

Literary Notes.

The *Arena* has reduced its price to twenty-five cents per copy with the December issue, and the current number which opens the new volume is exceptionally strong. Personal Recollections of Lowell, Emerson, Holmes, Whittier, and Bryant, by such thinkers as Rev. Minot J. Savage, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, Rev. Frank B. Sanborn, and Rev. John W. Chadwick, will prove exceedingly interesting to those interested in America's great poets. This symposium is illustrated with good portraits of all the above-named poets. Another very striking feature of this number, which will interest scientific thinkers and especially physicians, is from the pen of the eminent French author, Henry Gaullieur, entitled "The Wonders of Hypnotism as Recently Demonstrated by Leading French Scientists." Prof. Richard T. Ely, of the University of Wisconsin, and Justice Walter Clark, LL. D., argue in favor of Government Control of the Telegraph. Prof. George D. Herron contributes an admirable paper on "The Opportunity of the Church in the Present Social Crisis." Prof. Frank Parsons discusses, in his masterly manner, the problem of municipal lighting. Helen H. Gardener, in a clear, able, and concise manner, argues on the question of Woman Suffrage. The editor of *The Arena* contributes a biographical sketch of the life of Sir Thomas More. Will Allen Dromgoole opens her brilliant serial story of Tennessee life, entitled "The Valley Path," which will run during six issues of *The Arena*. The frontispiece is a fine portrait of Prof. Richard T. Ely. There is also a full page portrait of Miss Dromgoole in her mountain costume—"Out for a Day's Fishing." Altogether, this number of *The Arena* is exceedingly attractive. In the body of the magazine there are one hundred and seventy-six pages, which, with the editorial Notes on Current Events and the World of Books—a review of the important new works of the leading houses of this country—make more than two hundred pages. The reduction of the price of *The Arena* to twenty-five cents per copy, without its diminution in size and with its increased excellence, will unquestionably make it one of the most popular magazines of the country.

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