lacking in interest. — The same publishers bring out "The Young Game-Warden," by Mr. Harry Castlemon, which tells how courage and faithfulness are rewarded, and even villains made repentant, by the hero's conscientious attention to duty.

Mr. J. Macdonald Oxlcy's "The Bay Tramps; or, Across Canada" (Crownell) is full of pleasing descriptions of the picturesque Canadian cities and of the grand scenery to be found in British America. The illustrations, by Mr. Henry Sandham, are full of life and spirit. Other books of travel and adventure are Mr. Herbert Hayen's "Clevery Sabih" (Nelson), a well-told story of Afghanistan in the exciting times of 1840 and '41; Mr. W. O. Stoddart's "The Windfall" (Appleton), a wholesome and natural tale of life and danger in a coal-mine, with few but appropriate illustrations; Oliver Optic's "Four Young Explorers" (Lee & Shepard), giving much natural history and other information of Beorne, Slum, Coelho Cind, Caxton, and Formosa; "On the Staff," a new volume in the "Blue and Gray" series, by the same author and publisher; Mr. David Kerr's "Swept Out to Sea" and Mr. J. Provost Webster's "The Oracle of Skull" (Lippincott), the latter being a story somewhat in the style of Mr. Haggard's "She"; Lieutenant R. H. Jayne's "The Golden Rock" (American Publishers Company), a picturing dramatically the life of trappers among the Sioux Indians; Harry Castlemon's "The Mystery of Lost River Canyon" and Mr. Horatio Alger, Jr.'s "Frank Huntingdon's Peril" (Cates); Mr. Harry Collingwood's "The Life of a Privateer" ( Scribner); Lieutenant H. P. Whitmarsh's "The Young Pearl Divers" (Knight); and a new edition of Henry Kingsley's "The Mystery of the Island" (Lippincott).

Books for the little children are numerous and attractive. One of the daintiest of them is Mrs. Ella F. Pratt's "Happy Children" (Crowell), with charming illustrations in color. — A somewhat similar book is "Little Men andMaids" (Stokes), with illustrations by Miss Frances Brundage and Elizabeth S. Locker. — Others in this group are "The Froggy Fairy Book" (Drexel-Biddle & Bradley), by Mr. A. J. Drexel-Biddle, with limitations in the work of a better production; a pleasantly original story by Elizabeth S. Blakeley, called "The Fairy Sunlight and the Dolls" (McClurg), with illustrations by Mrs. Lucy F. Perkins; "The Story of Why" (Dodd), by M. G. E. Farr, a fairy story a little in the manner of "Alice in Wonderland," with appropriately fantastic pictures; "An Outland Journey" (Copeland & Day), by Mr. Walter L. Sawyer, illustrated with pretty thumb-nail sketches; "Jerry the Blunderer" (Roberts), a story of a pet Irish terrier, by Miss Lily F. Wesselhoeft; "The Merry Fire," by Penn Shirley, a new volume in the "Silver Gate Series," and "The Rosedale Club," by Grace Le Baron, the third volume in the "Hamwood Series," both published by Lee & Shepard; "The Siga of the North Star," by Annie Key Barton, and "Little Wintergreen," by Caroline F. Little, both published by Thomas Whittaker; "Max and Zane and Nickodemus" (W. J. Shumey), by Mrs. M. A. H. Fisher; "Little Nin" (A. I. Bradley & Co.), by Virge Reese Phelps; "Santa Claus's Home" (Arama Co.), by Helen M. Cleveland and Margaret Gay; "Some More Non-Nonsense" (Young), written and illustrated by "A. Nobody"; and "The Golliwogg's Bicycle Club" (Longmans), in which the Misses Upton tell the strangest adventures that ever happened to dolls outside of the enchanted regions of doll-land.

LITERARY NOTES.

"A First Book in Writing English," by Dr. E. H. Lewis, of Chicago, is announced for early publication by the Macmillan Co.

Marryat's "The Phantom Ship," with an introduction by Mr. David Hannay, is published by the Macmillan Co. in their "Illustrated Standard Novels."


The people of Gotlitts, in Silesia, are going to hold a Jakob Böhme celebration next January, and hope later to be able to erect a monument to the famous mystic.

Messrs. Henry Holt & Co. are just about to issue the concluding volume of ten Drick's history of English literature, carrying the narrative down to the accession of Elisabeth.

"Barina," translated by Miss Emma A. Endlich from the German of Wilhelm Jensen, is published by Messrs. A. C. McClurg & Co. in their series "Tales from Foreign Lands."

The latest bound volume of "The Century" magazine is for the six months ending last October, and is noteworthy for its conclusion of two important works — "Sir George Treasady and Professor Sloan's "Life of Napoleon."

The concluding volume of Mr. George Haven Putnam's "Books and Their Makers" is to be issued before the new year. It will complete the survey to 1790 — the date of the beginning of copyright — and will contain an index to the work.

"Jontel's Journal of La Salle's Last Voyage," reprinted from the 1714 English edition, with notes by Professor M. B. Anderson, is the first publication of the Century Club. It is now ready for delivery to subscribers. Only 200 copies have been printed.

The Henry O. Shepard Co. of Chicago have completed their important "People's Bible History," and now offer the work to the public in attractive form. The book forms a very appropriate and suitable holiday gift, not only for the Bible student but for the general reader as well.


The American Historical Association holds its twelfth annual meeting at Columbia University, New York, December 29-31. The programme is arranged for six sessions, and is of marked and varied interest. Professor Herbert B. Adams is the Secretary, and Dr. Richard S. Storrs the President of this organization.

Messrs. Little, Brown, & Co. are to be the publishers of Captain Mahan's "Life of Nelson," upon which this distinguished author has been engaged for some years. It will appear in the spring, in two volumes, illustrated with about twenty portraits. The same house will begin next year upon an entirely new illustrated edition of Frances Parkman's "The Yellow Book." For October has just made its appearance in this country, coming from the recently established New World.