

LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co. announce the following publications: "Two Strings to his Bow," by Walter Mitchell, "The Silva of North America: Vol. VI. *Zonaceae Polygonaceae*;" "Claudia," by Frances Courtenay Baylor; "Familiar Letters of Henry D. Thoreau," edited by F. B. Sanborn; "His Vanished Star," by Charles Egbert Craddock, and "A Journal of American Ethnology and Archaeology: Vol. IV. The Snake Dance at Walpi," edited by J. Walter Fewkes.

In the death of Sir Francis Johnson, the Superior Court of Quebec loses a Chief Justice of marked ability and Canada a prominent, intellectual and capable Canadian who served her well in many important and prominent positions. The late Chief Justice Johnson was by birth an Englishman, was educated in France and came to Canada in 1835. He was called to the bar in 1840, made a Q.C., in 1846, appointed a judge of the Superior Court in 1865, and later on Chief Justice and on the 24th May 1890, received the honor of Knighthood.

The following gentlemen have had the distinctions hereinafter mentioned conferred upon them as announced by official *Gazette*: Mr. William C. Van Horne, President of the Canadian Pacific Railway, Knight Commander of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; The Hon. Frank Smith, of the Canadian Senate, knighted; Judge Casault, of the Superior Court, Quebec, knighted; The Hon. C. E. de Boucherville, of the Canadian Senate, Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George; Viscount Wolseley, commander of the forces in Ireland, a field marshal; Sir Donald Stewart, commander-in-chief of Her Majesty's forces in India, a field marshal; Mr. Arthur Renwick, commissioner, of Sydney, N.S.W., to the World's Fair, knighted; Mr. J. J. Grinlinton, commissioner, of Ceylon, to the World's Fair, knighted.

We are gratified to know that a contributor so well and favourably known to our readers as M. J. M. Lemoine, F.R.S.C., is about to publish a selection of his recent, most popular writings, illustrating Canadian history, literature, national customs, also Canadian birds—a sequel to the series previously published under the title of "Maple Leaves." M. Lemoine's writings are especially attractive to our English-speaking readers, not only from their wealth of legendary lore, wide knowledge of the interesting features of Canadian life, character, custom and history; and familiarity with our literature and the fauna and flora of our land, but from the fact that we here find the work of a scholar, of French birth and extraction, who is Canadian to the core, in the broadest sense of the term. A devoted lover of Canada and all that pertains to her, a fluent and facile writer of our English tongue, tolerant in spirit, broad in sympathy, and representative of that true catholicity of opinion, sentiment and conduct which is the brightest hope and surest pledge of a noble and worthy future for our country. Indefatigable in research, indomitable in industry, prolific in literary production, Mr. Lemoine's energy seems unabated and the forthcoming new edition of "Maple Leaves" will, we are sure, receive the heartiest of welcomes.

The following is a correct list of the officers and new members elected last week at the meeting of the Royal Society of Can-

ada: President, James M. Lemoine; Vice-President, Dr. Selwyn, C.M.G.; Honorary Secretary, Dr. Bourinot, C.M.G.; Honorary Treasurer, James Fletcher, F.L.S. The officers of the sections are: 1. *French Literature*—President, Abbe Verreau; Vice-President, Hon. J. Royal; Secretary, M. Joseph Edmond Roy. 2. *English Literature*—President, Rev. Professor Clark; Vice-President, Dr. Bourinot, C.M.G.; Secretary, Dr. George Stewart. 3. *Mathematical and Physical Sciences*—President, Dr. B. J. Harrington; Vice-President, Prof. Bovey; Secretary, M. E. Deville. 4. *Geological and Biological Sciences*—President, James Fletcher; Vice-President, Dr. Wesley Mills; Secretary, Professor Penhallow. The names of the new members are as follows: Lieutenant-Governor Schultz; Dr. J. A. MacCabe, Wilfred Campbell, Rev. Dr. Williamson, Arthur Harvey, J. W. Hay, W. Hague Harrington, Rev. G. W. Taylor, of Victoria, B.C., and M. Adolphe Bissan. The Right Hon. James Bryce, Sir James Hector, of New Zealand, and Dr. S. H. Scudder, of Washington, were elected corresponding members, the number of which are limited to sixteen or four in each section. William Kirby and Evan McColl were placed on the list of retired members, and consequently now occupy an honorary position in the society. The meeting of this year was the most successful in the history of the society, not only on account of the active co-operation of the Earl and Countess of Aberdeen, but from the number of valuable papers read and the presence of distinguished scholars and writers from the United States. The delivery of popular lectures like the one by Professor Fernow of Washington on "The Battle of the Forest," has added greatly to the value of this great Canadian association. We are glad to notice that the Scientific and Literary Societies of the Dominion had a large representation at the meeting.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

