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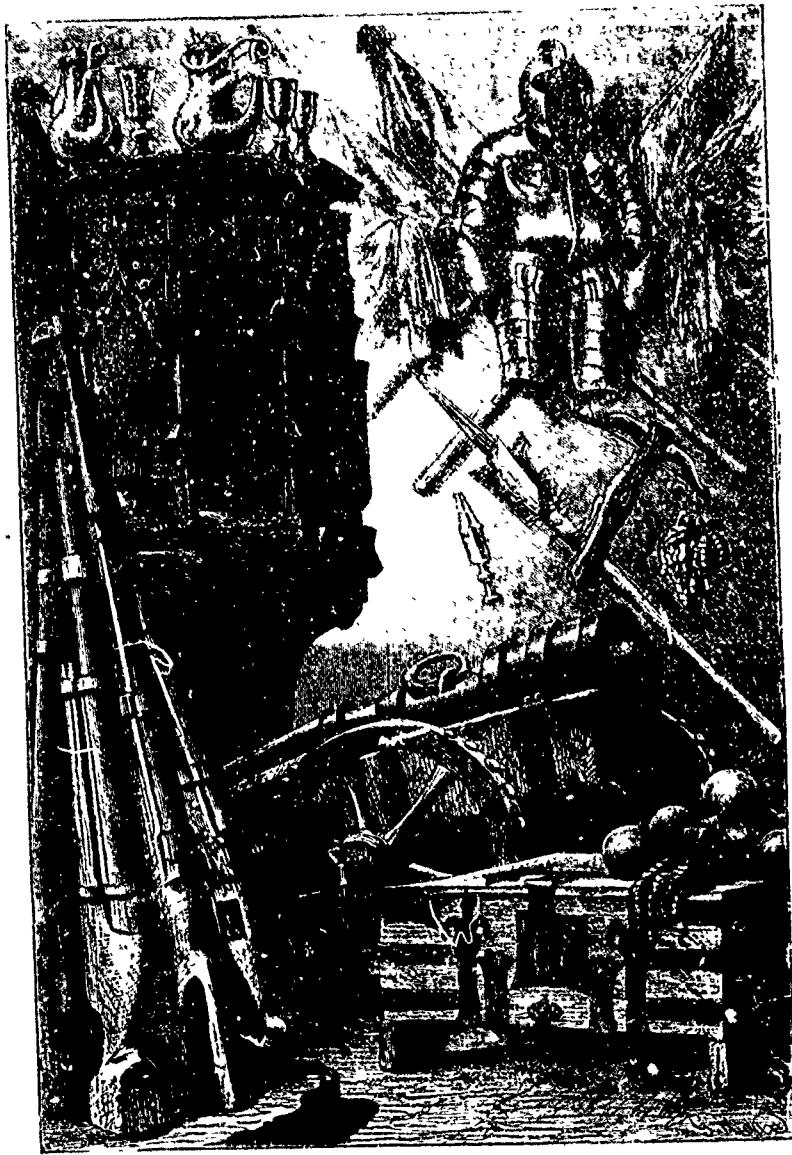
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We are expecting a very large subscription list to our new paper, *Onward*. Please send your orders at once, that we may know how many to print. The first regular number will be issued so as to reach schools before the first Sunday in the New Year, and every week thereafter.

A cursory glance at the prices attached to these



IN THE HISTORICAL MUSEUM IN EUROPE.

papers, as given in our price list above, might leave the impression that schools will have to pay more for their papers than before. This is not the case, as the following example will show. At the present time a school requiring twenty-five copies of the larger Sunday-school papers weekly would have to subscribe for both *Pleasant Hours* and *HOME AND SCHOOL*. The cost of twenty-five copies of each of these papers for one year is \$11.00. Under the new arrangement, a school can get twenty-one copies of *Pleasant Hours* and twelve copies of *Onward* for the same money, or *thirty-three papers a week instead of twenty-five*, and, in addition, graded to suit the various classes and ages of the school, as the former papers were not.

Methodist Magazine for 1890.

THE pictures in this number, it will be observed, are of unusual fineness and beauty of execution. They are of a more expensive character than the low price of this paper would warrant us in publishing regularly. We borrow these specimens from the *Methodist Magazine* as illustrations of the style of engraving which will regularly appear in that periodical—about three hundred of them in the year. No Canadian magazine has ever given so many and such high-class engravings. It is just closing its most successful year, and is to be enlarged from 96 to 104 pages—an addition of 100 pages with no increase of price.

We beg to call attention to the partial announcement for the year on our last page. The articles on popular science, on Methodist topics, on the unfamiliar countries of Eastern Europe, and on Bible lands, will be of special interest. The latter, especially, appeal to every Bible reader, and the

articles by the Rev. Geo. Bond on those lands will alone be worth the price of the Magazine. Many schools have taken from two to ten copies of the Magazine to circulate instead of libraries, as being newer, fresher, more interesting and cheaper than library books. For this purpose the Magazine will be sent to schools in any number from two upward for \$1.60 per copy, per year—instead of \$2.00, the regular price. We make this offer to introduce the Magazine and thus make it known; confident that where it once finds entrance it will find permanent patronage. Orders may be given for six months if desired.

In the Historical Museum in Europe.

ONE of the most remarkable things which a traveller in Europe notices is the strange collection of memorials of the past which he meets in all the great cities and in many smaller places. One of these of special interest I visited in Geneva.

In the old gothic Hotel de Ville is a singular inclined plane leading to the upper floor, up which the councillors used to ride. Here sat the international commission which conducted the Geneva arbitration between Great Britain and America. The arsenal hard by contains the ladders by which, in 1602, the Spaniards tried to scale the walls, their flags, and the armour of hundreds who fell into the fosse; weapons from Sempach; the lance of Winkelried, the martyr-patriot; captured Austrian trophies, clumsy old match-locks, ancient cannon, cross bones and pikes, steel gauntlets, chain and plate armour, and many other objects of intense interest. A garrulous old pensioner took infinite pains to explain everything. He asked me to try on one helmet, and I attempted to do so, but could hardly lift it from the floor.

This cut is a specimen of numerous illustrations of Switzerland which will appear in forthcoming numbers of the *Methodist Magazine*.