

LATE BOOK NEWS.

A WORK entitled "Vocal and Literary Interpretation of Elocution at Newton Theological Institution, and of the Bible," by S. S. Curry, Ph.D., Professor of President of the Boston School of Expression, has just been placed on the Canadian market by William Briggs.

The holiday list of new publications issued by William Briggs was remarkable for the number and quality of the books by Canadian authors. Ernest Thompson-Seton, Fraser, Stringer, Carman, Hickman, Marshall Saunders, Alice M. Jones and others. Mr. Lawrence J. Burpee, of Ottawa, who has for years made a special study of Canadian literature, and is now engaged with Prof. Horning on a "Biography of Canadian Fiction," in a letter to this house remarked: "Let me compliment you upon the excellence of your holiday book catalogue. It is the best and most representative list of Canadian books I have ever seen in any one year."

A new story by Mrs. Alexander, entitled "Kitty Costello," has been secured for the Canadian market by William Briggs. There are few living writers, if indeed any, that have produced so many books as this lady, who has maintained a steady constituency of readers.

A new novel of great interest and value has been added recently to Shakespearean literature. It is a work entitled "The Bible in Shakespeare: A Study of the Relation of the Works of William Shakespeare to the Bible." The author, a Chicago clergyman, Rev. Wm. Burgess, was engaged for 12 years in the preparation of this book, and had the misfortune to lose the entire manuscript in a fire which in December of 1902 destroyed the printing establishment that had the book in press. Nothing daunted Mr. Burgess set to work to prepare the matter again from partial copy and notes in hand. It has come out now in a substantial volume of nearly 300 pages, and will be handled in Canada by William Briggs.

William Briggs has had the good fortune to secure the Canadian market for Kate Douglas Wiggin's new story, "Rebecca of Sunnybrook Farm." This book has been an instant success in the United States, where 100,000 copies have already been sold. The Canadian edition will be issued in cloth only at \$1.25.

The New York Times Saturday Review comments on "The O'Ruddy" (William Briggs) as follows: "A romance galloping splendidly on its headlong way and looking back now and again to smile gaily and wink at the writer and to jest at itself, that is the O'Ruddy. To tell the truth there is hardly a dull page in the book, whole dozens that sweep you along breathlessly. The late Mr. Crane and the present Mr. Barr between them have made what seems to us the gallantest story of its kind that has seen the light this long time." The book has been described as a sort of present day Charlie O'Malley, full of rollicking humor and breathless adventure.

It has been known that Dr. W. H. Holland, the well-known entomologist, author of "The Butterfly Book" and other works, has been for years engaged on a work dealing with the moth. His "Moth Book" is now ready and the Canadian edition is in the hands of William

Briggs and has been placed on the market with a good opening sale. It is a massive volume of 500 pages with 648 colored plates and 300 text-cuts and sells at \$4.00—and at this price is really a marvel of cheapness.

An important work of science entitled "Man's Place in the Universe," by the well-known scientific writer, Alfred Russell Wallace, has been placed on the Canadian market by William Briggs. It is said to be nothing less than epoch-making as a contribution to the philosophy of man's relation to the world he lives in.

A very small percentage (considerably less than five per cent) of the output of current fiction survives more than a year or two. The "short-lived beauties die away," and in most cases it is well that they do. The struggle for existence brings into play the law of the "survival of the fittest." We are glad to know that Miss Lant's "Lords of the North" is still having a good sale. William Briggs has just issued the sixth edition. He also recently issued the 13th Canadian edition of Marie Corelli's "Master Christian," and the 32nd thousand of "David Harum." "The Letters of a Self-made Merchant to His Son" also had a very large holiday sale this year.

In a recent estimate made of the most important books issued in England and the United States during 1903 we find that Morley's "Life of Gladstone" is placed as the first book in England, and "Story of My Life," by Helen Keller as the most important book published in the United States in 1903. William Briggs reports a very large sale of the life of Helen Keller for Canada.

William Briggs reports continued sale for "Emmy Lou: Her Book and Heart." This book by the way has recently been introduced to the English public by one of the leading publishers in London, and he has cabled several repeat orders. The book is apparently catching on with the English public, and we predict a large sale in England. The Canadian sale has been very good.

Oliphant, Anderson & Ferrier, of Edinburgh have brought out a new and condensed edition of Adam Smith's "Wealth of Nations," which can be highly recommended to students. It contains preface and introduction by Hector Macpherson and the cream of the original book. (Paper, 1s. net).

In the United States there is a set of children's books published by L. C. Page & Co., of Boston, and from the pen of Mrs. Annie Fellows-Johnston, which has had a remarkable success. This is the "Little Colonel Series." Its principal character, appearing in all the volumes of the set, is a winsome little maiden and the story of her childhood is told in detail.

A NEW GAME.

"Golf" played with cards is the latest craze for evening amusement. The card game is played in identically the same way as the game on the green by drawing cards from the pack, the cards being divided into four different suits, "Drive," "Long approach," "Short approach" and "Putt."

As the game of golf is not only the most fashionable but also one of the most popular outdoor games in Can-