

LITERARY NOTES.

It must be gratifying to our native authors and publishers to find that their conjunct literary and publishing efforts in Canada are enlisting attention in England and the neighbouring States, and the signs of literary activity amongst us are hailed with considerable heartiness and satisfaction. The commendations passed by English critics on our own venture, *The Canadian Monthly*, have been very numerous and gratifying. In reference to it the *English Publishers' Circular*, in a recent issue, says, "Canada is the most vigorous of our colonies, and we are inclined to think that this is by far the most vigorous of colonial literary productions, and quite able to stand side by side with our home produce. All Englishmen should be proud of such a shoot."

Encouraging comments have also been made in various literary circles, on the indications of an important native literature springing up in the country, as well as in regard to the intelligent industry displayed by Canadian houses in the reprint ventures in which they have been for the past year engaged.

With an increasing appreciation of enterprise by our own people, we have no doubt that Canadian publishing will rapidly extend, and that each year will see the satisfactory growth of the fabric of national literature so much desired by every lover of his country. Our advertising pages this month give the announcement of one of our native houses who have been active, in an unusual degree, in furthering this desired object. A glance at the list of forthcoming works announced will show that there is a deep mine which may be successfully worked in native publishing; and the list we refer to may be taken as but a promise of what may be realized in succeeding years.

A new native work is shortly to appear with the title of "Ocean to Ocean", being a narrative of an expedition to the Pacific undertaken by Mr. Sandford Fleming, C. E., in connection with the survey ordered by the Canadian Parliament for the Canada Pacific Railway. The work has been prepared with the assistance of the Rev. G. M. Grant, of Halifax, who accompanied Mr. Fleming in the capacity of secretary. It will comprise some 400 pages, and be illustrated by about 40 plates from photographs and sketches taken on the route.

The special edition for the Canadian market, prepared by Messrs. Macmillan, of London, for Adam, Stevenson & Co., of the interesting contribution to the Darwinian discussion by Prof. Daniel Wilson, of University College, is now ready. The work entitled "Caliban: the Missing Link," it will be re-

membered, was reviewed from advance sheets in our issue for December.

The title of Miss Braddon's new novel is "Milly Darrell."

Mr. Matthew Arnold whose work on "St. Paul and Protestantism," has attracted so much notice, has issued a new work, entitled "Literature and Dogma; an essay towards a better apprehension of the Bible."

A reprint, revised with additions, of the sketches of public men of the day from the *Daily News* is to be shortly issued. Its title will be "Political Portraits: Characters of some of our Public Men" A volume also from the same source will appear in "Men of the Third Republic."

A second series of Mr. E. A. Freeman's "Historical Essays" has just been published.

A translation of M. Jules Favre's work on "The Government of National Defence" is preparing.

A volume entitled "Personal Recollections from Early Life to Old Age," by Mrs. Somerville, the well known writer in Physical Science, is to appear shortly.

A collection of Prof. Tyndall's "American Lectures" is being prepared. A new volume of "Critiques and Addresses," by Professor Huxley, is in press.

A volume entitled "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity"—the shibboleth of the Commune, is announced from the pen of Mr. Fitz-james Stephen, Q.C.

Owen Meredith is preparing a work bearing the title of "Fables for the Nineteenth Century."

Lord Ormethwaite is writing the "Lessons of the French Revolution from 1789 to 1873."

A work intended as a text-book on sanitary science is announced under the title of "A Manual of Public Medicine in its Legal, Medical and Chemical Relations."

The English Hans Christian Andersen—Mr. Knatchbull-Hugessen, M.P., and Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, delights the juvenile community with two further story-books, entitled "Tales at Tea-Time," and the "History of Prince Perypets." His former Fairy-story books, "Crackers for Christmas," and "Puss-Cat Mew Tales," have scarcely ever been excelled, and the "trailing vines" of the household will have ample material for a further revelry in the new books just issued. Flesh and blood, after all, seem to inhabit Government departmental offices.

Mr. W. Hepworth Dixon announces a new work from his pen, viz., "A History of two Queens"—