

BOOK BREVITIES

THE Copp, Clark Co., Toronto, have just published "Strong Mac," the latest novel from the pen of S. R. Crockett. Towards the close of the month this firm hope to have ready for publication "The Crossing," by Winston Churchill. "Strong Mac" appears in both cloth and paper at \$1.50 and 75 cents, and "The Crossing" in cloth only at \$1.50.

Max Pemberton's latest novel, "Red Morn," is quite up to that author's standard and fully sustains his reputation as a gifted story teller. "Red Morn" resembles considerably "Wings of the Morning," not only in name but in plot. A man and a maid are shipwrecked together, suffer all manner of hardships, pass through many dangers and at length overcome all obstacles to their happy union.

The volume of "Sketches of Indian Life," placed on the market this month by William Briggs, contains the experiences and observations of a veteran Anglican missionary, Rev. T. Frost, among the Ojibway Indians on the northern shores of Lake Huron and Lake Superior. It abounds in exciting adventures, traditions, tales of native heroes, hunting bear and caribou, fishing for speckled trout, superstitions, dances, burial customs, camping in the forest, and other phases of Indian life. The publishers have done their work well. The cover is a neat imitation of birch bark, with a striking sketch of the head of an Indian on the front cover. A number of interesting illustrations embellish the book.

Paper editions of "Monsigny" by Justus Miles Forman, and "Follow the Glean," by Joseph Hocking, are promised shortly by the Canadian publishers of these books, the Copp, Clark Co. (75 cents.)

An interesting addition to the literature of Nature study is Miss Harriet L. Keller's "Our Native Trees, and How to Identify Them," which has just been placed upon the market by William Briggs. It is a beautiful volume, containing 178 full-page illustrations from photographs, and 162 smaller text illustrations. This will be a capital book for the student of nature to take with him in his rambles through the woods this Spring. A smaller volume that will also be found very convenient is Dr. Muldrew's pocket handbook, "Sylvan Ontario; a Guide to our Native Trees and Shrubs."

"Anna, the Adventuress," by E. P. Oppenheim, is one of the best of the Spring publications promised by the Copp, Clark Co. It will be ready shortly in cloth at \$1.25, and paper 75 cents.

William Briggs is supplying the trade with Frank M. Chapman's splendidly illustrated volume, "Color Key to North American Birds," containing upwards of 800 colored drawings. This is undoubtedly the best volume that the young ornithologist could have to aid him in identifying the birds.

Announcement was made in our last issue of the forthcoming publication by William Briggs of an important historical work by Rev. A. G. Morice, O.M.I., of Vancouver, entitled "History of the Northern Interior of British Columbia." In ordering a number of copies in advance for the library of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia, Mr. E. O. Scofield, the librarian, writes to the publisher as follows: "In this connection I feel that I have to congratulate you in obtaining Father Morice's MS. for publication, as this material is undoubtedly of the greatest value historically. Indeed the work will be one of the most important ever published relating to British Columbia. I have the honor to know Father Morice personally, and have also some knowledge of the difficulties he has overcome in the preparation of his work, and for these reasons I particularly hope that it may prove as great a success as it deserves to be. The work deals with a very interesting period in our history, and, apart from its value from a historical point of view, it cannot but prove interesting--nay fascinating--to all those who love authentic narratives of the experiences of those hardy pioneer explorers and traders who first visited the great interior of British Columbia, or New Caledonia, as it was called at that time."

In "Tillie, a Mennonite Maid," the Copp, Clark Co. have found a splendid story, which has taken remarkably well. Equally good things are anticipated from "Denis Dent," the latest Hornung book to appear on the market. The latter is a capital story of adventure in Australia, England and the Crimea, with shipwreck, gold mining, love and fighting to keep up the interest (\$1.50.)

Among the books published last year by William Briggs few of them were so favorably commented upon as Mr. John Craig's "Ranching with Lords and Commons," a book of life on the cattle ranges of Alberta. The English press in their reviews are exceedingly complimentary to the book. The Edinburgh Scotsman remarks of it: "An attempt to clear up a mystery is always interesting, and the author of this book has put together within its pages the story of how he was taken in and done for by a big ranching company, composed for the most part of English noblemen. The yarn is sarcastic as to the qualifications of titled persons to run a ranching company, and the sneer of the practical man at the expense of the aristocratic neophyte in ranching affairs is plain on every page. The story is a most fascinating one, all the more so because it is true, and the book--which is strikingly bound--is embellished with portraits of the noble bunglers whose laxity brought about the downfall of the company."

A second "David Harum" has been found in "Cap'n Eri," a whole-hearted, lovable old sailor of the New England coast. He has been created by Mr. Joseph C. Lincoln, and is the hero of Mr. Lincoln's first novel. The story is full of homely wit, with a touch of pathos here and there and with the strands of two or three love stories interwoven. (New York: A. S. Barnes, \$1.50.)

William Briggs announces a new story by J. Wesley Johnston, author of "Dwellers in Gotham," "Riddle of Life," etc. This new book deals with the struggle between two rival trusts and is entitled "The Mystery of Miriam." It is full of exciting interest.