

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE MONTH.

THE Month is a new periodical devoted to literature, art and life. January, 1897, is the first issue. Here are its own words: "The Month will contain the most interesting portraits of authors, painters and others distinguished in the world of art, together with illustrations of other kinds in keeping with its character. Among its contributors will be many of the first and best-known writers of America. Nor will it close the door to contributors from overseas."

If the first number is any criterion, The Month will be a welcome magazine. Among the contributors to the first number are: Frank R. Stockton, Thomas Bailey Aldrich, Dr. W. J. Rolfe, James Herbert Morse and Bliss Carman.

It is well printed on good paper. It is published monthly. It sells at the popular price of 10c. per copy or \$1 per year.

IMPORTANT WORK

Early in February will be published a critical "Review of Historical Publications Relating to Canada" appearing in 1896, together with some of the more important of the publications of 1895. This will be the first of a series

of "University of Toronto Studies in History." The Review is edited by George M. Wrong, M.A., professor of history in the University of Toronto, and among the contributors are Dr. J. G. Bourinot, C.M.G., clerk of the House of Commons of Canada; the Reverend Abbe Casgrain, the well-known writer and professor of history in Laval University, Quebec; Sir J. M. LeMoine, of Quebec; the Honorable David Mills, Q.C., Dr. George Stewart, of Quebec; James Bain, Jr., of the Toronto Public Library; Professor Clark, of Trinity University; Professor Shortt, of Queen's University; Professor Mavor, of the University of Toronto; Professor Coleman, of the School of Practical Science, and many others. The term "historical" will be interpreted in a liberal sense, and books of travel and exploration will be included. In France, England and the United States, as well as

in Canada, works are continually appearing which bear upon the history of Canada. Probably few persons realize the number and range of these works, or the steadily growing interest which the history of Canada is arousing. This review will be a useful bibliography, and as it will be continued annually it will form a permanent record in the field of literature which it covers. The Review will be handsomely printed upon heavy toned paper in large octavo, and will contain about two hundred pages. Price, bound in stiff paper cover, seventy-five cents. Orders may be sent to the publisher, Wm. Briggs, Toronto.

A VOLUME OF VERSE.

The fugitive verse of Mr. John Stuart Thomson, a Canadian at present residing in



Governor Seymour to the Indians in 1862.
From "Overland to Cariboo"

New York, appearing in the magazines from time to time, has attracted not a little favorable comment. We learn that Mr. Thomson has decided to publish a collection of his poems, which, with the title, "Estabelle and Other Verse," will shortly be issued by Wm. Briggs.

NEW STORY BY ANNIE SWAN.

A new story by Annie S. Swan, "Mrs. Keith Hamilton, M.B.," a companion book to "Elizabeth Glen, M.B.," will be added to his Canadian copyright edition by Wm. Briggs during the coming March.

MARITIME PROVINCE POETS.

There surely must be the "aëlius divine" in the very air that is breathed in our Maritime Provinces. How those Maritimers write! Last issue Sherman's "Matins" and Rand's "At Minas Basin";

this issue Roberts' "The Book of the Native" to review, and the announcement from Wm. Briggs of a poem by a Fredencton lady, Mrs. Currie, to be published under the title of "John St. John and Anna Grey: a Romance of Old New Brunswick," an epic of the U. E. Loyalist settlement times.

DR. JAKEWAY'S POEMS.

A Canadian writer whose patriotic poems—notably "Laura Secord," "Capture of Fort Detroit," "Death of Tecumseh," and others—have frequently been quoted in the press and on the platform, is Dr. Charles E. Jakeway, of Listowel. We have not by any means an overplus of patriotic poetry, and therefore it is matter for congratulation that Dr. Jakeway has decided to commit a collection of his verse to the press. The volume will take its name from the initial poem, "The Lion and the Lilies," a

tale of the Conquest, in six cantos. Among other poems, in addition to those above named, are "Father Domil's Last Mass," "A Canadian Veteran," "Pontiac at Home," "The United Empire Loyalists," "A Story of the Forest." William Briggs is adding this to his list of Canadian poets, already of creditable proportions and being extended this year at a startling rate.

A VOLUME ABOUT HON. CLARKE WALLACE.

Rev. C. E. Perry, of Mimico, a past grand chaplain of the Orange Order, has in publication a book entitled "Hon. N. Clarke Wallace: His Action on the Remedial Bill, and what led up to it." The volume will be issued in popular form at 50 cents.

LAW BOOKS.

Two volumes of "Le Droit Civil Canadien" have already appeared. The third volume is now in press and will be ready shortly. This new work, by P. B. Mignault, is the latest on the subject. It is published by C. Theoret, Montreal. Price, \$5.

ONTARIO SEPARATE SCHOOLS.

A work on the "Legislation and History of Separate Schools in Upper Canada," is