

## NEW BOOKS IN ENGLAND.

## MINOR FICTION AND IMPORTANT BIOGRAPHIES.

HAGGARD ON A STORY OF ENGLISH FARMING LIFE—THE BISMARCK LIFE—NEW EDITION OF LORD ROBERTS' INDIAN REMINISCENCES—THE DUKE OF ARGYLE'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

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**T**HERE is nothing particularly notable in forthcoming fiction, except Kipling's new book, which, it is understood, will be brought out in special editions for Canada and the United States, in Canada, by George Morang. There are a number of new novels promised, some by writers who are not much read in America, but whose books sell well enough here. The book which Rider Haggard is now engaged upon will, it is stated, embody his experiences as a farmer of a portion of his own estate at Ditchingham. It will be entitled "The Farmer's Year." Some portions of it will probably be published serially in Longman's Magazine prior to the publication of the whole in volume form.

Tom Gallon, the author "Tattlesley" and "A Prince of Mischance," has written another novel, published by Hutchinson & Co. It is called "Dickie Monteith; a Love Story," the scene being laid partly in London and partly in a small riverside village.

The same firm are issuing a new novel by Miss Ella McMahon, author of "A New Note," "A Pitiful Passion," etc., entitled "An Honorable Estate." They are also bringing out a new novel by Miss Blanche Loftus Tottenham, called "In the Shadow of the Three." The action of the story passes between Venice and Verona at the time of the Napoleonic wars.

The title of Major Arthur Griffiths' novel (published by John Milne), is "A Girl of Grit." It is a companion volume to the same author's well-known novel "The Rome Express," of which the sixth edition has just left the press. "A Girl of Grit" is a story, told in similar style, of a gigantic scheme of fraud and its ultimate detection.

"Two Little Girls in Green" is the title of a story of the Land League to be issued shortly by Messrs. Moran, Aberdeen. The writer is J. J. Moran, the author of some clever Irish fiction.

Another Irish tale, by S. F. Bullock, will be published during the autumn by James Bowden. It is a story of Irish peasant life.

Joseph Hocking has lately returned from a visit to Ireland, where he has been gathering material for a romance. The story will turn not on Irish customs or characteristics, but upon certain phases of monastic life. While not antagonistic to the Roman Catholic Church, some of its

most exciting situations will hinge upon the conflict between the laws of the Church and the pleadings of the human heart. In order to ensure accuracy of statement, Mr. Hocking has visited the Jesuit institutions, and has had interviews with representative Jesuit priests. He regards the story as the most ambitious and the most interesting he has yet undertaken. Its title will be "The Scarlet Woman," and it will, in the first place, appear serially.

Early in the autumn, John Long will publish a collection of Australian bush stories, under the title of "When the Mopoke Calls." The author is Mr. William S. Walker, an Australian by birth, and nephew of "Rolf Boldrewood." The book will be copiously illustrated by Mr. Vedder.

Dr. Max Nordau's novel "The Drones Must Die," on which he has been engaged for some time, is to be published early in the Autumn.

## BIOGRAPHY, ETC.

Heinemann will publish a new and cheaper edition of Mr. Charles Lowe's "Life of Prince Bismarck," with a new chapter, including the Prince's last years and his death. It will contain the two portraits included in the previous editions—the one showing the Prince at the age of 17, the other at the age of 70.

Mr. Robert Wallace, M.P., is writing a monograph of George Buchanan for Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier's famous Scots series. Mr. Wallace has his own "Reminiscences" in hand, but his editorship of *The Scotsman*, in succession to Russell, is not, it is hinted, to receive so much attention as might have been expected.

"A Lifetime Among the Dissenters" is the descriptive sub-title of Dr. Joseph Parker's new book, which will appear under the title of "Paterson's Parish."

A new edition, in one volume, with over forty plans, portraits, and other illustrations, of Lord Robertson's work, "Forty-one years in India" (which has had an enormous sale in the two volumed edition, having passed through twenty nine impressions), is being brought out by Bentley.

Lord Ashbourne is engaged in writing a "Life of Pitt." The biographer has at his disposal several original letters never before published.

The Duke of Argyle has for some time past been at work on his autobiography.

So far, he has brought the narrative down to the year 1848, when he succeeded to his father's title. There is some probability of this portion of the "Life" being published during the coming season.

The second volume of the Spurgeon biography will be published at once by Passmore & Alabaster. It takes the work up to the year 1855, and includes the story of Spurgeon's marriage and his zenith of popularity at the Tabernacle.

A new book by Martin A. S. Hume, whose writings on the Elizabethan period are popular, will be published during the Autumn by James Nisbet & Co. Its title is "The Great Lord Burghley," a study in Elizabethan statecraft.

T. Fisher Unwin has cause to congratulate himself on the success of his "Diamond Jubilee Souvenir," which took the shape of the inauguration of a series of Imperial biographies, entitled "Builders of the Empire," under the editorship of F. H. Wilson. The first volume of "Sir Walter Raleigh," which was contributed by Martin A. S. Hume, of "Courtship of Queen Elizabeth" fame, now enters the second edition within a year of its publication. The "Edward Gibbon Wakefield" of Dr. Richard Garnett, C.B., for the same series, is now well advanced.

Longman's announcements of forthcoming books include another collection of anecdotes called "Foreign Courts and Foreign Homes." In this, a writer whose identity is veiled under the initials "A.M.F.," will tell of Hanoverian and French society under King Ernest and the Emperor Napoleon III. "The stories of Marie Antoinette in the Temple and the retreat from Moscow were told by eye-witnesses to the writer. It also brings the reader into familiar intercourse with Alexis de Tocqueville, Montalembert, and other well-known literary men of that age."

One of the most important books of the coming season will be Dr. Sven Hedin's account of his extraordinary adventures and experiences during the past four years in Central Asia. "Through Asia," as the work will be called, is in two volumes, profusely illustrated from the author's photographs, and with ten maps.

The Duke of Argyle's new book, which is to be published shortly by John Murray, will bear the sub-title "Some Suggestions on the Great Secret of Biology."

Messrs. Goupil & Co. will publish, about the spring of 1899, a new work on "Oliver Cromwell" by Professor Samuel Rawson Gardiner, uniform with their works on "Mary Stuart," "Queen Elizabeth," and "Charles I."