

Lathrop; "A Search for the Pleiades," by T. W. Higginson; "North Wind in Autumn," a poem; "What is a Fact?" a vigorous protest against materialism, by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps; reviews of "Mr. Aldrich's Fiction," "Recent Poetry," "Mahaffy's Greek Literature," "Shakespeare at l'Antiquite," and "An Englishman's England." "The Contributors' Club" forms the pleasing conclusion of a good number.

THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE for September offers a good and varied bill of intellectual fare. The twenty-third, twenty-fourth, and twenty-fifth chapters of "Queen Cophetua" maintain the interest of a remarkable story. Mr. Grant Allan's able and charming article on "The Dog's Universe" will lead all who read it to regret that misrepresentations arising out of an unreasoning bigotry or other causes prevented our Minister of Education from securing his services for University College. Mr. Alfred Rimmer contributes a very good paper on "The Fishes of Canada." Dr. Benjamin Ward Richardson writes on "The Philosophy of Fasting." The remaining articles are: "The Eclipse of Shakespeare," by Dutton Cook; "The 'Thunderer' Gun," by Daniel Pidgeon; "Literary Success a Hundred Years Ago," by Margaret Hunt; "Science Notes," by W. Mattieu Williams; and "Table Talk," by the Editor.

THE GENTLEMAN'S MAGAZINE for October presents an exceedingly good table of contents. "Queen Cophetua" increases in interest as the crisis of the plot approaches. Algernon C. Swinburne, the famous living poet, contributes an article on a famous dead one under the heading "A Rolie of Dryden." Mr. Haweis furnishes a critical estimate of "James Russell Lowell, as Poet," Andrew Wilson writes on "The Science of Likenesses and its Meanings," Mr. John Amplett on "Court Rolls," Mr. S. L. Lee on "Love's Labours Lost," and Mr. F. Duncan on "Hospitalier Work at St. John's Gate in 1850." Interesting "Science Notes" and "Table Talk" conclude an excellent number.

One of the remarkable features of the age is the demand for cheap editions of scientific works. To assist in supplying this demand, Messrs. J. Fitzgerald & Co., of New York, issue twice in each month, at the low price of fifteen cents, a number of what they call the Humboldt Library of Popular Science. The eleventh number has just reached us, and we find it to contain half of an interesting work, *The Naturalist on the River Amazon*, written by Henry Walter Bates. We heartily commend the enterprise.

STEWART'S TEACHER'S MAGAZINE for October, 1880. Contents: The Kindergarten, Lessons in Chemistry for Young Students, Analysis and Composition, Reading, Easy Lessons in Latin Translation and Parsing, Algebra Papers worked out, Lessons for Young Readers from Old Authors, Scripture Lessons, Domestic Economy, The Month, Correspondence. W. Stewart & Co., Holborn Viaduct Steps, London, E.C.

EDUCATION is the name of a new periodical devoted to the interests of education. Judging from the first number, it will deserve the support of the teaching profession. The contents are: Text Books and their Uses, by Dr. W. T. Harris; The Renaissance and its Influence on Education, by R. H. Quick, M.A.; Harmony in Systems of Education, by Dr. McCosh; and other valuable matter. It is edited by T. W. Bicknell, and published bi-monthly by the New England Publishing Company, of Boston. The price is \$4.00 a year.

REPORTS, &c., RECEIVED.

Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan, ornelius A. Gower, Lansing. A very excellent report containing capital suggestions from the Superintendent, and a complete report of the proceedings of the State Teachers' Association.

Superintendent's Report, Wisconsin, W. C. Whitford, Madison. This also contains a full account of the meeting of the State Teachers' Association. It has also valuable statistical and other information.

GREAT ENTERPRISES.

The present time is fruitful in schemes of great magnitude. There are already projected:

A new suspension bridge over Niagara river.

A new Atlantic cable in addition to that now in process of construction.

A ship canal across the Isthmus of Darien.

A ship railroad across the same strip of land, separating the two oceans.

A railroad over the Desert of Sahara, connecting Algeria and Soudan.

A canal which, conveying the waters of the Mediterranean into the sands of Africa, shall make a great inland sea and fertilize arid wastes.

The establishment of water communication between the Black and Caspian seas.

Add to these enterprises, most of which seem likely to be undertaken in the near future:

Ericson's scheme for utilizing the sun's heat.

Ericson's scheme for utilizing electricity.

The various plans of geographical discovery.

The solution of the mysteries of Central Africa and the civilization of the savages.

The destruction of the world's plagues.

The emancipation of every slave.

Universal education.

The adjustment of the relations of labor and capital.

Publishers' Department.

THE TEACHERS' CONVENTIONS.

So many of these meetings have been held during the past month that we are unwillingly obliged, through want of space, to hold over the reports of proceedings of some for our next issue. The Conventions have been very interesting this season, and the teachers who attended must have gone back to their schools edified and refreshed for their arduous and responsible work. In most of those which have already met, the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL has been adopted as the organ of the Association, and its circulation among teachers is thereby increased a thousand-fold. The feeling in its favor meets with general expression, and it is pronounced to be the most suitable paper for all grades in the profession. We have abundant evidence of this, likewise, from Educationists in different parts of this continent, whose opinion deserves the profoundest respect. We request a perusal of the extracts over the *fac similes* of their autographs, giving their valuable testimony to its intrinsic merits.

We may state also that in its principles it is thoroughly unsectarian, and is subscribed to by persons of different creeds and all shades of politics, because we are careful to confine ourselves solely to what we always intended the JOURNAL should be—essentially *the teachers' paper*.

We thank the presidents and teachers of the several Associations in which it has been adopted, assuring them that nothing will be spared by us to make them well satisfied with the course they have taken respecting it. We trust the Conventions yet to be held will act wisely and copy their example, by taking advantage of the present opportunity for having a superior periodical at the price it is at present supplied to County Association Clubs.

The following extract from a letter sent us by Rev. Father Stafford shows the high opinion he has of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. Father Stafford is acknowledged to be one of the foremost in the cause of education, and his estimate of the JOURNAL is entitled to the consideration of all interested in school matters. He writes: "What a large journal yours is, compared with that of the Province of Quebec; yours is 82 pages, the other is 16! I wish there was a law compelling every teacher and every school trustee in the land to be a subscriber to the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. I cannot think of any way they could invest a dollar that would bring them better value. Your journal has a name that implies for it a large circulation. It is called the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. The New England *Journal of Education* is much dearer than yours—\$8 per annum—larger, but matter not better."

W. A. Stafford
President.