

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

SEATS OF THE MIGHTY.

THE first edition of the "Seats of the Mighty," by Gilbert Parker, is quite exhausted, and the Copp, Clark Company, Ltd., have gone to press with a second Canadian edition. This fascinating romance of old Quebec is being dramatized by the author and Mr. Beerholm Tree. The London critics are enthusiastic over this book.

THE CANADA COMPANY.

A work of uncommon interest, entitled "In the days of the Canada Company," from the pen of Misses Robina and K. M. Lizars, is in the press of Wm. Briggs, to appear within a couple of months. The story of the work of this company in the settlement of the Huron tract makes a picturesque page in Canadian history, and the pens of the ladies who have undertaken to use the story are well equipped for the task. As history and as literature this volume is sure to hold high rank. It will be of the size and style of Read's "Life of Brock," and will be illustrated. Its appearance, doubtless, will be awaited with eager interest, for to many living people in Ontario the stirring events of the period treated of are a palpitating memory.

THE "MACS" ARE IN IT.

One's curiosity prompts the query if it is the success of the Scottish novels of the day that has stirred up so many writers of Scottish origin in Canada to literary endeavor. The fever seems to have struck the "Macs" with particular force, for we find one publisher alone, in Toronto, receiving letters regarding MSS. from writers named MacAllister, McClymont, McCallum, McCracken, MacLachlan, Macdonald, Macdonell, MacLeod, MacMechan, McNaughton and McWhorter,—and all since January of the present year! This seems to run almost the whole gamut of the Macs.

SOME SALABLE LINES.

Theodore W. Gregory, Toronto, is visiting a few Canadian points this week on his way to New York. Mr. Gregory has some wonderful bargains in standard and recent books. The cloth bound Linwood Series, containing 180 different works, is superior in turn-out, and retails at 25c. with good-profit. The Granite Series, in neat paper covers, to retail at 15c., or two for 25c., contains books from the novelists of the day. A poets' series, to retail at 35c., is attractively bound. Cloth-bound books for boys and girls, 200 different works, are out in a very cheap edition. Some standard authors, 143 different works, will retail at 75c. There is

a line for retailing at \$1, and containing works by Dean Farrar, Herbert Spencer, Guizot, etc., which is very handsomely bound, and bearing all the appearance of \$3 and \$4 books. Mr. Gregory is also strong in standard sets in three, four, six, etc. volumes, each at prices from \$1.50 up.

PROF. ROBERTS' NEW BOOK.

A new volume of Canadian poetry is in the press of the Copp, Clark Co. It is "The Book of the Native," and the author, Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts, the best known of our poetical writers. It is sold in cloth; \$1.25.

BOOTHBY'S LATEST.

A new novel by Boothby, "Dr. Nikola," is being got out by the Copp, Clark Co. in paper covers. The cover will have a portrait of the author. Dr. Nikola is the famous character so full of mysterious power who figured in the "Bid for Fortune."

THE ENGLISH PUBLISHER ATTACKED.

A letter received by a party in this city from a young lady of London, England, contains the following not very flattering references to the English publishers: "They are a bigger set of sharks than the lawyers, which is saying a good deal. Marie Corelli, one of our leading novelists, has had the courage to rate them soundly in one of her recent works. I presume she has suffered at their hands, for she is very bitter. They won't allow an author even a 'living wage,' but want to grasp all there is to be got out of a work. I have never had any dealings with them myself, but am related to a man whose book went into four editions, and he never got one penny. The publishers are a rich, well-known firm, and no wonder, if they serve every one the same. Let us hope the failing is peculiar to London alone, but nearly all of them bear a bad name here."

NEW CANADIAN NOVEL.

The historical novel is the vogue now, and Canadian material is much in demand for such books. The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., has in the press a new novel by Mr. T. G. Marquis, of Kingston, already known for his work as collaborateur with Miss Machar. It will be a story of the time of Jacques Cartier, and its title is "Margaret de Roberval." It will be ready shortly in cloth and paper.

A NOTED AUTHORITY.

Miss Marshall Saunders has returned to her home in Halifax after an extended stay in Boston and other American cities. As

the author of "Beautiful Joe," this clever Canadian girl has achieved fame, in which her countrymen feel just pride. The sales of that book already amount to 120,000 copies. Several thousand of her later book "Charles and His Lamb" have been sold, and the publishers of her coming book, "For the Other Boy's Sake," predict that 20,000 copies will be required to meet the demands for it this fall. The Standard Publishing Co., Toronto, have just issued a paper edition of "Beautiful Joe" to sell at — cents. It should have wide circulation in Canada.

THE CANADIAN BAEDEKER.

Baedeker's Guide Books, which have been famous for so many years in Europe, are now being handled in Canada. Canadians are beginning to travel quite widely, and this has created a demand for reliable guide books. Baedeker's are well bound, printed on good paper and have thoroughly reliable maps of the different sections of the country. Guides to foreign countries have been in print for years. Now, however, we have one of our own land, and, judging from its character, it ought to have a wide sale among Canadian, generally as well as tourists. Retailers could handle this line to advantage and make 50c. to \$2 a volume clear profit by keeping their eyes on the personal column and sending those who are going for a trip a list of the prices. Every tourist buys one.

NEW BOOKS.

BRITISH.

CHAS. F. DEEMS, D.D.—The Gospel of Common Sense, as contained in the canonical epistle of James. Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh.

REV. H. R. HAWES, M.A.—Travel and Talk. Two vols., with portraits, crown 8vo., cloth, 21s. Chatto & Windus, London.

ANDREW DEIR—A Man in the Fjords. Crown, 8vo., illus., cloth, 3s. 6d. Digby, Long & Co., London.

MAJOR A. F. MOCKLER - FERRMAN, F. R. G. S.—In the Northman's Land Travel, sport and folk-lore in the Hardanger fjord and field. Crown, 8vo., 320 pp., illus., 7s. 6d. Sampson, Low & Co., London.

W. W. READ—The Annals of Cricket: A record of the game from authentic sources. Post, 8vo., 30 illus., picture boards, 2s. 6d. Sampson, Low & Co., London.

ARTHUR R. CLEVELAND—Woman under the English Law; From the landing of the Saxons to the present time. Large crown, 8vo., 7s. 6d. Hurst & Blackett.

MRS. FRED. EGERTON—Admiral Hornby, G.C.B.: A biography, with 3 portraits; demy