

stationery, and a promise of something new from them is certain to be redeemed. The firm are getting out a line of celluloid and plush papeteries with fancy names and fancy edges. They will be made with first-class papers, and the boxes will be handsome enough to use for gloves and handkerchiefs when the stationery is used up. These goods will be ready to show July 1st, and will sell right up to Christmas. The trade will, therefore, accept the pointer to keep an eye open for this line.

DOLLS.

The doll trade with Nerlich & Co. is active, and more have been sold this year than before. The large assortment has, doubtless, helped this. The stock is now coming in.

SOUVENIR CUPS AND PLATES.

A wonderful line of souvenir goods has just been opened up by Nerlich & Co. This includes china cups, jugs, saucers, plates, pin trays, etc. The shapes are new and pretty. Portraits of the Queen in 1837 and 1897 are blazoned in colors on the articles, surrounded by a fancy design. These articles will retail at 25c., and afford a fine chance to the trade. There are also some Jubilee plates of opal glass retailing at 25 and 50c. These are ornamented with bright designs and ribbon-trimmed.

A FINE THING IN BINDINGS.

Messrs. J. & A. McMillan, of St. John, have bound the address of the New Brunswick Government to Her Majesty and it will be forwarded at once. The address is a beautiful example of the binder's and illuminator's art. The binding is of red turkey-morocco leather, lined with white satin. On the front cover are beautiful scroll designs in gold, with a large crown in the centre and beneath it the inscription: "Address to Her Majesty the Queen from the Legislature of New Brunswick, 1837-1897." On the back is a continuation of the scroll design with the Provincial arms in the centre. The address itself was engrossed on parchment by one of the clerks in the Crown Lands office.

A PLEASANT AFFAIR.

A pleasant gathering took place lately at the residence of Richard Brown, Esq., president of the Brown Bros., Ltd., manufacturing stationers of this city, the occasion being the fiftieth anniversary of the foundation of the firm, when the staff to the number of thirty assembled to partake of the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Brown. After sitting down to a recherche dinner the usual toasts were given, interspersed with songs, speeches and reminiscences of the early days of the firm, which were very enjoyable.

After a hearty vote of thanks to the host and hostess, a splendid flash-light picture of the entire company was taken. This most enjoyable party broke up at 1.30 a.m. Some of those present had seen over a score of years service with the house.

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

A BOOK FOR BOYS.

ALL parents who have wanted a clean, pure book to place in the hands of young children and growing boys will be glad to know that the Vir Publishing Co., 243 Hale Building, Philadelphia, is about to publish a series of such books addressed to boys, young men, young husbands, men at forty-five, and those at sixty-five. This series to men is to be followed by a similar series of five books to women. The series to women is to be written by Mrs. Mary Wood-Allen, M.D., who is widely known as a writer and lecturer on personal and social purity. The series to men is by Sylvanus Stall, D.D., associate editor of *The Lutheran Observer*, who is widely known by his various books, and especially by his "Object Sermons to Children." The first volume, "What a Young Boy Ought to Know," will be ready next week. The books are to sell at one dollar each.

CECIL RHODES.

"The Life of Cecil Rhodes," just out, by an anonymous writer called "Imperialist," is a timely book. It is the only sketch of this remarkable man's career in book form. It retails at 75c., and the Toronto News Co. have a supply. Owing to the new tariff the trade price has increased from 50 to 55c.

THE NEW TARIFF.

Morton, Phillips & Co. are issuing in handy form the new Dominion tariff, as presented this session. As soon as the House rises the book will be issued with all the amendments up to that time.

THE GENEALOGICAL MAGAZINE.

This is a new English monthly magazine, published by Eliot Stock, 62 Paternoster row, London, at a shilling. The May issue, the first, is a most interesting number. The prospectus says: "Arrangements have been made for the serial production in the pages of the magazine of several valuable heraldic works. A series of important historical pedigrees will appear at intervals. Some curious extracts from notable parish registers will be given, and many monumental inscriptions illustrative of family history will be described and explained; while new and notable examples of heraldic bookplates by eminent engravers will be introduced. Biographies of eminent historical personages with portraits will occasionally appear.

The magazine is imperial octavo in size, is illustrated and embellished with much artistic taste. The table of contents gives one a good idea of the scope of the new

magazine: "The Surrender of the Isle of Wight"; "The Log of the Mayflower"; "The Sobieski Stuarts"; "Shakespeare's Family"; "A Devonshire Manuscript"; "Nelson and His Enchantress"; "Queries and Correspondence"; "Gazette of the Month." It will thus be seen that heraldry and genealogy are dealt with on the highest plane of interest, and the magazine appeals to historical investigators as well as those versed in genealogical lore.

CANADIAN MINERAL WEALTH.

Wm. Briggs has in press a small volume on the "Mineral Wealth of Canada," by Professor Willmott, M.A., B.Sc., of McMaster University. The work is designed as a guide for those desirous of knowing something of the mineral resources of the Dominion. It is written, as far as possible, in an untechnical way, so that it will be easily understood by the general reader. At the same time numerous references to more detailed works will make it a useful guide to those seeking fuller information. The origin, occurrence and uses of the various minerals are clearly stated. Tables are given showing the mineral production and importations, and comparing Canada with other nations. The work is very opportune and should prove valuable to teachers of chemistry and geography and to all interested in the resources of this country.

DR. RAND'S POEMS.

Of Dr. Rand's volume of poems "At Minas Basin," the critics have been saying many nice things, but probably none can have gratified the author so highly as the following tribute from Edmund C. Stedman, author of "The Victorian Poets," and "The Nature and Elements of Poetry," in which he declared that "like Opie, the author mixes his colors 'with brains,' and is a man of thought as well as of both imagination and the lyric ear. I fancy him a congener of Emerson, and of Arnold, too. If he can retain his peculiar insight and keep fine his art, their shades need not be ashamed of the relationship. I am sorry his collection did not come out in time to enrich the Canadian section of my 'Victorian Anthology.'"

DR. WORKMAN REPLIES TO GOLDWIN SMITH.

Wm. Briggs reports an unusual number of orders and enquiries concerning Dr. Workman's answer to Prof. Goldwin Smith's article in *The North American Review*, in which the professor described the Old Testament as "Christianity's Millstone." Dr. Workman entitles his answer