ant's.

There are other writers in Alberta who are giving to the world a literature which will stand as the foundation of a calling which is as old as the hills. There are men and women in Alberta who are magazine and newspaper contributors, all striving to pen pictures of one of the most wonderful countries in the world. With so much material it is impossible to mention them all. And in addition to them must be mentioned that other section of writers, those who belong to the great army of journalists and newspaper reporters, the men and women who write daily for a living, but whose best work, unfortunately, is buried in the files. In the newspapers of the west has been created a literature which perhaps the world will never know of. salute them all.

SOME LESSER KNOWN AUTHORS OF ALBERTA

BY WINNIFRED REEVE

a natural gift.

their mark, large or small, in the It is not hard to discover in Mr. lonely state had touched the sus- of books would be the result.

"Benton of the Royal Mounted," and literary firmament. Especially not- | Main's hero our own Mr. Wood, of "The Luck of the Mounted." There able, since her novel, "The Judgment U.F.A. fame. will be a reprint of five thousand of Solomon," took the second prize Geneva Lent is still in her teens, copies altogether, and every one sold in the recent national prize novel but Geneva's talent and ambitions means a warm friend of the serge- contest, is Mrs. Flos Jewel Williams are not "teeny." She has written of this city. She is analytical, witty scores of poems and lyrics and songs and daring. Mrs. Williams has been and short stories. Also she has dashat the coast all of this summer, en- ed off lightly a couple of full sized

> a considerable reputation as a pro- she can rise above the mountains of lific writer of special articles. Re- impediments that are rolled in the cently stories from her pen have been path of the young literary aspirant. appearing in the London Sphere and she has it in her to go far. the London Graphic. Her story of Clever John Williams, though betlast winter's carnival at Banff oc- ter known in Calgary for his music cupied two pages and was the main and as the author of several books on feature of a recent issue of the music, published by Schirmer of New Graphic. She now steps into the York, has also written several limelight with a first novel. It is a stories. A novel and play are also beautifully written story concerning in process of writing. I had the the gentlefolk in the ranching pleasure of reading one of the Witcountry of the Okanagan Valley, and tiest and funniest of comedy scenwill be published in the coming year, arios by Mr. Williams, and I expect

organ of the Canadian clubs, in a sheet. prize contest for the best essay upon | On a ranch at De Winton, Mrs. the subject of Canadian magazines, Eva Jacobs, the wife of a farmer awarded the first prize to Prof. and mother of several small children. Austin Bothwell of Regina, and the adds to her thousand and one housesecond to Mrs. Gordon. There were hold duties the task-or, as I think over 700 manuscripts turned in for she considers it,-the diversion of this contest.

not seem to be especially inspira- quite well known as a writer of short F all the novels written or being tional employment. However, they stories and articles. She was the written about Alberta attain pub- failed to extinguish the natural liv- first president of the Calgary Press lication, we are in the way of ing spark off real literary talent ciub. becoming an extremely well known possessed by Mr. Eric Davies, credit Midnapore alone boasts no less He has written a thrilling, exciting, done an excellent story in "The very repression of which serves to loves. of Miss Evans' novel, but I do recall from climax to climax. Whether the Kerby. In spite of his many duties that it was over 150,000 words in story will get by the censors-(it as principal of Mount Royal College, length,-the size of about two ordin- has Sheik characteristics!) -- remains and a strenuous summer of Chauary novels. The author is a girl in to be seen. It might very well at | tauqua, the doctor can always be

loose technique, crudities and faults at the East Calgary high school, has and ambitious today as, when a zeal-

gaged upon her second hovel. novels-mere 60.000 or 100,000 word Mrs. Charlotte Gordon has already manuscripts. Watch Geneva! If

Recently The Maple Leaf, official to see it before long upon the silver-

writing a novel concerning Alberta Book-keeping and accounting may ranch life. Mrs. Jacobs is already

her early 20's, and it is a creditable tain unusual success if published. | depended upon for a poem or a and clever performance, in spite of John Main, teacher of mathematics rattling good story. He is as fresh



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from those who, like yourself, have III lived in this country in the early | | days, some anecdotes based upon | | personal recollections and experiences, which will prove of value and | | interest to future generations, if | carefully preserved and classified for | | easy reference. I may say that it ! is not my inclination or intention to | selfishly hoard any records I may be fortunate enough to accumulate by this effort, but rather to hold them | | available for public information, and ill in due course I shall hope to see them | deposited in the archives of some | | fitting institution, depicting the early | history of the country, the establish- | ment of which I have been advocat- il ing for a long time."

ceptible heart of the doctor, who had ill Mrs. Waagen, of the Red Cross, noted and pitied. The lady's reply part of this old earth of ours. | man for the Pat Burns company, has written a novel of old Quebec. | to his fatherly request for her ad-A boy of fifteen years, whose name | dress, that he might call upon her, | than two authors, living within a romantic, passionate love story of I am not at liberty to mention, has is, in its way, a classic. She replied: few miles of each other. John Lloyd, this country. He has an unusual written a 50,000-word yarn about a "No, tank you; I got man:" From native born son of this province, has plot and a smooth, quiet style, the prize fighter, his battles and his such material, and other experiences equally interesting, might not Dr. III Stranger." I do not recall the title grip the reader the tighter he climbs We look for a new story from Dr. | Kerby produce a book of memoirs | concerned with this country that would prove a treasure? He has had | | the experience and he knows how ! to write.

And speaking of memoirs. Friends II are urging the popular American II consul, Mr. S. C. Reat to write a | | of digression, etc. If I were a for- written an interesting story con- ous and impetuous young "parson," book concerned with his life and I tune-teller, I would say this girl has cerning the grain game. Its title he came down the aisle of the Cen- adventure in this and other lands. is "The Golden Stream," and it is tral Methodist church and paused If Mr. Reat should write as he speaks If I read the signs aright, some likely to have serial publication this to speak a kind word to the young -and I believe that he can and does Calgary writers are due to make year in a well known farm magazine. lady from faraway Sweden, whose -one of the wittlest and cleverest