THE WORLD OF BOOKS.

"A biography of the great Bering is of special interest to American readers desiring an accurate history of a country that has recently come into our possession, and the adjoining regions where most of the geographical investigations of the intrepid Danish-Russian explorer were made." So Lieut. Frederick Schwatka truly says in introduction to American readers of the book, The Discoverer of Bering Strait,* which contains information as new and interesting for the average reader as the unknown seas contained for the great Vitus Bering, Chirikoff. Steller and those other bold, hardy, learned men who undertook the work of showing to Peter the Great the limits of his empire. Peter Lauridsen, member of the council of the Royal Danish Geographical society, gave this work to the world-or to such portion of the world as understood the Danish language-after much honest and laborious research among the archives of the Russian government, and Julius E. Olson of the University of Wisconsin has translated it into English. On the maps of the voyages, which are published with the book, the signature of the explorer appears -without any "h." In his preface Professor Olson says "it is due to German writers that Bering's name has been burdened with a superfluous letter." So the small boy has stayed in after school and written it with an "h" till both sides of his slate were full, all for nothing.

Russia was first to take the lead in Arctic exploration, but when England began to send out expeditions, she had them better The Story of Music, supported and better designed to attract public attention, and they were well described, and generally made known. But the Russian explorations, on their merits, stand worthily at their side. "The geographical position of the Russians, their dispersion throughout the coldest regions of the earth, their frugal habits, remarkable power of foresight and their adventurous spirit make them especially fitted for Arctic exploration. Hence, as early as the first half of the eighteenth century, they accomplished for Asia what the English not until 100 years later succeeded in doing for the other side of the earth, namely, the charting of the polar coasts." To the systemalic development of the system of coasting and sledging employed by the Russians, western Europe owes her triumphs in the polar regions. And the most brilliant name in the roll of Russian explorers is that of Vitus Bering, the Dane. On an island in the Pacific the daring explorer was buried, and for years no monument, save a plain wooden cross, was reared to him. However, he has "built a monument more lasting than brass," and also a column now stands, sacred to his memory, in Petropavlovsk.

* The Discoverer of Bering Strait, by Peter Lauridsen. Chicago: S. C. Briggs & Co.

The Magazines.

The No Name Magazine has made its first appearance before the public. It has no name at present, but it will probably soon have a very bad one. It in roduces itself as "the ideal monthly of America." Ideals differ as opinions do. Here is a paragraph from its "Chit-Chat" column: "Julian Hawthorne says it costs a new magazine a thousand dollars for every subscriber. Perhaps it does if J. H. is the editor. The No Name Magazine is not edited by Julian Hawthorne." The latter piece of information is entirely unnecessary. The articles are all unsigned, which tact speaks well for the discretion of the authors. "American Literary Portraits" and "A Doubting Dominie" contain much that is coarse and intemperate, and "A Rose by Any Other Name" is largly nonsensical. One writer speaks of Mr. Edmund Clarence Stedman, the ablest living critic as "the so called banker-poet, who is nothing of a banker and very little of a poet." This is a bright epigram, but it is as untrue as epigrams usually are. The writer should read "Christophe." A paragraph in the column of literary notes, while stating that R. H. Stoddard claims to have a lock of hair cut from the head of Milton, says that "if the hair is like Stoddard's poetry it is not genuine. The editor must have made a mistake in the man. Richard Henry Stoddard has written lyrics surpassing any others from American pens.

Notes and Announcements.

A second edition of Frank R. Stockton's latest book, Personally Conducted, was called for the day after publication.

It is stated that Mrs. Frances Hodgson Burnett has bought a home in Surrey, England, and will spend most of her time

Judge Thomas M. Cooley, chairman of the Inter-State Commerce commission, has written an introduction for Charles Scrib-

ner's Sons' "railway" book. The Longmans will publish shortly two volumes of American short stories: Gerald French's Friends, tales of California Irishmen, by George H. Jessop, and A Family Tree and Other Stories, by Brander Mat-

Mr. Oscar Browning will describe Gœthe's house at Weimar, in the November Scribner's Magazine. Until the past year the public has been carefully kept outdoors, so far as this interesting abode is concerned.

A singularly interesting book, Days with Industrials, is soon to be issued by Scribner & Welford. It treats of curious and out-of-the-way industries, such as the arsenic industry, quinine, diamonds, postage stamps, etc.

Mrs. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps Ward is preparing a story of the times of Daniel. Daniel lived some time ago, but he and his contemporaries were an interesting lot and probably Mrs. Ward will make a good story, as is her wont.

The Scribners have assumed the publication of Goodholme's Domestic Encyclopedia, and the work will hereafter appear with their imprint. The book has for years been considered the most complete and authoritative domestic work published.

The Hon. Wm. Waldorf Astor has written his second novel, which the Scribners will soon bring out, under the title, Sforza, a Story of Milan. As in his successful Valentino, Mr. Astor chooses historical and romantic Italy for the scene of his novel.

