

## NEW ITEMS IN ENGLISH FICTION.

LONDON, June 25, 1901.

THE Autumn fiction promises to be as plentiful as ever. Mr. Barrie is at work on a new novel. Secrecy is being maintained as to the story and its title. It is expected to appear early in the Autumn. Conan Doyle is about reviving "Sherlock Holmes" in a novel beginning in the September Strand. No reference is made in the novel to "Sherlock Holmes'" death, it being simply assumed that one of his earliest experiences is being described. Dr. Doyle has often been urged to revive the famous detective, and has assented at last to the general demand. Henry Harland, author of "The Cardinal's Snuff Box," will issue a new novel this season.

The Canadian novel, by Miss Agnes Laut, of Ottawa, "Lords of the North," is being issued by Mr. Heinemann in his Dollar Library. Some of the new books are as follows:

Novel.	Author.	Publisher.
"Prince Charming"	Kita.	Sands.
"Crucial Instances"	Wharton.	Murray.
"The King's King"	Topelius.	Jarrol.
"Despair's Last Journey"	Murray.	Chatto.
"Doom Castle"	Munro.	Blackwood.
"Fyander's Widow"	Blundel.	Longman.
"Tales from Tolstoi."	Bain.	Jarrol.
"Mostly Fools and a Duchess"	Cleeve.	White.
"A Millionaire's Love Story"	Boothby.	White.
"The House of de Mailly"	Potter.	Harper.
"Severance"	Cobb.	Lane.
"My Brilliant Career"	Anon.	Blackwood.
"Mama's Mummy"	Fraser.	Hutchison.
"The Lost Key"	Acland.	Macqueen.
"Sister Teresa"	Moore.	Heinemann.
"The Hero"	Maughan.	Hutchison.
"The Garden of Eden."	Wyllarde.	Heinemann.
"The Land of Lassies Few"	Fox.	Henderson.
"The Disciple"	Bourget.	Unwin.
"Tessa"	Becke.	Unwin.
"The World of Mimes."	Melville.	Greening.
"Poor Elizabeth"	Hamilton.	Hurst.
"Beyond these Voices."	Eastwick.	Burns.

### MISCELLANEOUS.

"His Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII." is the title of a book by Mrs. Belloc Lowndes, published by Mr. Grant Richards. The book has many illustrations, for several of which special permission was obtained.

The Fourth International Publishers' Congress was held at Leipzig from June 9th to 12th, under the presidency of Mr. Albert Brockhaus. Among the members of the Publishers' Association of Great Britain and Ireland who attended, were Mr. John

Murray, Mr. Frederick Macmillan, Mr. Fisher Unwin, and Mr. William Heinemann. The papers dealt with subjects ranging from the request that books should be passed free of duty into all countries, to the suggestion "that the only efficient means to maintaining a solid retail book trade is the abolition of all discount to private customers."

Several histories of the South-African campaign have been published. One of a semi official character is now being written by Lieut.-Colonel G. F. R. Henderson, and will be issued in six or seven volumes, the first of which will be ready in the late Autumn. Messrs. Hurst & Blackett, who are to publish it, announce that the work will be written in a popular style, and

Eastern readers of THE BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER the extent of operations of this thriving concern. Mr. Lamont, the president of the Company, was in Toronto a few days ago on a buying trip, and reports trade to be satisfactory. The firm were originally centred at Regina, where, in October, 1896, the drug business of Robert Martin and the book and stationery business of P. Lamont were formed into a joint stock company under the name of The Martin & Lamont Company, Limited, with a capital stock of \$30,000. In May, 1897, W. G. Pettingell (drugs), and C. H. Black (stationery) joined the company, which changed its name to the present title of Canada Drug and Book Co., Limited. Incorporation was obtained in British Columbia, with



arranged chronologically, prominence being given to the special services of the different regiments, and in certain cases of those of individuals. The author, who was formerly the Director of Military Intelligence on the Headquarters Staff in South Africa, is now Assistant Adjutant-General, and among his previous literary efforts may be mentioned "Stonewall Jackson and the American Civil War," "The Battle of Spichenen," and "The Campaign of Fredericksberg."

### A GREAT WESTERN BUSINESS.

ONE of the well managed and successful businesses of the West is that of the Canada Drug and Book Co., Limited, with stores at Regina, Nelson and Revelstoke. The accompanying illustration shows the Neison store, and will indicate to

stores at Nelson and Revelstoke. Mr. Black sold out his interest to the other members of the company, the principal officers of which are: P. Lamont, Pres.; W. G. Pettingell, Vice-Pres.; Robert Martin, Sec.-Treas. Mr. Lamont resides in British Columbia and looks after that end of the business, while Mr. Martin and Mr. Pettingell live in Regina. The store in Revelstoke is in charge of Mr. C. R. McDonald.

The growth of progress of this concentration of brains and energy has been gratifying. It is an example of what can be done in the Great West of the Dominion.

An examination was held in Toronto last month by Mr. James Bain for Canadian candidates for the Pratt Institute Library school of Brooklyn, N.Y.