

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

THE NATIONAL REVIEW

THE National Review is making a bold bid for larger Canadian circulation. It is the leading "magazine-review" in England, and in its pages are found many



ISABELLA E. MACKAY.
Whose book of short tales is now in the press.

contributions by those who write from the Conservative and Imperial point of view. The ascendancy which Imperial views now have in Canada with both political parties should render the National a very popular periodical.

Articles in the February issue from Leslie Stephen, Capt. Maxse, Spencer Wilkinson, etc., are worthy of note. Among recent contributors to the National have been Lord Salisbury, Mr. Chamberlain, Mr. Ba four, Lord Farrar, Rudyard Kipling, T. W. Russell, George Meredith, and many other leading men in politics and literature. The retail price is 50c. The Toronto News Co. are handling it here.

MR. HOPKINS' NEW BOOK.

Mr. J. Castell Hopkins will have ready next month his new book on the Armenian question. Its title is "The Sword of Islam; or, Suffering Armenia." It will be copiously illustrated with English portraits and engravings, and will deal elaborately, in over 400 pages, with the historical and other features of the never-ending Eastern Question.

WELL TURNED OUT.

Lamson, Wolfe & Co., the Boston publisher, have issued Chas. G. D. Roberts' new book, "Earth's Enigmas," in most artistic style. In paper, print and binding it is such a book as one loves to handle. Moreover, the literary quality of the subject-matter is well worthy of the fine setting given it by the book-maker. Wm. Briggs has added this to his list of Canadian books, and it deserves a wide sale in Canada.

DR. PLAYTER ON CONSUMPTION.

Dr. Playter's valuable work on "Consumption. Its Nature, Causes and Prevention" has been taken up for the States by E. B. Treat, the well-known New York publisher.

AN EASTER BOOKLET.

A very pleasing Easter booklet is "The Dream of Columbus," a poem by Rev. R. Walter Wright, published by Wm. Briggs. Dr. McIntyre, the great American orator,

wrote the author: "I wish to express the delight with which I have read your poem. It is the authentic article. There are passages worthy of Tennyson or Swinburne. I have marked all through it lines which I intend to study. Canadians may be proud of such noble lines and should ask more from the same gifted pen. Among them is risen a new poet."

SHORT STORIES BY MRS. MACKAY.

The short stories of Isabella E. Mackay, a lady of Woodstock, Ont., whose portrait we give in this issue, have had many admiring readers. Several of them have been published in The Endeavor Herald, and we notice the last number of The Canadian Magazine contains a very pleasing story from her pen, entitled "My Ladye." Mrs. Mackay seems almost equally felicitous in verse. The following stanzas are well worth reproducing:

A RIVER REVERIE

O river, river flowing,
Flowing to the sea,
Now in sunlight, now in shadow,
Flowing merrily
Strange to list thy murmured message,
Rippling low and sweet,
Strange to watch thy ceaseless flowing
Flowing fast and fleet.

O river, river flowing,
Flowing fast and fleet,
Gleeking merrily, leaping madly,
Till the sea you meet
Teach me all thy wondrous voices,
All thy soothing art,
That thy song be ever flowing,
Flowing in my heart.

O river, river flowing,
Flowing in my heart,
Never shall thy wordless singing
From my soul depart.
Echoes of merry laughter,
Voices light and gay,
Mingle ever with thy music,
Flowing far away.

O river, river flowing,
Flowing far away,
Longingly my heart would follow
Through the distance gray
Silenced are those echoed voices,
Laughing life grown cold,
But the river onward floweth,
Singing as of old.

OLD MAN SAVARIN IN PAPER.

A paper edition of Thomson's "Old Man Savarin," to retail at 50 cents, will be placed on the market early in April by William Briggs. This edition should find a great sale this coming summer.

ILLUSTRATIONS FOR CANADIAN BOOKS.

The illustrations for Thomson's coming book "Walter Gibbs, the Young Boss," eleven in number, are the work of Copeland, the Boston artist, and are exceedingly fine. Henry Sandham, of Montreal, is illustrating Macdonald Oley's "The Boy Tramps."

A BOOK OF TRAVEL.

Another book of travels, by a Canadian, is on the way. The writer is Rev. W. W. Walker, the book entitled "An Itinerant in the British Isles" a racy description of a trip

through England and Ireland. It will be issued within a few weeks by William Briggs.

GOOD CANADIAN SALES.

Crockett's "Cleg Kelly, Arab of the City," is likely to prove by far the most popular of his books. Of the Canadian edition 500 copies were sold within three days. The American publishers, placing their edition on the market on the 13th inst., had advance orders for 5,000 copies, of which 1,300 were taken up in Boston alone. Bearing in mind the difference in population of the two countries, the Canadian sales were relatively greater than the American.

BARRIE'S LATEST.

Barrie, in his new story, "Sentimental Tommy," now running as a serial through Scribner's Magazine, is adding to literature a worthy crony for Cleg Kelly, Whaup and Jimmy Fadden. Barrie is striking into a new field, and, judging by these first chapters, is finding agreeable and successful work. It is said the circulation of Scribner's has greatly increased in England since the story began.

A FINE CATALOGUE.

We are indebted to William Briggs, the enterprising Toronto publisher, for a copy of his recently issued catalogue of books, published by that house. The catalogue is very neatly gotten up, is classified, comprises some 240 volumes, mostly by Canadian authors, and, with other illustrations, contains portraits of Annie S. Swan, "Pansy," Crockett, Thomson, Mrs. Dickson, Miss Wetherald, W. W. Campbell, Mrs. Traill, Lew Wallace, Withrow, Jackson Wray, Mrs. Youmans, E. R. Young, and the well-known evangelists, Crossley and Hunter. The number of important books now in the press of this publishing house exceeds that of any previous year of its existence.

MRS. BARR'S LATEST.

A new story by Mrs. Barr, to be entitled "Fishers of the Nets," will appear during the coming fall. The author regards it as the best story she has written.

NEW BOOK BY "LUKE SHARP."

A new book by Robert Barr, "A Woman Intervenes," a story largely dealing with Canadian life, has just been issued by Stokes & Co. It will be handled by William Briggs.

A LIFE OF JOE HOWE.

Mr. G. E. Fenety, of St. John, N.B., is writing a biography of the late Hon. Joseph Howe, which will be sold through the trade. Mr. Fenety's qualifications for biographer are his ability as a writer and his personal