

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

WM. BRIGGS'S NEW BOOKS. William Briggs is this month placing on the market a work entitled "The Private Life of King Edward VII.," by a member of the Royal Household. The book affords a vivid picture of the personality of the King. His life at Sandringham and Marlborough House, his relations with the Church and the arts, his travels, his personal habits, and all the varied phases of his life are brought before the reader. The man himself is presented in a book of singular interest.

A popular life of the late Queen, entitled "Queen Victoria: Scenes from Her Life and Reign," by G. A. Henty, the famous writer of boys' books, has just been issued in a well-printed, freely illustrated and tastefully bound edition, selling at 50c.

A new popular collection of Gospel hymns, entitled "Songs of the Living Way," a book of unusual merit, has just been published. It is compiled by Evangelist E. L. Hyde, assisted by Professor Wm. J. Kirkpatrick and Dr. H. L. Gilmour. All three names give guarantee that the book will contain nothing that is not good.

Mr. J. M. Whyte, the well-known Canadian singing evangelist, is having a new collection of his songs published, with the timely title of "Battle Songs of the Cross." Mr. Whyte's previous books have all had a very large sale. He expects this new one will be one of the best selling of the lot, if not the best.

The Canadian edition of Donald Macdonald's "How We Kept the Flag Flying" will be placed on the market this month. This is one of the best of the many books on the Transvaal War, and is creating much attention. The first American edition sold out very quickly. The author was the war correspondent of The Melbourne Argus. Since his return from the front all Australia has flocked to hear his lectures. The cold details of facts so pronounced in the work of most correspondents are by Mr. Macdonald invested with the glamor of realism. By graphic writing and brilliant and humorous anecdote the reader is carried outside himself, and seems in fancy to be an eye-witness of the whole thing. It is doubtful if a more satisfying history of the siege of Ladysmith will ever be written.

Rev. John McDougall, the well-known Northwest missionary, author of an admirable series of volumes on his early experiences in the West, "Forest, Lake and

Prairie," "Pathfinding on Plain and Prairie," etc., is now in Great Britain on a lecturing tour.

MORANG & CO.'S LIST.

The large sale and cordial encouragement accorded to Col. Denison's "Soldiering in Canada" is a remarkable testimony to an interesting book which has appealed not only to military circles but to the public at large. The interesting records of the past which it contains and the inside view it gives of many events, both political and military, give it a great hold on readers. The publishers announce a paper edition at 75c., which, no doubt, will be a successful seller during the coming Summer and a safe thing to order.

Considering the emphatic way Col. Denison calls a spade a spade, especially in a military sense, the favor with which it has been received in England, even by the service organs, is somewhat surprising and significant. It probably shows a certain willingness of attitude in the acceptance of criticism which is the outcome of the recent awakening that military officialdom has had.

The "Englishwoman's Love Letters" has been a good seller, and Mr. Morang has just issued a paper edition. Probably no book of recent years has created a greater amount of discussion and elicited a wider variety of opinions. The utter unreserve with which it depicts the passionate experiences of the early days of a courtship has doubtless been the secret of its "vogue." The undeniable cleverness displayed in its pages adds to its charm. The paper edition will surely have a great run for Summer reading.

The magnificent edition of Lord Rosebery's "Napoleon," which Morang & Co. have issued at \$2, has aroused a pleasing surprise amongst book-buyers, that so fine a piece of bookmaking can be sold at the price. Its large paper, beautiful typography and excellent binding make it a marvel of cheapness. In appearance it resembles the English rather than the American edition.

Among all the books on the Boer War, Conan Doyle's has taken the lead in Canada. Its popularity appears to be on the increase even now when it has been for some months on the market. The sincerity of the writer and the succinct account of the various engagements it narrates, with its

admirable maps, make it a useful work of reference as well as a good piece of historical literature.

THE COPP, CLARK CO.'S LIST.

The Copp, Clark Co. will have a number of important books in the Spring, among the first to appear being "Pro Patria," by Max Pemberton; "The Helmet of Navarre," by Bertha Runkle, and the eagerly awaited "Crisis," by Winston Churchill — we nearly said: by Richard Carvel, so lost has the author been in his own book. Very few novels have reached such a height in point of sales as "Richard Carvel"; 370,000 copies are sufficient to submerge for a time the most extraordinary author. The illustrations for "The Crisis" are being done by Howard Chandler Christy, and they are to be of great excellence, which is one of the reasons publication has been delayed.

"The Helmet of Navarre" is now running in The Century Magazine, and will appear in book form about May 1 in Canada, the United States and England simultaneously. Miss Bertha Runkle is the youngest of the American authors whose pens have made them famous within the past few years. When she wrote "The Helmet of Navarre" she was little more than twenty years of age, yet the manuscript of her romance was read with enthusiasm by the editors of The Century, and has attracted wider and more favorable attention than any other story that has ever appeared serially in that magazine.

"Pro Patria" may be expected about the end of March, and any one who has read "Feo," by Max Pemberton, will be eager to read his latest novel. This story has a military and scientific trend, and is deeply interesting, apart from the love story which in itself is charming.

The Copp, Clark Co. will have also "Her Mountain Lover," by Hamlin Garland. The theme of this story is the invasion of London by a Colorado cow-puncher for the purpose of selling a gold mine.

More praises for Maurice Hewlett's "Richard Yea and Nay": "At last we have a fine writer of romance," Frederic Harrison in The Fortnightly Review. "A book that stirs one like a trumpet," New York Herald. "It cannot fail to delight the reader," Philadelphia Press. "Grandly romantic, colossal, enthralling," Boston Journal. "One cannot afford not to read it," Inter Ocean, Chicago. "Mr. Hewlett has produced a masterpiece," New York Sun. This book is already in its 45th thousand, and the sales are growing daily.

A new Canadian edition of "In the Palace of the King" was recently issued.