George W. Cable's new book will have for its title Strange True Stories of Louisiana. The tales are, as Mr. Cable says, and as the fac-similie reproductions of the manuscript show, "strange true stories, that truly happened, all partly, some wholly,

Longmans, Green & Co., are about to issue an outline history of the development of music, showing the growth of opera, oratorio and symphony, without digressing into mere biography of composers. It has been prepared by Mr. W. J. Henderson, of the New York Times, and it will be called

The late Prof. Alexander Johnston's article on The United States, Its History and Constitution which appeared in the Encyclopædia Brittanica is to be issued in book form by the Scribners. It will make the best history of the United States, in a single volume, to be had.

Prof. Bruce, of Glasgow, is issuing, through Scribner & Welford, an important volume, The Kingdom of God, which is the first instalment of a projected work on the leading types of doctrine in the New Testament concerning the good that came to the world through Christ.

The well-known house of T. & T. Clark, of Edinburgh, has arranged with Scribner & Welford for the exclusive agency for the sale of all their theological books in the United States. This means lower prices and wider circulation, as the character and value of the books well merit.

Mrs. Jackson, wife of "Stonewall" Jackson, is at work on a biography of her husband, which, it is said, will contain many previously unpublished facts in the life of Jackson. It will be interesting to find out what sort of a husband "Stonewall" was, and it will be easy to decide from the nature of the new facts which will appear. Now is the golden opportunity for revenge.

Mr. Carl Lumboltz, whose book concerning the Queensland cannibals will shortly be brought out by the Scribners, is a splendid specimen of the Scandinavian. He is a young but distinguished savant; an M. A. of the Norwegian university and a member of the Royal Society of Science of Norway. He was sent, by the Norwegian university, to Australia to make collections for their museum. His book will be called "Among Cannibals: Four year's Travels in Australia, and Descriptions of Camp life with the Aborigines of Queensland." Dr. Lumholtz will lecture in various cities of this country during next winter, after which he will go to Arizona and New Mexico to see about some excavations. In December of next year he will go to New Guinea with an expedition.

Some Bright Children.

Progress likes to print bright sayings of bright children and no contributions are more welcome. Two or three have floated in this week and one of them introduces a little girl of twenty months who for a year past has been a veritble marvel of precociousness. When nine months old she would never forget to bow her curly little head when grace was said, an act which amused the entire family before they became accustomed to it. One morning last week she began eating her porridge before grace was said. Her father looked at her for a moment and said "Beatrice!" That was sufficient. Clapping her two little hands together she bowed her head and cried "Go on wi' your nonsense."

The use of distinguishing adjectives is not always proper with children or, indeed, with grown people. A young romper of five who always arrives five minutes late for his dinner, rushed in the other day and throwing his hat in one corner, his ulster in another, shouted as he climbed into his place, "Oh dad, you know Tom -, well he's as drunk as the Lord."

A enrious idea has come to a little friend of Progress in Fredericton, whose father recently had a telephone put in his house. The instrument has been a source of great wonder to him. When he says his prayers he imagines that the reason the Lord can hear him is that there is an invisible telephone about, and the other night he stunned his mother by rising from his knees and shouting, "156, off"- the method employed by Fredericton people to notify the central station that they have stopped using the instrument.

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SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. [FOR ADDITIONAL SOCIETY NEWS SEE FIFTH AND

EIGHTH PAGES.

HAMPTON.

Oct. 23 .- Sheriff Drew, of Liverpool, N. S., spent Saturday and Sunday, the guest of his father-in-law, Rev. S. W. Sprague here.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Whittaker, of St. John, made a brief visit to Hampton on Saturday. Prof. J. Morley Tweedie, of Mount Allison, who has been passing a few days with his parents here,

returned to Sackville on Monday. Miss Lulu Harris, of the village, paid a short visit

to the city on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Edgar H. Fairweather, who have been hving at the village for the past year and a half, removed on Monday to Rothesay, where they

will reside in future. Mr. Frederic S. Sharp, of St. John, was in town

on Saturday. Miss Carrie Haggerty, our popular school teacher, spent Sunday at her home in Sussex.

Mrs. Dr. Ring, of Arlington Heights, near Es. ton, arrived last week and is visiting her relatives

at the village. Mrs. W. O. Stewart, of Lakeside, is visiting in St. Stephen, the guest of Mrs. Main. Mr. T. Daniel, of St. John, was in town vesterday. the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod, and took

part in the concert last evening. Mr. Daniel's singng is greatly admired, and he is a favorite here. Mrs. Drew, of Petit Riviere, N. S., has been making a short visit to her parents, Rev. S. W. and Mrs. Sprague, Sunny Slope.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gilbert, after spending the summer at the village, left for the city on Tuesday, having taken rooms at the Clifton house for the Mrs. C. A. Palmer went to Montreal on Monday

Mr. Palmer will join her in a few days, and they will visit Ottawa and New York before returning home. Miss Lila Lawton, of St. John, is visit ng the Misses Fairweather, at Mr. Humbert Fairweather's. Rev. J. R. DeW. Cowie, of Waterford, was among

the visitors in town yesterday. Mrs. Starr, of Halifax, is visiting at the Methodist parsonage, near the station, the guest of her daugh-

ter Mrs. Charles H. Paisley. Mr. James Kirk, of Kirk & Daniel, accompanied by his neice, made a brief visit to town Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Crawford, of St. John, spent few days in town last week, visiting friends. Mrs. Noah M. Barnes spent yesterday in

The concert last evening, in Smith's hall, was most successful in every particular. It should be re X.