- The Book of the Fair. Chicago: The Bancroft Company.
- Rudyard Kipling. The Jungle Book. New York: The Century Company.
- Introductions by Edmund J. James, Ph.D. The City Government of Philadelphia, Vol. II. Philadelphia: Wharton School of Finance and Economy, University of Philadelphia.
- The Bound Century—Half Year. New York: The Century Company. London: T. Fisher Unwin.
- Henry A. Beers. A Suburban Pastoral. New York: Henry Holt & Company.
- Mabel Osgood Wright. The Friendship of Nature. New York: Macmillan & Co. Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co.

READINGS FROM CURRENT LITERATURE.

VAGABONDIA.

The *Athenaeum* of April reviews eulogistically "Low Tide on Grand-Pre: a Book of Lyrics," by Bliss Carman (Nutt), from which the following verses are quoted:—

It is a country of the sun,
Full of forgotten yesterdays,
When time takes Summer in his care,
And fills the distance of her gaze.

It stretches from the open sea
To the blue mountains and beyond;
The world is Vagabondia
To him who is a vagabond.

In the beginning God made man
Out of the wandering dust, men say;
And in the end of his life shall be
A wandering wind and blown away.

There is a tavern, I have heard,
Not far, and frugal, kept by One
Who knows the children of the Word,
And welcomes each when day is done.

Some say the house is lonely set
In Northern night, and snowdrifts keep
The silent door; the hearth is cold,
And all my fellows gone to sleep.

Had I my will! I hear the sea
Thunder a welcome on the shore;
I know where lies the hostelry
And who should open me the door.

Public Opinion (London).

IRISH MISRULE.

Mr. George Cadbury, of Birmingham, the well-known Quaker, has written to the *Speaker* to state that last year he devoted time, energy and £3,500 "in the endeavor to secure Home Rule for our oppressed fellow-citizens in Ireland." But he is disgusted at the way the Irish members are quarrelling with one another. He says, very truly, that Englishmen have no interest in the Home Rule struggle, except to do what they believe is right. And if the Irish members cannot restrain themselves sufficiently to think more of their country than of their petty personal ambitions and antipathies, Englishmen will be greatly tempted to throw up the whole business in disgust. This is a very serious warning from a very sincere friend. If Mr. Parnell had thought more of Ireland than of his personal ambition, an Irish Parliament would now have been sitting in Dublin. It is impossible to exaggerate the mischief which these contemptible personal squabbles are doing in England. No doubt they are partly the result of ages of misrule. But there is no excuse for them now.—*Methodist Times*.

THE RIGHT TO PHOTOGRAPH CRIMINALS.

Much interest has been aroused in legal circles in Madrid by an appeal to the Supreme Tribunal, brought by a notorious criminal, named Ceferino Lopez, against a sentence of the Court of La Magdalena, Seville. Lopez, who has spent a large portion of his life in prison, is not only an accomplished swindler, but has also become well known in the courts as an authority on Spanish penal law, having frequently succeeded by his perfect knowledge of the technicalities of the Criminal Code in escaping punishment for his offences. The Judge at La Magdalena recently ordered that a photograph of Lopez should be taken, but the prisoner refused to allow this to be done, and after baffling every attempt of the officials to obtain his portrait, was sentenced to three months' extra imprisonment for disobeying an order of the court. It is against this sentence that Lopez has appealed, maintaining that there is no law by which a refusal on the part of a prisoner to have his photograph taken is constituted a punishable offence.—*Public Opinion*, London.