

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

"THE MAKING OF THE CANADIAN WEST."

"THE SELKIRK SETTLERS IN REAL LIFE," published last year, brought the author—Rev. R. G. MacBeth, minister of the St. Augustine Presbyterian church, Winnipeg—many requests for a work describing the strange conditions that followed the influx of immigration from Eastern Canada. We are pleased to learn that Mr. MacBeth, yielding to the demand, has written a work which he entitles, "The Making of the Canadian West." In this he describes the change from the old life to the new, with the resultant difficulties, culminating in the risings of 1869-70 and of 1885, rapidly sketches the formative influences at work, and relates the progress towards the present prosperous condition of the province. It is a book of reminiscences and a rapid historical review rather than a formal history. Mr. MacBeth, himself a native of the original Selkirk settlement, as student, lawyer, soldier, and minister of the gospel, possessed unsurpassed opportunities of witnessing the development of our western heritage, and has had his own share in some of the stirring events that accompanied it.

Of greatest interest to the reader, and of untold value to the future historian, are the author's personal recollections, particularly in connection with the two Riel rebellions, in the latter of which he served in General Strange's column in pursuit of Big Bear, being second lieutenant in the Kildonan company of the 92nd Battalion (known as the Winnipeg Light Infantry). The graphic recital of his experiences of campaigning on the prairies gives one a good idea of the quality of the Canadian as a soldier, and will be especially enjoyed by those who shared with the narrator the privations and perils of the campaign.

Mr. MacBeth has sought to bring clearly before the reader the moving actors in the human drama as an aid to understanding the events which make up the history of the country. His pen sketches of the men whose names are written large in the annals of the province are drawn with much skill and make capital reading. The volume will be issued shortly by William Briggs, of Toronto.

A JOURNALIST'S BOOK.

Messrs. Thacker & Co., of Creed lane, London, England, are about to publish a novel called "A Galaxy Girl," by Lincoln Springfield, news editor of The London Daily Mail. It is the story of a tragedy, dealing with theatrical and sporting life. The Galaxy girl is a girl of the Galaxy theatre. Mr. Springfield is known as a

brilliant young journalist and his friends are confident of the success of his venture as a novelist.

DR. BORTHWICK'S NEW BOOK.

Under the title of "Jubile de Diamant ; Rebellion de '37-'38 ; Role d'Honneur," the Rev. J. Douglas Borthwick, LL.D., has issued a neat little volume, which contains a complete list of all the political prisoners of that stormy period, and a mass of hitherto unpublished data connected with that epoch which cannot but be most valuable to all who take an interest in that turning-point of Canadian history. It is dedicated to Premier Marchand and is written in attractive style.



THE FAIR AUTHORESS OF "JUDITH MOORE."

Miss Johanna E. Wood, whose new novel, "Judith Moore," is finding many readers in Canada, is chiefly known by her two novels, "Judith Moore" and "The Untempered Wind," but her talent for short stories is also conspicuous. A short tale, "The Eye of a God," lately published in The Black Cat, won the \$500 prize in a competition. By birth a Scotswoman, Miss Wood has lived in Canada for several years, at Queenston, on the Niagara frontier, though a good deal of her time is spent in Philadelphia, New York and other cities of the United States. Those who know Miss Wood assert that she sympathizes with the views of the old-fashioned woman rather than the new woman, and that her work in fiction is not associated with a "mission" or a "purpose." She knows the life of two continents pretty well and is thus able to draw for material upon a somewhat extended experience for so young a woman. Miss Wood, it is also said, has been influenced by an elderly brother, whose education and temperament are eminently inspiring and valuable to a young authoress in the way of criticism. The writer of "Judith Moore" is said to have just finished a story, dealing with New England life, and is writing another with Scotland as the scene. "Judith Moore" has been warmly received by the Canadian critics.

BENGOUGH ON PROHIBITION.

William Briggs, Toronto, has just issued a characteristic little book (paper covers, 25c.), from the pen of J. W. Bengough,

entitled the "Gin Mill Primer." Modelled, like the same author's "Up-to-date Primer" on taxation, on the children's text books, it embodies the strong satire of an avowed prohibitionist against the evils of drink. There is a good deal of humor, common sense, and real humanity in the "lessons" of the little primer. The book is illustrated by cartoons on every page from Bengough's pen.

CHILDRENS' RHYMES.

"Jupiter Jingles ; or A Trip to Mystery Land," is the title of an artistically illustrated little book for children, (50c.), from the press of Laird & Lee, Chicago. Its author, Mrs. Annetta S. Crafts, has put into original rhymes the world-famed traits and adventures of the old Greek and Roman Gods. This is more than a children's book, although never above the little tots' average intelligence. It is a dainty book, with its cover and frontispiece in colors.

MR. MORGAN'S NEW BOOK.

The following letter was from the Earl of Aberdeen to Mr. Morgan, acknowledging in graceful terms the receipt of an early copy of the latter's newly published work :

Government House,

Ottawa, March 9, 1898.

Dear Mr. Morgan :

I have just received your note with the accompanying early copy of "Canadian Men and Women of the Time." For your courtesy in sending me this I am very much obliged. A glance at its pages is sufficient to reveal that the volume is the result of much careful and patient labor. The book cannot fail, I think, to be of much practical value, supplying a real want. I sincerely hope that this may be quickly proved by a large demand and circulation. With renewed thanks and good wishes.

(Signed)

ABERDEEN.

Henry J. Morgan, Ottawa.

AN OTTAWA VENTURE.

An Ottawa literary man of reputation is spoken of as editor for a new literary weekly to be called Events. It will be illustrated, printed on good paper and be of pocket size. The place of publication will be Ottawa.

NEW BOOKS FROM MACMILLAN.

"The Development of the Child," by Nathan Oppenheim, M.D., attending physician to the children's department of Mount Sinai Hospital Dispensary, New York City, is the title of a work to be published in a few weeks by the Macmillan Co.

The new editions of "Alice in Wonderland" and "Alice Through the Looking Glass," which are to be published immediately by the Macmillan Co., will contain new prefaces by the late Lewis Carroll