

## THE AUTHOR'S COLUMN

### WITH CANADIAN AUTHORS.

**B**LISS CARMAN, the talented Canadian poet and author has been appointed editor of The Literary World, of Boston. For some time Mr. Carman had been the literary adviser of L. C. Page & Co., and when the Boston publishing house acquired The Literary World, they immediately placed him in the editorial chair. The first number under the new management contained a noble "Ode on Lincoln" from Mr. Carman's pen.

Mr. Sydney Preston, the Canadian author, who resides on a beautiful farm, a few miles west of Toronto, has had several of his tales accepted by Scribner's Magazine. Mr. Preston's work is unique and filled with a novel vein of humor.

We understand that Scribner's, of New York, are to bring out a volume of short stories by Mr. Harvey O'Higgins, dealing with the New York fire department.

Miss E. Pauline Johnston is preparing a new volume of poems for the press. As it is many years since this gifted poetess has had a volume of verse published, the event is one of considerable interest.

Mr. W. A. Fraser is, we believe, working on a new novel which has its scene laid in the Northwest. The plot centres about an old Indian mother and her child. Mr. Fraser's personal acquaintance with the Great West here stands him in good stead.

Mr. C. G. D. Roberts addressed the Canadian Club, of Toronto, recently, at a banquet tendered in his honor. He referred to the good work being done by Canadian writers, and explained his connection with the writers of animal stories.

### LONDON LITERARY NOTES.

It seems that Mr. Rudyard Kipling has written a series of stories dealing with the adventures of "Mr. Pycroft," a seaman, whom he created recently.

"The Adventures of Etienne Gerrard," now running serially in The Strand Magazine, will be completed in time for publication this Spring. The Bookman announces that Messrs. McClure, Phillips & Co. will be the United States publishers of this book as they were of Sir A. Conan Doyle's last book, "The Hound of the Baskervilles."

Mr. A. T. Quiller-Couch, will contribute a serial to The Monthly Review, and a series of short stories to The Illustrated London News.

The English Illustrated Magazine is to publish A. W. Marchmont's new novel "By Snare of Love," serially.

There has been some controversy in England as to the effect of London life on the imagination of writers. Mr. Neil Munro, the Scottish novelist, makes the statement, that, apart from the journalists of the metropolis, who must perforce dwell there, Mr. Anthony Hope and Mr. J. M. Barrie are the only writers of imagination who live in London.

Mr. Rudyard Kipling has been the victim of a practical joke at the hands of some New York college men. A letter was read at a college dinner there by a Mr. Ashton, purporting to have come from Mr. Kipling, in which the writer expressed the hope that the civil war would soon be over, and that all his wife's relations would be killed. This letter was published as genuine and raised quite a stir, but ultimately Mr. Ashton confessed to having written it himself.

A posthumous volume of work left by the late Mr. George Douglas Brown, is being prepared for the press. The book will also contain a memoir of the deceased author.

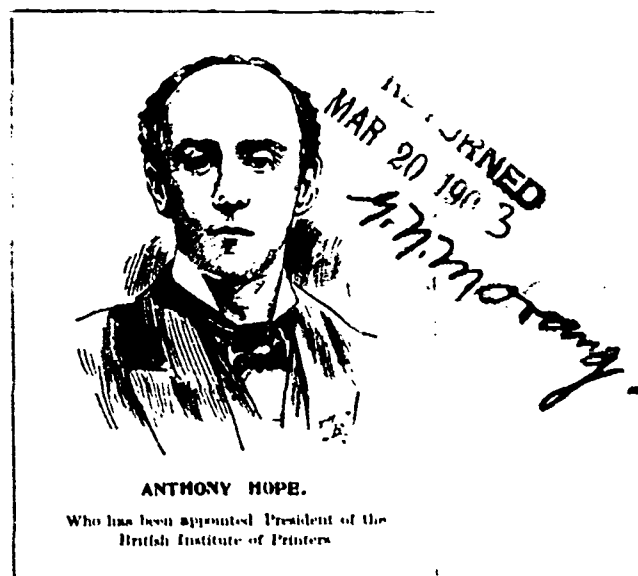
Marie Corelli voices a strong protest against the erection of a Carnegie Free Library next to Shakespeare's birthplace at Stratford-on-Avon.

### PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

Miss Mary Johnston, whose "To Have and to Hold," and "Audrey," placed her in the forefront of American writers, is spending several weeks at Nassau.

Mr. A. E. W. Mason, whose "Four Feathers," appeared serially in the Canadian Magazine last year, has gone to Morocco, where he has evidently been attracted by the civil war, now raging. It was in Morocco that he obtained his local color for his novel, "Miranda of the Balcony."

Mr. Stewart Edward White has made public the interesting fact that he wrote "The Blazed Trail," between 4 and 9 o'clock a.m. He was living at that time in the heart of the



ANTHONY HOPE.

Who has been appointed President of the British Institute of Printers

forest, and after he had written for four or five hours he spent the rest of the day among the trees on snowshoes.

Mr. Jack London, the author of "Children of the Forest," is an ardent student of sociology. In November last he observed life in the East End of London, in the garb of an American sailor looking for employment, and with little or no money in his pockets. At present he is living in a bungalow near San Francisco.

### PERSONAL MENTION.

Miss Tweedie, who owns a large book and stationery store at Moncton, N. B., has been in Toronto several days on business. Miss Tweedie, who is a cousin of the Premier of New Brunswick, takes a keen interest in political affairs, and would have come west earlier than she did were it not for the general election in that Province.

### DO YOU NEED A CODE?

In another column will be found the advertisement of The American Code Co., New York City. This company makes a specialty of preparing private codes for all lines of business, and carrying in stock all the leading codes, which they offer at a low price. The need of a code is very apparent, or absolutely necessary to anyone doing export, import or commission business. Let this company know your requirements in this line and they will be pleased to quote price.