to us of 'the States' their ultra-British tone, out-rivalling that of the inhabitants of the 'tight little island,' from whence their ancestors and ours came, their reverence, not only for royalty, but for the titled dignitaries, lent them chiefly for show purposes by the Mother Country, seems, to say the least, amusing. All this is incidentally illustrated in this narrative. After all, we have little to say. We bow down before our bosses with less reverence, but more abjectly than our northern neighbors."

ANNIE SWAN'S NEW BOOK.

William Briggs announces, for this month, a new story by Annie S. Swan "Wyndham's Daughter," and one by "Pansy" entitled "As in a Mirror."

GOOD ORDERS.

The advance orders for R. G. MacBeth's new book "The Making of the Canadian West," indicate prospects of a large sale. One Winnipeg bookseller has placed his order for a hundred copies, another for fifty copies, and others in varying quantities. The author has got together a most interesting collection of portraits for the volume, including Sir Donald Smith, Messrs. Norquay, Greenway, Sutherland, Ross, Gunn, Francis, Bannantyne; a group of military men engaged in the suppression of the revolt of '85; a group of leading clergymen, and others of leading rebels, Riel, Lepine, Dumont, Big Bear and Poundmaker. A striking full-page portrait of Gabriel Dumont, the noted half-breed leader, will be of special interest.