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RECENT MAGAZINES.

The *Acadia Athenaeum* appeared in November with a new and choicely designed title-page. The *University Monthly* has been enlarged and improved. The November number contained excellent likenesses of Chancellor Jones and the late Chancellor Harrison.

The *Atlantic Monthly* celebrates its jubilee this month with contributions by the three ex-editors still living—W. D. Howells, T. B. Aldrich and Walter H. Page, with other articles apropos to the occasion. The New York *Evening Post* takes the initiative in offering jubilee congratulations. The *Post* pithily remarks that the motto of its jubilee number might well be "*qualis ab incepto*," for the *Atlantic* has, in the main, held consistently with its ancient ideal—refinement and strength. "It is," says the *Post*, "the ablest of our magazines, standing on a level above even the most attractive of the New York illustrated magazines whose aim is to flatter the taste of *l'homme moyen sensuel*. Taking all things into consideration, we are inclined to regard it as the best of the general magazines published in the English language to-day."

The two most important of recent contributions to the discussion of reformed spelling may be found in *The Living Age*. The issue for November 3, contains an article of criticism and suggestion apropos of *The President's English*, by William Archer, one of the best-known English writers upon literary questions; and the number for November 17, opens with an article on Modern English

Spelling, by Professor Walter W. Skeat, than whom there is no higher authority on the subject.

The December *Delineator* is a typical Christmas number. It will assist Christmas-makers with its hints for Christmas gifts and holiday entertainments, besides containing an abundance of seasonable literature calculated to fit in from now until New Year's Day. Christmas stories for adults are: *Evergreen Trees*, and *The Shoplifter at Satterthwaite's*; and those for children: *The Blue Kimono*, and *Betty Evolves a Christmas Idea*, by Elizabeth Preston Badger.

Business Notice.

We are sending out in this number reminders to many of our subscribers. Others will be sent in the January or February numbers if our patrons do not anticipate us by remitting in the meantime without waiting to be reminded. The REVIEW has been promptly sent during the year to its many hundred of subscribers. A prompt remittance now will be very acceptable.

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Wanted.

Teachers in Nova Scotia, preparing candidates for the Provincial examinations in science next July, to read my articles that have appeared the last half-dozen years in the EDUCATIONAL REVIEW, or that may appear in future. The articles are suggested by experience gained in reading the answers of candidates, and I have endeavoured to help teachers and students in their work. Though there is, I believe, some improvement, I feel sure that better work could be done in the schools and better results obtained at examinations if more attention were paid to the hints I have given.

JOHN WADDELL.