

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

ROBERT BARR COLLECTING CANADIAN MATERIAL.

ROBERT BARR, the Canadian novelist, passed through Canada last week on his way to England. He had a pleasant day with his Toronto friends, and told some humorous reminiscences of his school days in Toronto, where he attended the Normal school, intimating that he might incorporate some of them in a future novel. Mr. Barr has been visiting Southwestern Ontario with a view to making the famous Col. Talbot a leading character in the next novel. Mr. Barr spent a day in what was the Talbot Settlement, interviewing those who had known him, visiting his grave in St. Peter's cemetery, and secured a photograph of his tomb. The novelist was also shown several relics treasured by the old settlers at Tryconnel.

MR. FISHER UNWIN'S BOOKS.

Irish is in the air, for this is '98, and there has not been another '98 since Lord Edward Fitzgerald electrified the world by his singular combination of treason and urbanity. Yet is there a strange evasion of '98 in the fictional output of this year of grace. Mr. William O'Brien harped back to the days of Elizabeth in his "Queen of Men." Mr. George Bartram, in "The White-headed Boy," his new novel which Mr. Fisher Unwin has just published, reverts to the troublous sixties. It is Mr. Bartram's second venture, "The People of Clopton" being his first. In the historian of Clopton a stellar observer saw a possible "Barrie of the Midlands." "The White-headed Boy" is in some sense a sequel to that work, since the author still affects the authographic vein. Those who liked Exeter's great fight in "The People of Clopton" will not be disappointed in a tremendous kick which terminates the worthless existence of a humpback in "The White-headed Boy." Mr. Eric McKay, the author of "The Love

Letters of a Violinist," has ready a new volume of poems, which he will publish with Mr. T. Fisher Unwin in the early autumn.

CANADIAN EDITION OF "THE UNTEMPERED WIND."

The Ontario Publishing Co., Toronto, encouraged by the success of Miss Joanna E. Wood's "Judith Moore," are bringing

Matthews, of the Globe, Hector W. Charlesworth and Sanford Evans, of The Mail and Empire, H. F. Gadsby, of The Star, J. T. Clark, of Saturday Night, W. F. Maclean, M.P., of The World, A. Pattullo, M.P.P., of The Woodstock Sentinel-Review. The publishers and men interested in books included Messrs. W. Copp, A. W. Thomas, George N. Morang, E. S. Caswell, D. T. McAinsh, E. J. Hathaway, A. E. Huestis, F. J. Campbell. Mr. Ross, the Ontario Minister of Education, spoke to "Literature," and Mr. Parker, in answer to a toast to himself, acknowledged the kindness accorded to him in Canada, and believed that any grain of merit in his books was due to Canadian inspiration.

The uniform Canadian edition of the novels will be supplemented this autumn by "The Trespasser" and "The Pomp of the Lavilletes," and there is a promise of a library edition soon by his Canadian publishers, The Copp, Clark Co., Limited.

THE COPP, CLARK CO.'S NEW BOOKS.

Two new novels are promised by the middle of this month by The Copp, Clark Co. The first is "John Marmaduke," (cloth, \$1.25; paper, 50c.) It is a romance of the Irish war of 1649, and is written by S. L. Church, author of a Life of Cromwell. The tale is said to be of absorbing interest.

About June 15, Lord Ernest Hamilton's "Outlaws of the Marches," a strongly written novel with an historical groundwork, will appear in paper at 50c. These publishers are making a special feature of 50c. books,

an edition of "David Lyall's Love Story" at this price being out. A paper edition of Rolf Bolderwood's most popular novel "Robbery Under Arms," at 20c., in clear type, is now appearing.

The publishers state that, aside from the continual steady demand for Gilbert Parker's novels, the three current stories which are having the largest sale are: "The Girl at Cobhurst," "The Pride of Jannico," and "Soldiers of Fortune." The latter is now in its third edition.

Among the other forthcoming new books of this house may be mentioned the Acadia romance by Marshall Saunders, authoress

THE RETURN OF THE PRODIGAL.



JACK CANUCK (the stay-at-home), to MR. BULL. I'm glad to see Jonathan coming back, but don't forget, father, that I'm rather partial to fatted calf myself.—The Toronto World.

out the first Canadian edition of this talented lady's other novel, "The Untempered Wind." Cloth, \$1; paper 50c.

GILBERT PARKER BANQUETED.

Gilbert Parker was given a banquet by the Canadian Club, in Toronto, June 1. Mr. J. A. Cooper, editor of The Canadian Magazine, presided, and among those present were President Loudon, Rev. Dr. Dewart, Lieut.-Col. Denison, James Bain, jr., Prof. Shortt, J. Castell Hopkins, Thos. O'Hagan, Peter McArthur, and other literary men. Among the journalists present were Mr. J. S. Willison, John Lewis and Chas.