

THE Rose Publishing Company (Hunter, Rose & Co., Printers), of Toronto, have issued several new books during the past few weeks.

Among the more important is an 800 page Royal 8vo. volume of "Canadian Biography of chiefly Men of the time," being a collection of persons distinguished in professional and political life, leaders in the commerce and industry of Canada, and successful pioneers. Edited by Geo. Maclean Rose.

"Tecumseh: a Drama. By Charles Mair." This volume has been well received, and the edition is now nearly exhausted.

"New Grammar of French Grammars." This is a Canadian reprint, from English stereos, of a very celebrated work by Dr. V. De Fivas, which has been used for many years in our colleges, schools, and by private students. It is not now necessary for our patrons to order this work from abroad, and under our copyright laws the pirated editions are excluded from our market.

"Buchan's Sterling Equivalents and Exchange Tables." This is a work intended for bankers, brokers, merchants, etc., and will meet a felt want. No banker can do without this work.

"The High School Reader," formerly known as the Fifth Reader, is now in the press, and will be ready for the trade in August. It promises to be a very neat book.

IN ADDITION to those books mentioned last month, the Willard Tract Depository will shortly publish "Was Moses Wrong?" by Pastor J. Donovan. It will be one vol., crown 8vo., about 200 pp., and will consist of a series of popular papers on questions that are causing a great deal of discussion just now.

"Light for the Last Days." The wise shall understand. A study historical and prophetic, by

Mr. and Mrs. H. Grattan Guinness, authors of the "Approaching End of the Age," etc., etc., etc. This will be demy 8vo., about 500 pp. The works of these writers have always commanded large sales.

"Rifted Clouds," the life story of Bella Cook. Crown 8vo.

LIFE IN A PARSONAGE. Illustrated. W. H. Withrow, D.D. 50 cents. W. Briggs, Toronto.

The breezes of the Canadian woods, the lake and dell, so familiar to the itinerant of Methodism, seem to come to us in our study as we read this charming story from the pen of one of our most prolific, as well as most distinguished of our literary men. What makes the book the more interesting is it deals with men whom, if we know not personally, at least by well earned reputation.

THE "Stock Investors' Handy Book of Rates," by a Bank Accountant; Toronto, Hart & Co. This is a neat and admirably printed little book designed for those who, buying stocks, can see at a glance the exact nett interest they will receive when bought either above or below par.

The same firm send us a handy Register of Insurance Expirations—a necessary office book.

A FAIR MYSTERY, by the well-known authoress, though unknown to real life, Bertha M. Clay, is No. 28 of the American Library. It is a book that will sell.

## BOOK NOTES.

HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co., in their April announcement say of a new book by John Burroughs: "Hearty welcome awaits any new volume from Mr. Burroughs. Good readers have so thoroughly accepted him that he is no longer on trial. They know that each new book from him brings new sources of intellectual and literary refreshment. Whether he writes of Nature or of Man, he is sure to write with originality, the freshness of personal observation, and the cheer of a healthy spirit. His 'Signs and Seasons' will therefore be cordially greeted by a host of readers glad to have another book from one who charms so wisely. The following are the appetizing subjects of which the new book treats: A Sharp Look-out, A Spray of Pine, Hard Fare, Tragedies of the Nests, A Snow Storm, A Taste of Maine Birch, Winter Neighbours, A Salt Breeze, Spring Relish, A River View, Bird Enemies, Phases of Farm Life, Roof-Tree."

They also announce a new story, "Snow-Bound at Fagles," by Bret Harte, who needs no introduction to the Canadian public, and who was the first to give a correct description of the characters and life in the California mining regions. A book that probably will take well.

The latest number of the "Riverside Aldine Series," the Backlog Studies of Warner, and a new school edition of Richard Grant White's Words and their Uses are the other more interesting late publications of the old Boston firm.

MR. LAURENCE HUTTON's articles on "American Book Plates," which have been appearing in the *Book Buyer*, have opened up a new subject for study and research among bibliomaniacs. In the April number there is a new instalment of engravings, reproducing the book plates of Daniel Webster, William H. Prescott, Charlotte Cushman, Winfield Scott, and others.

MESSRS. CHAS. SCRIBNER'S SONS have been obliged to postpone the publication of Mr. Frank R. Stockton's new novel, "The Late Mrs. Null," until late in the present month. Orders for the full first edition have been secured.

MR. QUARITCH is, so Mr. Andrew Lang tells us, "At the sign of the Ship," in the new number of Longman's, going to publish a catalogue of Mr. Frederick Locker's books which will contain descriptions of some of the rarest volumes of English literature. His library is noted not only for the rarity of its treasures, but for the large number of books which, as presentation copies, or as annotated by their authors, have a peculiar interest and value. The descriptive catalogue will thus possess an abiding importance for bibliographers, and as it is prefaced by a charming "Ballade on the Rowfant Books," will certainly secure attention.

FOR activity in literature commend us to Mr. William Sharp. We have hardly finished with his excellent edition of Shakespeare's "Songs and Sonnets," when the "Sonnets of the Century" was announced, and now we see he is to edit Scott, the prose Shakespeare, for the "Canterbury Poets." To