

it. The pens may not be growing less active, but the purses evidently are beginning to open. Dr. Rand is to be congratulated; so, too, is the country that produced the poet. The second edition contains many new poems, some of them, notably, "The Twin Flower," "The Ballad of the 'China'" and "Lady Dorothea," among the first that Dr. Rand has yet written. The latter, we understand, brought from Lord and Lady Aberdeen a letter of warm appreciation.

THE INTERNATIONAL BIBLE.

Among the improvements in the International Bible as shown this year by the Canadian agent, William Briggs, is a silk lining in the cheaper lines. The International easily maintains its place at the head.

MR. MORGAN'S NEW BOOK.

Mr. Morgan's "Canadian Men and Women of the Times," in the press of

William Briggs, a work awaited with some impatience by an army of subscribers, the publisher expects to have ready for delivery soon. The original intention was a work of some 500 pages to sell at \$2. The work has now grown to nearly 1,200 pages and will sell at \$3, postpaid. It will be a monument to the industry of the compiler and a work of great value.

THE BOOK OF PRAISE IN STOCK.

William Briggs announces receipt of a full stock of the "Presbyterian Book of Praise" in the small music edition. See advertisement in another column of the various styles and prices. The orders coming in indicate a popular demand for this edition. It will be the best "seller" of the whole.

U. E. LOYALIST SERIES.

"Before the Coming of the Loyalists" is the title of a nicely printed and stiff paper covered pamphlet, being No. 1 in a projected series known as the "U. E. Series,"

which Haight & Co., Toronto, are getting out. The paper is by Mr. C. Haight, and deals with the events of the Revolutionary War preceding the emigration to Canada. The pamphlet retails at 25c. and should find popular sale.

A REMARKABLE SALE.

The publisher of Mr. J. W. Tyrrell's "Across the Sub-Arctic of Canada," reports a remarkably rapid sale for the book—the first edition of a thousand copies having sold off in less than four weeks from date of issue. Mr. Briggs is putting through a second edition, which he hopes to have from the press by the 20th of this month. Since Principal Grant's "From Ocean to Ocean" appeared, no book of Canadian travel has excited so much attention as this, and as a contribution to the literature of travel and exploration few of recent issue approach it in absorbing interest. In every respect the book may be regarded as one of the most valuable of the year's publications.



SENTIMENT VS. BUSINESS.

AN ENGLISH OPINION OF THE FRANCO-RUSSIAN ALLIANCE.

John Bull. "Is it not strange, my dear Madam, that while he who only takes 4,000,000 francs of your produce, should be your bosom friend, I, who buy sixty times as much, get nothing but abuse?" —Punch.

[Le Soleil, of Paris, France, says: "Whereas Russia bought 425,000 francs worth of produce from France for the first six months of 1897, England bought 590,000 francs worth"]