

NOTES OF BRITISH BOOKS.

LONDON, Oct. 30, 1896.

THE Bookseller says: "Mr. Grant Richards, nephew of Mr. Grant Allen, the novelist, and formerly of The Review of Reviews office, has started in business for himself as a publisher, at 9 Henrietta street, Covent Garden, W.C."

"Mr. W. H. Mallock, the well-known writer, has undertaken the editorship of a new high-class threepenny weekly, to be called The British Review. It is intended to follow the general lines of The Spectator and The Saturday Review, and stress will be laid upon independent and impartial criticism on matters of current, political or literary interest."

"The Religious Tract Society are about to issue a weekly illustrated magazine entitled Sunday Hours for Boys and Girls, which is intended to fill a place in Sunday literature which has hitherto been unoccupied. An attractive programme has been prepared, and the co-operation of many well-known writers and artists secured, so that the new publication ought to make a good bid for permanent popularity."

The death is reported of Dr. J. A. Moloney, who, in 1893, wrote "With Capt. Stairs to Katanga."

This month Messrs. Longmans publish the concluding volume of their Badminton Library. This last volume, "The Poetry of Sport," is selected and edited by Mr. Hedley Peck, and contains a chapter on classical allusions to sport by Mr. Andrew Lang, and a special preface to the Badminton Library by Mr. A. E. T. Watson, who edits the series conjointly with the Duke of Beaufort. The volume contains numerous illustrations by A. Thorburn, Lucien Davis, C. E. Brock and others.

The new edition of "Macaulay's Works and Life," which Messrs. Longmans & Co. have just begun to publish, will consist of 10 volumes, two of which (the ninth and tenth) will comprise Sir G. O. Trevelyan's incomparable biography. The "History of England," the first volume of which is ready, will contain four volumes, after which will follow three volumes of essays, biographies, and review contributions of various kinds, and one volume containing

speeches, the "Lays," and miscellaneous poems.

"Who's Who" has been purchased by Messrs. A. and C. Black, and is to be edited by Mr. Douglas Sladen. It will now consist of two parts. In the first part the most characteristic of the old features and arrangements of "Who's Who" will be preserved. In the second part will be given skeleton biographies of the more important personages who figure in the official lists of the first part, and of those who hold the leading positions in the Government services, in literature, science, art, and in the religious, financial and sporting worlds. This second half of the book will, in fact, be a kind of annual "Men of the Time."

Mr. Lecky has finished his introduction for the new edition of Swift's prose works. He deals with Swift alike in a biographical and a critical sense. The first volume of

well-known golfers, both amateur and professional, will be published during the autumn by Messrs. J. S. Virtue & Co.

Isbister & Co. will have ready almost immediately "The Life and Correspondence of Archbishop Magee," by the Rev. Dr. J. C. Macdonnell, Canon of Peterborough. The work is in two volumes.

Dr. Conan Doyle's novel entitled "Rodney Stone" will be published in book form by Smith, Elder & Co. Nov. 13. The volume will contain eight full-page illustrations.

Sir Evelyn Wood's book on the "Achievements of Cavalry" is to be published next month. The basis of it is a number of articles which he has contributed to the magazines.

Mr. Grant Allen is now said to be "doing" Paris for material for the first volume of his contemplated series of guides to



From "In the Days of the Canada Company."

the edition, with this essay, will be ready very soon.

Mr. Gilbert Parker's new story, entitled "A Worker in Stone," is to appear in the second number of The Temple Magazine, which will also contain a new Irish idyll, by Jane Barlow.

Next month a volume by Dr. Creighton, the Bishop of Peterborough, will appear in Messrs. Sampson Low's "Preachers of the Age Series." It is entitled "The Heritage of the Spirit."

An account of the leading golf links of the United Kingdom, edited by Mr. Horace Hutchinson, with numerous illustrations, chiefly photographic, including portraits of

the art cities of the world. Paris will occupy Mr. Allen for about a month, and will then give place to Florence.

The concluding volume of D. H. Edwards' series of "Modern-Scottish Poets" is in the press, and will be issued before Christmas. It will contain lists, indicating and grouping the birth-places and occupations of the various writers; index of poems and songs quoted in the work; names of those contributors who have died during the progress of the work; a brief biographical sketch of the editor, by A. J. Symington; an essay on the "Poets and Poetry of Scotland," by James M. Macbeath, an introductory chapter by Mr. Edwards.