

BOOKS AND PERIODICALS.

NEW BRUNSWICK HISTORY.

THE third number of the current series of the publications of the New Brunswick Historical Society has been issued from The St. John Telegraph press. This issue contains three papers, of which two deal with the early history of St. John. The first is a paper on "The medical men of St. John in its first half century." This valuable and interesting paper was read before the society by the late Mr. Joseph W. Lawrence. A few notes have been added by Rev. W. O. Raymond. The second paper comprises selections from papers and correspondence of James White, Esq., 1762-1783, edited by Rev. W. O. Raymond. The remaining paper is the one read at a recent meeting by Mr. Jonas Howe, concerning Grand Manan, its early settlers, their adventures during the revolutionary war, and the location of the international boundary at Passamaquoddy. The three numbers issued comprise one volume of 365 pages, to which Mr. Raymond has added a copious index of eleven columns.

NEW ENGLISH BOOKS.

The letters by Turgueneff which have been appearing in *Cosmopolis* will be issued in book form next Monday, by Mr. Fisher Unwin, under the title of "Turgueneff and his French Circle." They have been translated by Miss Ethel M. Arnold, a niece of Mr. Matthew Arnold. She should gain the confidence of the reader by her fearless allusion to Turgueneff's distrust of "lady translators," in the preface which she contributes to the volume. It will be remembered that Turgueneff offended the authorities of Russia ostensibly by the frankness of his obituary article upon Gogol, but in reality because of his political tendencies in general. That is why Turgueneff made himself a home in France, where he supervised French translations of his novel, which were, for long, the medium through which Englishmen read him. The letters run from May 16, 1850 to Feb. 20, 1877. The most beloved of his correspondents seems to have been Flaubert, to whom there are many letters. Others are addressed to Daudet, Zola, Mme. Georges Sand, Taine, Renan and de Maupassant.

"How to be Happy Though Married," the rejected of many publishers ere it found a home with Mr. Fisher Unwin, has royally avenged itself of any slight put upon it by reaching the fiftieth thousand. The reverend author, whose recent appointment to a lectureship in Trinity college, makes this work like the one eye of the gendarme of Nanteuil "pleine d'importance," agrees with the old Cameronian's daughter to whom

it was observed, "Jean, its a solemn thing to get married." "I ken that father," said the sensible lassie, "but its a great deal solemnner to be single."

CANADIAN HISTORICAL MATERIALS.

William Briggs will publish, about February 15, volume 2 of the "Review of Historical Publications" relating to Canada, edited by George M. Wrong, M.A., professor of history in the University of Toronto, assisted by H. H. Langton, B.A., librarian of the university. This volume includes reviews of all the literature relating to Canada appearing in 1897, comprising more than one hundred publications. The volume for 1897, unlike that for 1896, includes a survey of the periodical literature for the year relating to Canada. A section is devoted to the works dealing with Canada's relations to the Empire. The history of the Northwest attracted special attention 1897. No more remarkable work has appeared during a generation than Henry's Journals—a detailed account of the life of a fur trader in the Northwest in the early years of the present century. This work is reviewed at length. Kingsford's, Clement's and Roberts' histories of Canada are reviewed critically. Even fiction dealing with Canadian history is noted, more than a dozen such volumes having appeared in 1897. The section devoted to geographical, economical and statistical works has especial interest. Dr. George M. Dawson writes upon the Klondyke region. Mr. Tyrrell's book on the Sub-Arctics of Canada and the Abbe Huards' interesting volume on Labrador and Anticosti are noticed. The latter volume gives an account of the extensive work which M. Menier, of Paris, is doing upon the huge island which he has purchased. The review contains, this year, about three hundred pages. The price in paper cover is \$1, and in cloth \$1.50. Orders should be sent to William Briggs, Toronto. The number of copies offered for sale is only five hundred.

BOOKS FROM WILLIAM BRIGGS.

J. W. Bengough, cartoonist, humorist, elocutionist, single taxist, is also an ardent prohibitionist. He has written a "Gin-Mill Primer"—a first book of lessons for young and old, but especially for the man who has a vote—fully illustrated with his inimitable drawings. William Briggs is issuing this at a popular price, and a large demand is anticipated for the approaching plebiscite campaign.

John M. Whyte, the well-known gospel singer, has compiled a book of rousing temperance songs—most of them new and

of his own composition—for use in the coming plebiscite campaign. He has given to it the thoroughly up-to-date title of "Nuggets of Gold"—possibly intending the book as a sort of "gold cure" for intemperance. Mr. Whyte not only has the faculty of writing catchy music, but seems equally happy in the words of his songs. William Briggs is publishing the book.

Among the books shortly to be issued by William Briggs is a brochure entitled "The Greatest Name in the World," by Rev. W. A. MacCallum.

Rev. J. S. Cook, Ph.D., of Walkerville, a Methodist clergyman, has written a reply to Dr. Workman's "Old Testament Vindicated," and it is now in course of issue by William Briggs, under the title "The Old Testament Its Own Defence."

NEW LITERARY REVIEW.

The "Pen," the literary, historical and critical review, the first issue of which appeared in Montreal on December 17 last, has been keeping up the standard of the first number. The editor, Dr. J. K. Foran, says that he has met with hearty support, and that in the near future he intends to increase the size of his publication. At present it is only eight pages double royal. The special features are a series of short talks on Canadian history, accompanied by some valuable cuts on the early history of Canada; a number of reviews of some of the less prominent, but classic, English authors, who are seldom given mention in the magazines, but whose works do not deserve such treatment. There is also a serial story, by Dr. Foran, which is a tale of early Canadian lumber camps.

NEW LAW WORK.

Mr. C. Theoret, Montreal, has completed arrangements with Mr. E. Lafleur, professor in the Law Faculty of McGill University, and a member of the Montreal bar, for the publication of a work, in English, on the "Conflict of Laws." This book will deal in detail with the conflict between the laws of the various provinces and also with the differences between the law in Canada and in the United States where these come into conflict.

This work will be a volume of about 250 pages. It will likely go to press next week.

THE INSURANCE LAWS.

The treatise on "Insurance Law of Canada," by Mr. Charles M. Holt, which was announced some time ago in these columns, has just appeared from the press of Mr. C. Theoret, Montreal.

The subject matter of this work was first prepared by Mr. Holt and delivered by him as a series of lectures, in the law faculty of Laval University. It has, however, since