

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE HISTORICAL TREATISES.

THE recent publications of The Johns Hopkins University Press (Baltimore, Maryland), have a decided interest to Canadian readers and historical students. One is Prof. James Morton Callahan's "The Neutrality of the American Lakes and Anglo-American Relations," a treatise in several chapters, 190 pp., with index, which considers the question historically and exhaustively after a consultation of the State and other authoritative records. Mr. Callahan gives his authorities, and his work is a useful compendium of the information on a subject that for sometime must have the attention of historical enquirers and publicists. It can be had in paper.

The other is an historical treatise upon "The Industrial Experiments in the British Colonies of North America," by Eleanor Louisa Lord, of Bryn Mawr college. The work is divided into three parts; the first dealing with the efforts during the 17th and 18th centuries to obtain naval supplies from the "plantations in America"; the second describing the methods adopted by Government to produce these stores; the last outlining the conflict of commercial interest between the colonies and the Mother Country which terminated in the revolution. Paper covers; 154 pp.; index.

IS THE NINTH TO BE THE LAST?

In a recent advertisement of The London Times reprint of the ninth edition of the Encyclopædia Britannica, the following interesting paragraph appears: "No steps have yet been taken towards preparing a tenth edition, and there is no reason to suppose that if such a work should be put in hand, it could be completed in less than 15 or 20 years from now. It is not, indeed, certain that there will ever be a tenth edition. Grave doubts were entertained when the ninth edition was proposed, as to whether it would ever repay the outlay it involved. The late Adam Black, who was at that time at the head of the house of A. & C. Black, was so strongly opposed to the undertaking that he withdrew from the firm, in order that he might not be involved

in the disaster which he believed to be imminent."

PAPER EDITION OF SIR W. DAWSON'S LAST.

Grafton & Son, of Montreal, have issued a paper edition of Sir Wm. Dawson's latest work "Testimony of the Scriptures Respecting Wine and Strong Drink." This is spoken of as an erudite and interesting review of the commands and advice of the Old and New Testaments on the use of intoxicating liquors. The fact that this will prob-



THOMAS CONANT, Author of "Upper Canada Sketches."

ably be the last book from the pen of Sir Wm. Dawson gives it an added interest. It will sell at 20c.

MONTREAL'S LITERARY AND SOCIETY WEEKLY.

The Metropolitan, Montreal's society, literary and dramatic weekly, has passed into the hands of a new company, and many important changes are being made in it. Both typographically and editorially, a marked improvement has been made, and as its staff of contributors includes many clever Canadians, such as Dr. Drummond and Edgar Maurice Smith, the paper should

soon equal any similar publication on the continent. Copies and all information can be obtained from The Metropolitan Publishing Co., 19 Board of Trade Building, Montreal.

"ANEROESTES, THE GAUL."

Grafton & Son, who are publishing Edgar Maurice Smith's "Aneroestes, the Gaul," announce that the book will be offered to the trade about the end of November.

QUÉBEC CIVIL LAW.

C. Theoret has now in press the fourth volume of P. B. Mignault's elaborate work, "Le Droit Civil Canadien." Like its predecessor, the book is an exhaustive treatise on Canadian civil law, based on "Repetitions Ecrites" or commentaries of Frederic Mourton on the Civil Code, together with a review of the jurisprudence of the Canadian courts.

THE LIFE OF ROBERT SHIELDS.

The Life and Character of Robert Shields is the title of a book by G. Whitefield Grace, which is intended for the class of readers who appreciate some sensible advice upon the character and habits of youth, as well as the man of experience, and contains much sound reflection to aid those who are being trained for business pursuits, society, and general efficiency. The morality of the book is very acceptable, and is written in a popular style. Copies may be obtained from the publisher, Temple Building, corner Bay and Richmond streets, Toronto, Ont.

There are applications already for Mr. Shields' book on "Better Relations with the Great Anglo-Saxon Race," in which the Right Hon. Joseph Chamberlain and others are interested. The manuscript of Mr. Shields' "Travels" is highly spoken of by those who have seen it. His Excellency Lord Aberdeen has given him invaluable assistance in the way of a credential letter.

NEW POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PAPERS.

The latest issues of the American Academy of Political and Social Science, Philadelphia, Pa., include: "Australian Experiments in Industry," by Helen Page Bates (25c.), a valuable summary of the railway, telegraph and municipal enterprises of the colonies there; "The War as a Suggestion of Manifest Destiny," by Prof. Powers, of the Leland Stanford, Jr., Uni-