

NOTES OF BRITISH BOOKS.

LONDON, JAN. 28, 1897.

O LIPHANT, ANDERSON & FERRIER, of Edinburgh, will issue immediately Mr. W. Keith Leask's "Life of James Boswell," the biographer of Johnson. It will be a volume of the Famous Scots Series. Dr. Birbeck Hill has revised the proof-sheets.

Fisher Unwin has just published Mr. A. P. Harper's account of "Pioneer Work in the New Zealand Alps," of which so much has been said recently. Many valuable observations respecting the glacial structures and movements in these mountains are contained in the work, which will also have great interest for the student of natural history. Fifty illustrations and some maps accompany the book, of which, by the way, there will be an edition de luxe.

The volume by Sir H. H. Johnston, dealing with the eastern portion of British Central Africa, is almost ready for publication. The chief natural and anthropological features of the country, the language of its people, with a record of its history, form the subject of the work, which will contain upwards of 200 illustrations by the author and several maps.

Miss Ella MacMahon, the author of "A New Note," which was published anonymously, and which attracted a good deal of attention, has nearly ready for publication, through Hutchinson & Co., a new novel, which is entitled "The Touchstone of Life." Many of the scenes of the new story are laid in New Britain.

Dr. Nansen's book, "Farthest North," will have as frontispiece a special etched portrait of the author, taken before he left the Fram for his sledge journey, and there will be 16 full-page colored plates in facsimile from colored sketches made by Dr. Nansen on the spot. Archibald Constable & Co. expect to have the work ready in the first week in February.

The Clarendon Press will publish almost immediately, in two parts, with eight or nine maps, the fourth volume of Mr. C. P. Lucas' "Historical Geography of the British Colonies." The volume will deal with South and East Africa, the first part giving a history of South Africa down to the present day, the second including geographical chapters on British South African colonies, together with an account of British Central Africa and British East Africa.

Hurst & Blackett, Ltd., will issue a work by Mr. Walter Wood, entitled "Famous British Warships and their Commanders." The book will be a companion volume to "Barrack and Battlefield," by that author, recently published by the same house. It

will contain many little-known particulars of celebrated battleships of the past. In a chapter on "The Asia and Sir Edward Codrington," a graphic narrative is furnished of the battle of Navarino seventy years ago, when the fleets of England, France and Russia combined to crush the Turco-Egyptian naval forces as a punishment for Turkish atrocities, which find a parallel in the Armenian outrages of to-day.

The first edition of the poet-laureate's new volume, "The Conversion of Winckelmann," having been practically exhausted on the day of publication, Macmillan & Co. have gone to press with a second edition.

Longmans & Co. will publish immediately a book on Constantinople by Mrs. Max Muller.

Next month a new literary venture in the shape of a threepenny illustrated weekly will be launched in Edinburgh and Glasgow. The Scots' Pictorial, as it will be called, will be run purposely for Scottish readers at home and abroad.

The second volume of Mr. S. R. Gardiner's History of the Commonwealth and Protectorate is now in the press; it will bring the story down to the summer of 1654. Mr. Gardiner is also preparing for publication a monograph on "Cromwell's Place in History," giving the substance of six lectures delivered at Oxford as Ford's Lecturer, 1896.

A welcome little popular biography of Miss Ellen Terry, by Walter Calvert, is issued from the publishing office of H. J. Drane. The eventful career of the illustrious and talented actress is picturesquely described with the aid of numerous portraits.

"The Naturalist in Australia" is the title of a new work by Mr. W. Saville-Kent, F.Z.S., author of "The Great Barrier Reef of Australia," which Chapman & Hall will issue at once in a handsome volume illustrated with numerous collotypes, colored plates, and pictures in the text.

Grant Richards has ready the first volume of what is intended to be an annual publication. It is to be called "Politics in 1896," and will be edited by Mr. Frederick Whelen. The book will contain among other things general retrospects of the year by Mr. H. D. Traill, Mr. H. W. Massingham, and Mr. George Bernard Shaw. The section on foreign politics will be by Mr. G. W. Steevens, the article on the navy will be written by Mr. H. W. Wilson, and that on the army by Capt. F. N. Maude.

The first number of The New Century Review, "a monthly international journal of literature, politics, religion and sociology," has made its appearance. Among the contributors are such well-known writers as

Mr. Justin McCarthy, Mr. S. Baring-Gould, Mr. Moncure D. Conway and the Rev. H. R. Haweis, while the subjects discussed range from the presidential election in America to poor-law reform, with a rather pretentious paper on "William Morris," and some short reviews thrown in by way of literature.

NEW BOOKS.

CANADIAN.

SMITH, GOLDWIN—Guesses at the Riddle of Existence, and other Essays on Kindred Subjects. Cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

BARRETT, WILSON—The Sign of the Cross. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

GRIFFITH, FRANCIS—The Lower Life. Paper, 75c. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

KIPLING, RUDYARD—The Seven Seas. Cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

COLLINS, WILKIE—Antonina; or The Fall of Rome. Paper, 20c. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

MERRIMAN, HENRY S., AND S. G. TALLENTYRE—The Money Spinner and other Character Notes. Paper, 75c. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

WELLS, H. G.—The Wheels of Chance; a Holiday Adventure. Paper, 75c. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

BESANT, WALTER—The City of Refuge. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

DICKENSON, EVELYN—Sin of Angels. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

MEADE, L. T.—A Girl of the People. Paper 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

MUDDOCK, J. E.—Without Faith or Fear. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

MITFORD, BERTRAM—The Sign of the Spider. Cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

SWAIN, MARK—Tom Sawyer, Detective. Cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

SWAIN, MARK—A Tramp Abroad. New edition. Cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

STUART, ESME—Arrested. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

ROSS, RONALD—The Spirit of the Storm. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.

BLACK, CLEMENTINA—The Princess Desiree. Paper, 75c.; Cloth, \$1.25. Copp, Clark Co., Ltd.