

## FORTHCOMING BRITISH BOOKS.

**M**R ANDREW LANG is writing a work called "Pickle the Spy," a chapter in the secret history of Prince Charles Edward between 1746 and 1756. It is founded on the State papers, manuscripts in the British Museum, and the archives of the French Foreign Office.

Constable & Co. are publishing an English version of the diary kept by the Czar during his travels in the East some years ago. The work, which is translated from the Russian by Mr. Robert Goodlet, will be liberally illustrated.

The Bishop of Peterborough, who has been the representative of the Anglican Church at Moscow recently, has written a volume entitled "Queen Elizabeth," which, with many illustrations, will be presently published by Bousod, Valadon & Co.

Blackwood & Sons have in the press a new and cheaper edition in one volume of "Balmoral: A Romance of the Queen's Country," by Alexander Allardyce; also a new novel entitled "Fellow Travelers," by Graham Travers, the author of "Mona Maclean."

The volume on William the Silent, which is to appear in Macmillan's new series, "Foreign Statesmen," is to be written by Mr. Frederic Harrison. To Dr. Bright, of University College, Oxford, has been assigned the volume on Maria Theresa; and to the Countess Cesaresco that on Cavour. Mr. P. F. Willert is to write on Mirabeau, Mr. G. W. Prothero on Louis XI., and Mr. H. O. Wakeman on Louis XIV. Mr. Bury, professor of modern history in Dublin University, who edits this new series, will contribute the volume on Catherine II.

An important book on the Soudan question will be published by Macmillan in the autumn. It is by Major Wingate and Major Marriott, and it is based largely on the former's work, "Mahdism and the Soudan." Major Marriott is putting the book into shape, in the absence of his collaborator with the Dongola expedition, and it may confidently be expected that the latest information will be incorporated. The title is to be, "England, Egypt and the Soudan."

Field-Marshal Lord Roberts' book, "Forty-one Years in India," will not be published until autumn.

Mrs. Hungerford has written a new novel, which Mr. Downey will publish this summer.

One of the very few important books that remain to be published this season is "The Family and Personal Memorials of the Earl of Selborne." This volume relates Lord Selborne's career until he first became Lord Chancellor in 1868, and also gives some in-

teresting reminiscences of his family. The autobiography has been prepared for publication by Lady Sophia Palmer, Lord Selborne's daughter.

Another monthly magazine, intended for women, will be issued by Messrs. Hutchinson, and among the probable contributors are Marie Corelli and the Countess of Warwick. The editor will be Mr. W. H. Wilkins.

"A Complete Bibliography of Fencing and Duelling," as practised by all European nations from the middle ages to the present day, is in preparation for early publication by Mr. John Lane. The author is Captain Carl A. Thimm.

Dr. Max Nordau's novel, "The Malady of the Century," will probably be published in July. Mr. Heinemann, who will produce it, has in hand a new novel by Madame Sarah Grand for the autumn, and R. L. Stevenson's "St. Ives" and a new novel by Mr. Hall Caine for next spring.

Fisher Unwin will publish Dr. Theal's forthcoming history of "The Portuguese in South Africa." Beginning with a full account of the Bushmen and Hottentots, the

oldest aborigines between the river Zambesi and the Cape of Good Hope, the historian proceeds to trace the course of that brilliant record of discovery and colonisation which, beginning in the fifteenth century, has, in the nineteenth, left the Portuguese so little to show for their pains. The volume contains maps, an exhaustive list of authorities, and an index.

G. P. Putnam's Sons have in press for immediate publication "Camping in the Canadian Rockies," by Walter D. Wilcox, of Washington. Mr. Wilcox has contributed several papers in both English and American magazines, descriptive of explorations in the Rocky Mountains. The present volume will treat of excursions and explorations in the country near Banff and Lake Louise, also in the Selkirk range.

Mr. Murray's forthcoming edition of Byron's Works in Prose and Verse will be edited by Byron's grandson, the Earl of Lovelace. In addition to the new material collected for many years by Mr. Murray, the edition will contain unpublished MSS. and letters contributed by the editor from Lord Byron's correspondence with Lady Byron and other persons.

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