

## BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

**WM. BRIGGS' LIST.** W. A. Fraser's new animal story, "The Outcasts," will be published in book form early in the coming Autumn. Mr. Arthur Heming is at work on a series of illustrations which give promise of being the best he has yet turned out. The splendid impression made by "Mooswa" will have provided a large constituency of readers for this next venture.

A Canadian edition of Frank T. Bullen's "With Christ at Sea" will be published during the present month.

Joseph Hocking's new story, "David Baring," will appear shortly in a Canadian edition.

The reviews of Eden Phillpotts' "The Good Red Earth" are most appreciative. The story gives its writer a new standing in literature. He is hailed in some quarters as the successor to Blackmore.

The punctilious critic may complain that Dr. O'Hagan is careful to scan only the merits of our Canadian poets, and is serenely oblivious to their faults or shortcomings; but be this as it may, he has at all events gathered into the opening papers in his "Canadian Essays" much interesting matter relating to Canadian writers. There are plenty who criticize, and enough in all truth to belittle or ignore our poets. A writer in the last number of The Queen's Quarterly takes a half-score of pages to demonstrate that Archibald Lampman was practically a failure as a poet. The highest praise he has for this gifted singer is that he is the "least futile" of our Canadian poets. So that when there is abundant effort to keep our writers from getting the "swelled head," an occasional kindly and encouraging word such as Dr. O'Hagan utters in these essays can do no serious harm. The book trade should bring this useful little volume before their customers—particularly those interested in Canadian literature.

The finest work of its kind that has yet been written undoubtedly is Professor McCurdy's "History, Prophecy and the Monuments," the third and concluding volume of which has just been published in New York and London by Macmillan & Co., and in Canada by William Briggs. Dr. McCurdy is Professor of Oriental Languages in the University of Toronto, and is not only a scholar of distinguished attainments, but a gifted writer as well.

His "Life of Rev. D. J. Macdonnell" is an excellent piece of biographical work. The work, however, which he has just completed will give Dr. McCurdy's name a permanent place in literature, and add lustre to the annals of his country.

**GAGE & CO.'S LIST.** W. J. Gage & Co. have just issued a tasty little catalogue of their new fiction for Summer reading. This does not include all their recent publications, but contains a select list of popular novels that one can always recommend with confidence as being entertaining, a special feature for Summer reading. Such popular books as "God's Puppets" and "Joscelyn Cheshire," that are now having a large sale, and some books to be issued this month which will doubtless prove equally popular, appear.

A radical and pleasing change of plot from the modern novel is Frederick Adam's new book, "The Kidnapped Millionaires." By an ingenious scheme a special correspondent kidnaps six multi-millionaires, maroons them on the Mexican Coast and throws Wall street into a panic. In the development of the story, Mr. Adams accomplishes the rare feat of blending highly dramatic situations with threads of humor, love and philosophy in a narrative of real power and interest. Mr. J. P. Dunne (Mr. Dooley) having read an advance copy, said: "'The Kidnapped Millionaires' is a story ingenious in conception and brilliant in execution. There is no lapse of interest, the situations are natural, but dramatic, and the humor genuine." Geo. Ade, author of "Fables in Slang," says: "There is not a dull paragraph in the 500 pages of 'The Kidnapped Millionaires.'"

"Heart and Soul" is the title of a strongly dramatic novel by Henrietta Dana Skinner, author of "Espiritu Santo." The story commences on the borders of Windsor and Detroit and a bright and vivid account is given of the gay social life of the early fifties. Financial intrigues become curiously mixed in the hero's love affairs, and the various entanglements cause the scene to shift to Paris, New York and the Southern States and furnish material for a very original plot, the unravelling of which will hold the reader's attention to the end.

The extract from the review of the Manchester Guardian, which says, "Much refreshing plain speech and no dull pages

are contained in 'Tangled Trinities,' explains the plot of this story, whose title is taken from one of Rudyard Kipling's lesser-known stanzas. The book has caused considerable discussion in England, and is well received."

It is pleasing to note that such a good story as "God's Puppets" is being appreciated here. The report from the Toronto Public Library states that it is the most popular novel of the day.

Miss Fowler's new volume of fiction, "Sirius," is among the six leading books in England, and is having quite a run here.

"Etidorhpa," or "The End of the Earth," is a title which prepares us for something decidedly new in the book line. This is John Uri Lloyd's story of a strange being, and the account of a remarkable journey. The book is a scientific romance by the author of "Stringtown on the Pike," a story whose sales have already exceeded 50,000 copies. W. J. Gage & Co., will shortly issue "Etidorhpa".

**THE COPP, CLARK CO.'S LIST.** The remarkable success of "The Crisis," Winston Churchill's new novel, is

a strong feature of the book trade in Canada and the United States. The Canadian publishers are just going to press with their third edition. To account for the popularity of the book in Canada, one has only to remember, in addition to the qualities of humor, style and incident, that Canadians always took a keen interest in the Civil War and that Lincoln, who is so faithfully portrayed in this novel, has many admirers in this country.

The other notable seller in this publishers' list, the "Helmet of Navarre," has likewise achieved a marked success. In point of intense interest few of the present-day romances can equal it.

Of new books, that is very new ones, issued by the Copp, Clark Co., "Doom Castle," by Neil Munro, appeared July 1 and is a Highland romance of characteristic strength and picturesqueness. Crockett's new novel, "Cinderella," is a Scotch story of the present day like the same author's favorite "The Lilac Sun Bonnet." This book is announced for July 5. A third work of fiction, to be ready July 15, is called "When a Witch is Young" and is a story of Massachusetts in the 17th Century during British rule. The author is a well-known writer who adopts the peculiar pseudonym of "4-19-69."

Concerning recent issues from the same press, a word should be said for "Mistress Nell: A Merry Tale of a Merry Time," a wholly charming picture of the wicked ways