

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

NEW BOOKS FROM WM. BRIGGS.

WILLIAM BRIGGS has in the press a volume of "Essays on Questions of the Day," by Rev. E. H. Dewart, D.D., late editor of The Christian Guardian, and one of the most forcible writers of the day. The essays cover a wide variety of subjects. A study of Charles Sangster, the eminent Canadian poet, and the inclusion of the author's poems, written since his "Songs of Life" was published, will enlist the interest of the literary world.

Rev. W. H. Porter, M.A., pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church, Brantford, has arranged with William Briggs for the publication of a third edition of his popular devotional work entitled "Converse with the Kings." The work consists of Scripture selections for each day in the year, arranged topically, the topics following alphabetically. To this work the author has brought a taste and skill that have brought from competent critics the strongest encomiums. The book will comprise 384 pages, and sell at one dollar.

A biography of the well-known Presbyterian missionary to the old Selkirk settlement, Rev. John Black, D.D., written by Rev. Prof. Bryce, of Winnipeg, and published serially in The Westminster, will be issued in book form shortly by William Briggs, under the title of "The Apostle of the North." The Life of Dr. Black is in reality a history of the Red River Settlement, and Dr. Bryce, who is a painstaking historian, has woven into the biography a comparatively full treatment of the leading events in the history of that part of the Canadian west.

William Briggs will, this month, place on the market a Canadian edition of a book of poems, entitled "Cuba, and Other Verse," by Robert Manners, a Canadian gentleman, living in Chicago. The excellent quality of the verse may be judged by the following sonnet:

SOLITUDE.

'Tis sweet at eve to wander by the shore
And watch the restless waters of the deep,
As the night winds across its bosom sweep,
Blending their strong complainings with its roar!
'Tis sweet to linger by the shadowy wood
As, phantom-like, the soft moonlight there creeps,

Where, 'neath the sentry stars, tired nature sleeps
And silence sits alone in solitude!

Such scenes a deep, mysterious pleasure bear,
And wake a prescient spirit in the breast,

Timid of day which from a vague unrest
Finds glad relief raply communing there
With spirit voices from far spheres which tell
Of distant worlds, to sense invisible!

To the limited stock of Canadian historical drama is shortly to be added a volume of what is said to be strong and dignified verse entitled "Thyandenegea," by Mr.



MR. PETER MURPHY.

There is no more familiar figure in all Montreal than Pete Murphy, the veteran newsagent, who for thirty odd years has piled his trade at the corner of St. James and St. Francois Xavier streets. Commencing as a newsboy when only five years old, he followed the profession till he was eighteen, when he decided to try a quieter means of livelihood, and apprenticed himself to a firm of plumbers. He soon tired of this, however, and the fascinations of the life he had led previously proving too much for him, he returned to news-vending, and has stuck to it ever since. He handles many American daily papers that cannot be procured anywhere else in the city, and always has complete lines of magazines and sporting and dramatic papers. Besides his down town stand he owns a news store on Dorchester street, opposite St. James' Club, and you will frequently see some of Montreal's best known men at its counter. Pete has a wide range of acquaintances amongst all classes, and it is his boast that he has chatted with over twenty peers at his corner stand, that he has been the guest of four of the greatest prize fighters in the world, and an active worker in every political contest that has taken place in Montreal during the last quarter of a century.

He is only about 45 years old, and, no doubt, greater achievements in the news world are still before him. The picture reproduced here was taken a short time ago, and is an excellent likeness.

Wm. P. McKenzie, writer of a recent work on the Six Nation Indians. The author has made long and careful study of Indian history, and has taken the greatest care to have all the historical references in his poem strictly accurate.

MORE POEMS BY DR. DRUMMOND.

It is reported that Dr. W. H. Drummond, author of "The Habitant," has, in preparation, three poems dealing with historical incidents in the famous Annapolis Valley. The poems will be different to any of his previous

writings. They will be published in book form, probably by the Montreal News Co., in time for the holiday trade. It is safe to predict an enthusiastic reception for any thing from the pen of the man whose dialect poems have charmed the reading public of Great Britain and America.

A 50C. NOVEL.

The Montreal News Co. are issuing a paper edition of Harold Frederick's book, "The Damnation of Theron Ware." It will sell at 50c.

THE AUSTRALIAN EDITION.

Canadian readers, who may ask the dealer for the Australian edition of The Review of Reviews, may be supplied by Angus & Robertson, Sydney, N.S.W.

A CANADIAN POEM.

Messrs. John Lovell & Son have in press a poem by Mr. Richard Griffin Starke, of Montreal, entitled "The Lord of Lanoraie." It embodies a well-known Canadian legend, and is said to be cleverly written. It will appear early in September. One dollar per copy, bound in full cloth, is the retail price.

SUMMER EDITIONS.

The Montreal News Co have three distinctly Canadian books for summer trade. A special "tourist" edition of Dr. Drummond's "Habitant," to retail at \$1, tops the list. The increasing popularity of this book coupled with its bearing on local scenes, make it a safe property for Canadian dealers. The edition will practically be uniform with the former one at \$1.25. The trade, of course, will receive an adequate discount. A 50c. paper edition of Kirby's "Golden Dog" is another summer specialty. The demand for it is really amazing. Although it is 21 years since it first ap-

peared, there are more copies being sold now than ever, and recently the publishers disposed of 500 copies in the city of Quebec alone. Gilbert Parker's "Seats of the Mighty" is the third. This seems to be generally considered Parker's best novel, and the "tourist" edition should go off well.

MR. GORDON'S COMIC VERSE.

Within the past few weeks there has been a demand for the pamphlet edition of A. M. R. Gordon's poem, "Laurier's Trip