DIGBY. N. S.

Oct. 22.-On Tuesday evening a very pleasant dance was given by Mr. Hagan, of New York, and the young men of Digby. As there is no hall suitable for such an entertainment, some bright mind hit upon the idea of hiring a sail-loft, which is spacious and has a fine floor. With the aid of bunting, evergreens, Chinese lanterns and plenty of lamps, tasteful and willing fern workers soon transformed the place into a veritable ball-room, with a well-waxed floor. Good music, a capital supper and smiling faces made the party a decided success. Mrs. Viets, Mrs. Jameson and Mrs. Geo. Robinson were the chaperones.

On Wednesday Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wade took the Monticello to St. John. From there they will go to Grand Falls, to pass a few weeks with their son, Dr. Wade. Miss Cowan also returned to her home in St. John the same day.

Mr. W. E. Vroom, of St. John, was in Digby a short time on Monday, on his return from a trip to Windsor and other points in this province. Mr. Fletcher Stark returned from his trip to Boston on Wednesday, via Yarmouth.

On Friday morning Mr. and Mrs. Bonnell, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Wade during the summer, left by the Forest City, en route to their home in Brooklyn, N. Y. His Lordship Bishop Courtenay arrived by the

evening train from Yarmouth, on Saturday. Dr. and Mrs. Ambrose held a reception for him, the same evening, at the rectory. He passed Sunday here, and preached in the morning in the parish church, at Marshalltown in the afternoon, and again at Trinity in the evening.

Judge Savary returned from St. John on Satur-

Great sympathy is felt for Mr. and Mrs. John Bingay, because of the death of their little daughter. She died at Yarmouth, where Mrs. Bingay and her children were passing a few weeks. Mr. and Mrs. Bingay and the two little girls they have left are expected to return this morning.

F. RAQUETTE.

RICHIBUCTO.

Oct. 22 .- Rev. D. V. Freyhin, who resigned the rectorship of St. Mary's church last spring, and accepted a charge in Houlton, Me., arrived here last Saturday. Mr. Freyhin came at the earnest request of his late congregation, and preached to large audiences in Richibucto and Kingston on Sunday. During his visit he was the guest of Mr. Oswald Mr. George Noble, of St. John, was in town last

Hon. O. J. LeBlanc, of Buctouche, was in town

on Monday. Mr. W. C. Anslow, of Newcastle, spent a few days

n town last week. Mr. C. J. Sayre visited Fredericton last week. Mr. John Cochrane returned from Bangor on

Mr. David Hudson left last Thursday for Halifax. Mr. J. D. Phinney returned from Fredericton last

Judge Botsford, of Moncton, is in town the guest of Mr. Allan and Miss Haines. Mr. J. S. McLaren, inspector of customs, was in

own on Monday. Mr. Charles Powell, of Dalhousie, was in town on

[FROM ANOTHER CORRESPONDENT.] Miss Belthia Clarke is visiting her friend Miss

Mr. Jas. MeDougall returned on Monday from a short trip to Bathurst.

Mr. Andrew Loggie, of Dalhousie, was in town last week. It looked rather "fishy."

Lawyer Russell (Shediac) is in town this week, attending court.
At St. Mary's church services, the choir with Miss

Hanna's assistance, furnished some excellent music. Mr. Will Forbes, who has been seriously ill for ome time, is now improving.

Mr. "Pete" Loggie lett for Moncton this week.

TRURO, N. S.

Oct. 23 .- Mrs. and Miss Annand are visiting Rev. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Kent have returned from the North-west, where they have spent several

JEWELRY MADE TO ORDER and REPAIRED Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Morton, of the Trinidad foreign

mission, are spending a short time among friends Miss Murray and Miss Smith, of Cape Breton, have been visiting Mrs. D. H. Smith and other

friends during the past week. Mr. Miller Atkins, one of our popular druggists, is enjoying an extended trip through the Upper provinces, returning by way of Niagara and other points of interest. Mr. Atkins left here one day last week, accompanied by two of his friends, Messrs. H. W. Crowe and J. Shaesgreen, who went as far as Amherst, where their able supports were in requisition, for the occasion of Mr. Atkins's marriage

to Miss Bella Baker. Miss Ella Yuill, of Great Village, was in town for a few days last week. The West End Presbyterian social, first of the

season, will be held at Mrs. Duncan McDonald's, Foundry Hill, tomorrow evening.

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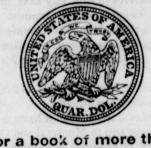
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