

his unpublished book. This is an admirable number of the magazine: there is a fourth article, by Dr. Bourinot, on "The Makers of Canada," with numerous reproductions of old portraits, etc., Mr. John W. Dafeo writes a highly readable account of "The Fenian Invasion of the Quebec Frontier in 1866," and a number of illustrations accompany. The fiction and poetry in the number are good. We must commend the editor, Mr. Cooper, for the quantity of excellent Canadian material, to be found in no other magazine, which he manages to secure.

THE CANADIAN EDITION OF PARKER.

The Copp, Clark Co. have now ready two volumes of the new uniform edition of Gilbert Parker's novels: "When Valmond Came to Pontiac" and "Pierre and His People." They are both delightful books, historical and descriptive. Some people think that "Valmond"—in spite of the wonderful success of "The Seats of the Mighty"—is the strongest volume in the series. The edition in cloth is in pale green, gilt lettering, with a maple leaf design, specially got up for this edition.

A BOOK FOR LIBERALS AND HOME RULERS.

Justin McCarthy, M.P.'s, "Life of Gladstone," which has just appeared, and the Canadian market for which is supplied by the Copp, Clark Co., is a beautiful library volume, retailing at \$2.50. The booksellers should bring it to the notice of well-off customers who are admirers of Gladstone as pictured by a parliamentary associate and Irish leader. It is beautifully illustrated with many recent portraits of the Gladstone family, and contains several pictures of "Mr. G." at various periods in his illustrious career, including one taken as late as 1896.

HENRY GEORGE'S BOOKS.

For lovers of this writer a neat, cheap, English edition of "Social Problems," "Protection and Free Trade," and "Progress and Poverty," at 50c. each, retail, in limp, red cloth covers, uniform, can be had of the Copp, Clark Co.

MRS. CROKER'S NOVELS.

It is curious that in some places in Canada the sale of Mrs. B. M. Croker's novels is large and in others not. Mrs. Croker's novels deal with Irish and Indian life among the "upper ten" and are relished for their humor, bright dialogue and pleasant views of society. The latest, "Miss Balmaine's Past," has an English environment, and possesses the qualities of her other books. The Canadian market is held by the Copp, Clark Co. Paper, 75c.; cloth, \$1.25. The

previous novel from her pen, "Beyond the Pale," which appeared a few months ago, was as witty and readable a tale of Irish society as one would care to have. It appeared in the same edition as "Miss Balmaine's Past."

COUNTY MAPS.

The Copp, Clark Co. are pushing a line of county maps which can be used for town trade. The size is 24 x 36 and they are mounted on linen, with rollers, retailing at \$1.50. There are in every town certain people holding official or professional positions who will buy the county map. The dealer may have to do a little canvassing, but the trade is there.

THE COPP, CLARK CO.'S NEW BOOKS.

A paper edition of Mrs. Burnett's "A Lady of Quality," uniform with "His Grace of Osmond," at 75c., has just been got out by the Copp, Clark Co. They will also have ready in a few days Conan Doyle's new book "The Tragedy of the Korosko," cloth, \$1.25; paper, 75c. The story relates the adventures of a party of English tourists who are captured by dervishes and narrowly escape death.

There continues to be a steady sale for "Chewett's Pocket Manual for Mining," a seasonable work in these mining times; in cloth, \$1, and in leather, \$1.25.

A new edition of "Boswell's Life of Samuel Johnson," 6 volumes in a box, retailing at \$5, is a beautiful set by Constable, of Edinburgh. It is edited by Mr. Augustine Birrell, M.P.

"The Pride of Jennico," by Agnes and Egerton Castle is one of the newest issues in fiction.

NOTES OF NEW BOOKS.

A new volume of verse by Chas. G. D. Roberts, "New York Nocturnes," will shortly be issued by Lamson, Wolfe & Co., of Boston.

"Wyndham's Daughters" is the name of a new story by Annie S. Swan, shortly to appear in William Briggs' Canadian Copyright Edition.

T. Fisher Unwin has arranged for an English edition of Tyrrell's "Across the Sub-Arctics of Canada."

Mrs. Julia C. R. Dorr, author of "The Flower of England's Face," "A Cathedral Pilgrimage," "Poems," etc., etc., has completed arrangements with Messrs. L. C. Page & Co., of Boston, for the publication of her new book. It is to be entitled "In King's Houses, or the Adventures of Robin Sandys." The story is a romance of the days of Queen Anne, and will doubtless be welcomed by Mrs. Dorr's large circle of readers.

VALUABLE BOOK FOR TEACHERS

THE attention of teachers all over Canada should be drawn to the little work mentioned in these columns last month: "Steps in the Phonic System; a Manual for Primary Teachers," by Miss Annie E. Cullen and Miss Christina C. Niven, of the Toronto Public schools. These ladies have had a very noticeable success in teaching young children to read. Visitors to Toronto, including experienced educationists from Britain, Canada, and the States, have inspected the classes and seen the system demonstrated. They have gone away much impressed and greatly pleased with the revolution it promises to work for young children. Like the vertical system in writing, the phonic appears to be likely to supersede all others in teaching youngsters to read.

The book outlines and describes the system with great clearness, so that it can, from the instructions given, be applied by teachers who have never seen it in operation. The good points in the book are thus stated by one who has practical knowledge of the phonic system:

1. The element of "play" is associated with the lessons, thus winning the child's interest.
2. Rules are given which, after being fully explained to the child, render him independent of the teacher in finding all words bearing upon these rules.
3. Diacritical marking in the teaching of words is almost entirely done away with.
4. Large lists of words are given in connection with each new letter, or combination of letters, from which the teacher may make a selection in teaching the lesson.
5. Ideas are given of how to form sentences from each list, involving only the known sounds.
6. The growth of the child's vocabulary is shown. More rapid progress is made by the phonic system of teaching reading than by any other.
7. Many good suggestions for "seat occupation," bearing upon the subject of reading, are also found in this book.

Teaching, like any other science, requires that the very latest knowledge and the newest ideas should be adopted for use, and any primary teacher will be glad to have "Steps in the Phonic System" brought to her notice. Its use is, of course, equally valuable for private classes of young children, while the prestige of its success in the efficient schools of the city of Toronto will naturally do much to commend it all over Canada. The Copp, Clark Co., Limited, Toronto, are the publishers, and the retail price is 50c.