

Punch, in a clever cartoon, points out one aspect of the eight hour movement often unthought of. A burly artizan comes home to find his wife reading a novel, no supper ready, and the house in disorder. "Oh," says the wife, "I have joined the eight hour movement." Most of the wives and mothers of Canada work much longer hours than their liege lords. They cannot throw off the burden of work when the six o'clock bell rings. They have often no surcease from nerve-exhausting toil and care for sixteen hours out of the twenty-four. Most men in business, brain-workers as well as hand-workers, even the children in our public schools, have a longer period of mental activity than eight hours a day. Far better, we think, is the longer day's work, with half holiday on Saturday, when complete mental and physical diversion can be enjoyed, than an enforced uniformity of shortened daily work.

The brutal massacres of Chicago and Milwaukee only incalculably damage the best interests of the working classes and estrange the sympathy of all lovers of law and order. These must be maintained at all cost, or society will be soon reduced to anarchy and chaos. But that is the very thing that these anarchists desire, that from its wreck they may snatch some plunder for the passing hour.

OUR TWENTY-FOURTH VOLUME.

This number completes our 23rd volume of this MAGAZINE which is in every respect the most successful yet issued. Of some of the numbers a second edition had to be printed; and the circulation is far ahead of any previous period. The illustrations, too, for number and variety and artistic merit have never been equaled in any previously Canadian periodical.

Among the features of special interest in the 24th volume (July to December, 1886) will be a fine steel portrait, costing over \$100, of the late Dr. Rice, with memorial tributes by Rev. Dr. Douglas, Dr. Harper, Dr. Stuart, and the editor. This number will not be sold separately, but will be furnished only to sub-

scribers. A graphic Story of Irish Methodism, in two parts, by E. M. Morphy, Esq., will prove of special interest to our Irish friends. Mr. J. T. Moore's splendidly illustrated articles on "Wonderland and Beyond," which have attracted so much attention, will be concluded, as also those on the "Great North-West," and the absorbing serial, "Jan Vedder's Wife."

Among illustrated articles of unique importance will be "Our Indian Empire," "Saunterings in England and Scotland," "Through the Bosphorus," "Footprints of St. Paul," "The Seven Churches of Asia," "In Bible Lands," "Swiss Pictures," "In the German Fatherland," "In the Carolinas," "Among the Zuni," "Jamaica and its People," "Wanderings in South America," "Picturesque Canada," and several others. The illustrations will equal, if not surpass, any that we have yet presented.

Of the other contributions promised we would invite special attention to Dr. Williams' paper on the "Less Known Poets of Methodism," to articles by Dr. Carman, Dr. Ballinger, Dr. Dewart, Dr. Burwash, Prof. Shaw, Hon. G. W. Ross, Dr. Thos. Nichol, Dr. Daniel Clarke, and others too numerous to mention.

The English Princes at the Antipodes, from the Journals of Prince Edward and Prince George of Wales; Chivalry, by Rose Elizabeth Cleveland, sister of the President of the United States; and Wesley and his Helpers, by the late Thomas Guard, will also be of special interest. A condensed record of the annual Conferences and of the approaching General Conference, in a form convenient for permanent preservation, will also be furnished. The present is a very convenient time to subscribe, only one dollar to the end of the year. We hope that those of our readers whose subscriptions expire with this number will promptly renew, and that all our friends, especially our ministerial brethren, will kindly call attention to the efforts made to furnish a Connexional Magazine worthy of extended patronage, and endeavour to still further increase its circulation.