

GOSSIP ABOUT COMING BOOKS

Mr. Gladstone's earnings from his pen are said to average \$15,000 a year.

A new and cheaper edition will be published by the Scribners this month of Edmund Alton's story of the experiences of a Senate page, "Among the Lawmakers."

A new book edited by J. J. Jusserand is in preparation for early publication by the Putnam's, "A French Ambassador at the Court of Charles II, Le Comte de Cominges," from his unpublished correspondence. The book will have ten illustrations, five being photogravures.

Following Professor Driver's "Literature of the Old Testament," the initial volume in the International Theological Library, comes "Christian Ethics," by Dr. Newman Smyth, of New Haven, in the same series, which will be published this month by the Scribners.

Dr. Charles A. Stoddard, whose "Across Russia" was one of the most popular books of travel of last season, has another volume in press for publication this month by the Scribners, "Spanish Cities, with Glimpses of Gibraltar and Tangiers." The volume has eighteen full-page illustrations.

Mr. Bryce, now a member of Mr. Gladstone's cabinet, has about finished preparing a new edi-

tion of his "American Commonwealth." The entire work has been revised, and several chapters of absolutely new matter have been added. The publishers, the Macmillans, hope to have the book ready by October 1st.

John C. Ropes, who has devoted his life to the study of the Napoleonic wars, has written a new book which the Scribners have nearly ready, "The Campaign of Waterloo: A Military History," with an atlas. The book is intended for general readers as well as for special students of history and military science.

Marchesa Theoldi, an American lady who married into the Italian nobility, is the author of an Italian story, said to be a striking piece of work, entitled "Under Pressure," which will be published by the Macmillans. The same firm will issue this month Mr. Crawford's regular fall novel, called "Children of the King."

Twenty-one years have passed since Marion Harland's standard cook-book, "Common Sense in the Household: A Manual of Practical Housewifery," was published; and a new edition of the book, embodying many changes and additions, is now announced as nearly ready by the Scribners. In that time 106,000 copies of the book have been sold.

Something fresh in the way of verse is "Poems of Rod and Gun," by Ernest McGaffey, with numerous illustrations by Herbert Butler. The author is said to be a true sportsman as well as a genuine poet. The book will be published by the Scribners, who will also issue this month a complete edition, in one volume, of Mrs. Julia R. C. Dorr's "Poems."

Several new novels are in preparation by the Cassells for publication this month, including "Leona," by Mrs. Molesworth; "Out of the Jaws of Death," by Frank Barrett; "The Snare of the Fowler," by Mrs. Alexander; "Strange Tales of a Nihilist," by William Le Queux, and "The Wee Widow's Cruise in Quiet Waters," by "An Idle Exile." This firm will also issue this month "The Career of Columbus," by Charles Elton, M.P., with index and map in colors.

Twenty years ago there was published a volume of charming sketches of high literary merit of life in Polynesia, which found many admirers among persons of taste who will be glad to learn that a new edition of the book is to be issued.

The author was Professor Charles Warren Stoddard, and the book was "South Sea Idyls," the new edition of which will be published this month by the Scribners. In a letter to the author which is printed in the book Mr. Howells refers to the papers as "the lightest, sweetest, wildest, freshest things that ever were written about the life of that summer ocean."

Among the illustrated fall books in the Harper's list will be new and handsome editions of George William Curtis's "Prue and I," with illustrations by Albert E. Sterner, and of Henry James's "Daisy Miller" and "An International Episode," with illustrations by H. W. McVickar; "The Praise of Paris," a series of studies of life and society in the French capital, with illustrations by T. de Thulstrup; "The Danube," by F. D. Millet, illustrated by the author and by Alfred Parsons; and "The West from a Car-Window," illustrated, by Richard Harding Davis.

Three new books for young readers by well-known authors will be published by the Scribners this month, all of them being fully illustrated. One of these is a volume of seven characteristic tales, by Frank R. Stockton, entitled "The Clocks of Rondaine and Other Stories," with illustrations by E. H. Blashfield, W. A. Rogers, D. C. Beard and others. Then there is "Kent Hampden: The Story of a Boy," by Rebecca Harding Davis, illustrated by Rufus F.

Zogbaum; and finally there will appear a new book by the author of "Phaeton Rogers," Ros-siter Johnson, called "The End of a Rainbow," also illustrated.

The Harpers expect to publish shortly Mrs. Anne Thackeray Ritchie's three essays on "Tennyson, Ruskin and Browning," with portraits and other illustrations; a tragedy by Amélie Rives Chanler called "Athelwold;" the first volume (there will probably be four in all) of the illustrated edition of Green's "Short History of the English People;" "A Tour Around New York and My Summer Acre," by Felix Oldboy, fully illustrated; "A Little Swiss Sojourn," illustrated, by W. D. Howells; "Along New England Roads," by W. C. Prime; and "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes," illustrated, by A. Conan Doyle.

The gay, handsome, pleasure-loving Duchess of Berry is the subject of three new volumes that have been translated from the French of Imbert de Saint Amand, and that will be published in the wonderfully popular series, Famous Women of the French Court. More than seventy-seven thousand copies have been sold of the twelve volumes already issued in this series. The title of the next volume, to appear this month, will be "The Duchess of Berry and the Court of Louis XVIII.," and this will be followed by "The Duchess of Berry and the Court of Charles X." and by "The Duchess of Berry and the Revolution of July, 1830."