

which secures its copyright, under the international agreement, in European countries. The book was first published in the United States without an English copyright being taken out. When the first Canadian edition was issued the copyright secured here covered the British rights, thus ensuring rights abroad.

REDUCTION IN PRICE OF READERS.

Buntin, Gillies & Co., Hamilton, have a large stock of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Ontario Readers, which will in future be sold at following prices: 2nd, \$1.80 per doz.; 3rd, \$2.70 per doz.; 4th, \$3.60 per doz.

BOOK ON CANADA BY ROBERTS.

Prof. Roberts, of Fredericton, was in Toronto recently on a visit to Principal Parkin, of Upper Canada College. It is understood that Mr. Roberts is writing a work of an historical nature on Canada, which a Boston house will publish.

THESE SOLD WELL.

The Copp, Clark Co., Ltd., speak of the following as having made remarkably good runs during the holiday season. Barrie's "Sentimental Tommy," Parker's "Seats of the Mighty," Doyle's "Rodney Stone," Barrie's "Margaret Ogilvie," and Lyall's "Lando' the Leal." Both publishers and dealers will doubtless agree that the books which go the best are those recommended by the fame of the writer or by persistent mention in the press.

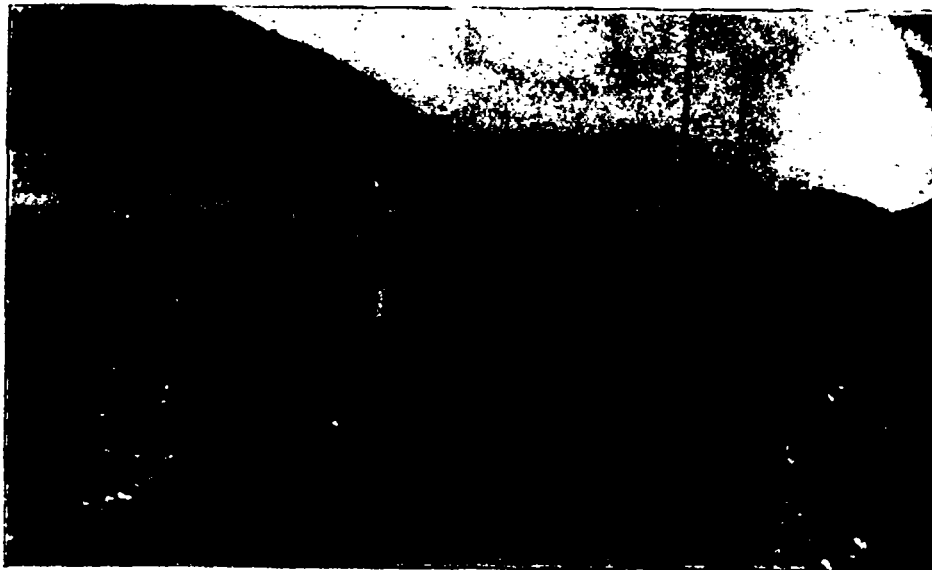
FAMOUS SCOTS SERIES.

Two of the latest issues of this popular series (Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, Edinburgh, cloth, 1s. 6d. each), are "Thomas Chalmers," by W. Garden Blaikie, and "Sir J. V. Simpson," by Eva B. Simpson. Simpson, the great Scotch doctor, the chief author of the use of anaesthetics in medicine, has a career of unusual interest, and all the attractive features of it are brought out by his daughter. The book's main purpose is to vindicate his name as a man of science, and it is done well. The little biography of Dr. Chalmers, the great Free Church leader, will be prized by many in Canada who come of that communion of Presbyterians, and his

position, as opposed to voluntarism, while stoutly maintaining the equality of Church and State, is well defined. The book is, of course, written from the Free Church standpoint. Though, perhaps, clear only to those versed in the peculiar condition of things ecclesiastical now existing in Scotland, it is vastly interesting as applying Chalmers' known views to the present situation. The author believes, no doubt justly, that the great leader would, if living, favor reunion, severance from the state, but not secularization of the endowments.

THE CITY OF REFUGE.

Sir Walter Besant thinks it necessary to point out in a brief preface that this, his latest novel, (paper, Copp, Clark Co., 75c.) was not written during the same year as the "Master Craftsman," though published close on the heels of the latter.



A CARIBOO GOLD MINE IN 1882.
From Mrs. McNaughton's "Overland to Cariboo."

In truth, the "City of Refuge," bears no sign of hasty work. It is marked by all the author's charm of style and vigor of fancy. Sir Charles Osterley is forced out of public life for a crime. His identity is lost in the membership of a strange monastic community in New York State. He is pursued by a friend of Lady Osterley, whose life is overshadowed by the existence of her wicked husband. The description of this strange order is fascinating. It is a society of religious cranks and hypocrites, and is finally revolutionized by disputes about marriage and the relations of the sexes. Gilbert, Lady Osterley's friend, falls in love with a girl in the community, rescues and marries her. Osterley destroys himself. That is the story. It is an original and striking book, with all Besant's characteristics.

BINDING IN CANADA.

Canadian editions are now being bound with considerable taste by the publishers, and several houses do work at which no cavilling need be done. The Copp, Clark Co. have lately bound in cloth some of the colonial editions, and some of their own special editions, in a style which helps to sell the book, and there is no doubt that the binding is an element in the sale.

THE DOMINION HISTORY.

No definite arrangements have yet been made regarding the publication of the "Dominion History," by Mr. Clement. At last accounts all the provincial authorities had not seen the work. A publisher told BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER a few days ago that the committee would probably go slowly in the matter, as the use of the book would at first be chiefly confined to high schools, and therefore its circulation be limited.

CHRISTMAS PAPERS.

From all accounts the trade in Christmas papers was good this year, and the dealer found a good demand for them by people wanting a small Christmas remembrance for friends. They are acceptable for men and women, and the Toronto News Co., which keeps up to date in all matters of this kind, report having been sold out in several papers

before the demand stopped.

THE CANADA PRESBYTERIAN.

The Canada Presbyterian celebrated its twenty-fifth anniversary by making its issue of Christmas week a special number, with handsome illuminated cover, and many illustrated special articles. The colleges of the Presbyterian church, particularly those at Montreal, Winnipeg and Toronto, were dealt with, and portraits of the staffs given.

THE NATIONAL REVIEW.

The January number of this review has its usual quota of "Episodes of the Month," occupying twenty pages, covering all the principal recent topics, and written with much vigor and brightness. The articles include: W. Hallett Philips on Cuba—"A New Armenia" he calls it; Spenser Wilkin-