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Literary Notes.

Mr. George Moore is finishing a new novel, "Evelyn Innes," the subject of which is "the struggle between the spiritual and the sensual life."

Among the books to be published during the coming spring by William Briggs, a new story by Annie S. Swan is announced, "The Memoirs of Margaret Strange."

The Church is the name of a new religious paper, to be published in Boston, beginning with March. It will be devoted to the broad-church movement in the Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Craigie (John Oliver Hobbes) has decided, so it is said, to abandon her *The Gods - Some - Mortals - and - Lord - Wickenham* manner in her new novelette. Its title does not suggest a new mood - "The Herb Moon."

The Messrs. Holt announce "Emma Lou, Her Book" edited by Miss Mary M. Mears. It is the diary, during her sixteenth year, of an ingenuous Western girl, who by her highly serious and lofty views of life supplies an unconscious element of humour.

Mr. W. E. Hunt, one of the editors of the *Montreal Witness*, has in the press of William Briggs a little volume of "Poems and Pastels," of more than ordinary merit. The book will be issued in dainty style, and will make a decided acquisition to the literature (the *real* literature) of our country.

T. Fisher Unwin, of London, and G. P. Putnam's Sons, of New York, announce the appearance in the course of this year of "The Story of Canada," by Dr. Bourinot, C.M.G., in the well known series "The Story of the Nations." It will be illustrated and published simultaneously in England and the United States.

Mr. E. B. Robinson, B.A., of Markham, a gentleman blind from his birth, has written a book entitled "The Free Sphere of the Blind," which is now in the press of William Briggs. This may be said to be a case of "the blind leading the blind," though we hope with happier prospective results than a visit to the ditch.

The Iroquois High School has entrusted to William Briggs the publication of a Memorial Volume to commemorate the celebration of the fiftieth year of its establishment. Mr. Adam Harkness has prepared a comprehensive history of the school, to comprise some 200 pages, embellished with several engravings. An enterprise such as this is well worthy of imitation.

Mr. Sidney Colvin, says, apropos of the charge that Mrs. Stevenson is indignant at the publication of her husband's private letters, that "the 'Vailima Letters' were published by the desire and for the sole benefit of the family; the proofsheets were seen and approved by them; and from Mrs. Stevenson (whose entire confidence and regard I have the honour to enjoy) I have received a touching expression of thanks for the manner in which she is good enough to consider that my duty as editor was discharged."

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