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A new catalogue of the books in the circulating department of the Toronto public library is now printing and will soon be ready.

Twenty-five cents sent to William George's Sons, Bristol, England, will secure a copy of a new catalogue of Americana, enlivened with copious annotations.

Watson Griffin, of Montreal, the author of "Twok," has received and accepted an invitation to deliver a lecture on Canada before the American Geographical Association in New York city the coming winter.

The St. John *Progress* says: "Mr. J. Murray Kay, of the Boston publishing house of Houghton, Mifflin & Co., is keeping holiday in this Province, and of course he has been interviewed. Mr. Kay remarks that Canadians furnish rather more than a *pro rata* share of the manuscript that goes into the hands of the 'tasters.'"

Mr. John Imrie, the printer-poet of Toronto, has in press a second and enlarged edition of his "Poems and Sonnets," to include all he has written since the first edition was published some three years ago. Mr. Imrie is one of the most popular of our Canadian poets, and the steady sale his first volume has enjoyed is a pleasing and practical proof of appreciation on the part of the reading public.

The derivation of the word "America" is still engaging the attention of the learned. When leading authorities differ on the question it will evidently bear further investigation. In the meantime we reproduce from the *Montreal Star* of October 3, a communication on the question from Mr. Gerald E. Hart. Perhaps some other reader who has investigated the subject will give us the benefit of his researches?

"A Life Sentence," by Adeline Sargent (No. 12 of Lovell's Canadian Copyright Series, John Lovell & Son, Montreal, 30 cts.), is one of the best of recent novels, having an excellent plot. To save his sister's honor, the hero commits manslaughter and allows another man to be punished for the crime—a decided contrast to Georg Ebers' "Homo Sum," in which the anchorite deliberately accepts the punishment due a youthful follower.

Mr. Justus A. Griffin, of this city, is engaged upon a genealogical history of the Griffin family, with special reference to its members who settled in North America. Considerable material has already been gathered as the result of private research and of correspondence with descendants of the family in various parts of the country; and Mr. Griffin will be glad to hear from friends and parties bearing the family name, so as to assist him in making the record as perfect as possible.

The title of the first book published in Canada still continues a much-discussed problem among our bibliomaniacs. Mr. William Kingsford, in "Canadian Archæology," says the first book published in Canada is generally believed to be "Catéchisme du Diocèse de Sens," imprimé à Québec, chez Brown et Gilmour, 1765. Dr. Hubert Neilson produces evidence to show that the "Grand Juries' Presentments," a quarto of 36 pages, although printed in the same year, preceded the "Catéchisme" by eight months. Has any one discovered any earlier imprints than either of the above? We shall be glad to publish any responses to this query.