

## ABOUT THE NEW ENGLISH BOOKS.

## THE ARCHIVES OF THE COLONIAL OFFICE EMBODIED IN A NARRATIVE.

GILBERT PARKER'S NEW TALE—THE RESULTS OF A CANADIAN TOUR—CAPT. MAHAN ON U.S. NAVAL INTERESTS—NEW NOVELS BY NOTED WRITERS—A BIOGRAPHY OF EARL STANHOPE—MEN WHO HAVE MADE THE EMPIRE.

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A BOOK that will find readers in the colonies is by Mr. H. E. Egerton, who has had access to the archives of the Colonial Office. The book is entitled, "A History of British Colonial Policy," and deals with the subject from the dawn of English colonization down to the present day. The volume is divided into five parts: 1, The Period of Beginnings, 1497-1650; 2, Trade Ascendancy; 3, The Granting of Responsible Government, 1831-1860; 4, Laissez Aller, 1861-1885; 5, Great Britain, 1885-1897.

Mr. Gilbert Parker's new novel, "A Hundred Years Ago," will appear serially next year in Good Words.

Some time next month Smith, Elder & Co. will publish "Deeds That Won the Empire," by Rev. W. T. Fitchett. It will be illustrated. Mr. Fitchett is the Australian editor of The Review of Reviews and has made a special study of his subject.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co., the noted publishers, are moving into new quarters, and have issued a pamphlet describing the place and its historical associations. It is on St. Martin's street. Once there stood there an old galleried inn, the Nag's Head. On the east side was the house where Sir Isaac Newton lived from 1710 to 1725. Later Dr. Burney resided in the same house, and it was there that his daughter, Fanny Burney, wrote "Evelina."

Henry M. Stanley has arranged for a cheap edition of his world-famed book, "In Darkest Africa." He says his object is to extend the knowledge of equatorial Africa and the developments that are constantly being made there.

## MURRAY'S CANADIAN TOUR.

Messrs. Downey & Co. have in the press a volume of reminiscences of travel by Mr. David Christie Murray, entitled "A Cockney Columbus; Travels and Researches in the United States and in Canada, with an Excursion to the Antipodes." Messrs. Chatto and Windus will shortly have ready a new novel by Mr. Murray, called "This Little World."

## NAVAL QUESTIONS.

A new work by Captain A. T. Mahan, entitled "The Interest of the United States in Sea Power, Present and Future," will be published next month by Messrs. Sampson, Low, Marston & Co. The book deals with "The United States Looking

Outward," "Hawaii and our Sea Power," "The Isthmus and our Sea Power," "Anglo-American Alliance," "The Future in Relation to American Naval Power," "Preparedness for Naval War," "A Twentieth Century Outlook," and "Strategic Features of the Gulf of Mexico and Caribbean Sea."

Messrs. Methuen will publish in a few days "A Short History of the Royal Navy," from early times to 1660. The author, Mr. David Hannay, aims at giving an account not only of the fighting we have done at sea, but of the growth of the service, of the part the navy has played in the development of the Empire, and of its inner life. The book will be completed in a second volume.

## NEW FICTION.

Lord Lorne's new book, which is to be called "Adventures in Legend," will be a collection of tales of the West Highlands. Messrs. Constable will be the publishers.

Mr. Anthony Hope's sequel to the "Prisoner of Zenda" is named "Rupert of Hentzau." He could hardly have selected a character whose development would be likely to arouse greater interest. The story commences its serial issue in The Pall Mall Magazine next month, so that it will not appear in book form for a considerable time.

An "Improving History for Old Boys, Young Boys, Good Boys, Bad Boys, Big Boys, Little Boys, Cow Boys and Tom Boys," by Mr. S. R. Crockett, is announced for publication by Messrs. Gardner, Darton & Co., under the title of "The Surprising Adventures of Sir Toady Lion with Those of General Napoleon Smith." It will be illustrated by Mr. Gordon Browne.

Messrs. Methuen will publish shortly the following novels: "Secretary to Bayne, M.P.," by W. Pett Ridge; "A Creel of Irish Stories," by Jane Barlow, author of "Irish Idylls"; "A Daughter of Strife," by Jane Helen Findlater, author of "The Green Graves of Balgowrie"; and "Over the Hills," by her sister, Miss Mary Findlater. They will also publish in a few days "The Hill of the Graces," Mr. H. S. Cowper's record of travel and archaeological investigation in Tripoli; and "The Story of the British Army," by Colonel Cooper-King, of the Staff College.

A new serial story by Mr. Stanley J. Weyman, will begin in the January number of The Cornhill Magazine. The title is "The Castle Inn," and the scene is laid in

England in the latter half of the eighteenth century.

Prof. Robert K. Douglas has co-operated with L. T. Meade in writing a series of stories dealing with social life in China as it relates both to natives and English residents. The volume is entitled "Under the Dragon Throne," and will be issued by Messrs. Gardner, Darton & Co.

## OTHER BOOKS OF NOTE.

Mr. Philip Stanhope, M.P., has for some time been engaged in the collection of materials for a short life of Charles, Earl Stanhope, his great-grandfather. This is a task of much difficulty, for, while the Stanhope family papers contain some interesting points, the mass of Charles Stanhope's correspondence passed to his executors, of whom there were no fewer than nine, and Mr. Philip Stanhope is trying to trace their descendants. Earl Stanhope was the first to suggest to the Admiralty the use of steam on ships.

Messrs. Chatto & Windus will publish Mr. Henry DeWindt's new book "Through the Goldfields of Alaska to Behring Straits" some time during December.

Messrs. Cassell & Co. are publishing a cheap issue in monthly parts of "Cathedrals, Abbeys and Churches of England and Wales." The first part deals with such well-known cathedrals as Canterbury, York, St. Paul's, Durham and Winchester; and the descriptive and historical articles by prominent writers, combined with the numerous beautiful illustrations, certainly make a very attractive work, which to those interested in ecclesiastical architecture will be of special value.

Messrs. C. Arthur Pearson, Limited, publish this week a biographical volume by Mr. George Griffith, entitled "Men Who Have Made the Empire." The range of the work extends from William of Normandy to Cecil Rhodes. The volume contains 16 illustrations by Stanley L. Wood.

Mr. Jerome K. Jerome, who some time ago severed his connection with The Idler, has retired from the editorship of To-day, and his place has been taken by Mr. Barry Pain. The "Letters to Clorinda," which Mr. Jerome contributed to The Idler, will shortly appear in volume form.

Messrs. William Blackwood will publish at an early date Mr. Andrew Lang's work on "The Highlands in 1749." Mr. Lang has been engaged for some time on the King's Collection Manuscripts, collecting material.

Mr. Herbert Spencer has passed through the press a small volume entitled "Various Fragments." It will be issued by Messrs. Williams & Norgate as soon as the American edition is ready.