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We are obliged to hold over a somewhat lengthy notice of Messrs. Harpers' Periodicals. Meantime, we may say that *The Magazine*, *The Weekly*, *The Bazar*, and *Young People* are almost without rivals in the whole round of literature. Some one of them at least should find entrance into every Canadian family. *The Magazine* and *Bazar* have always something interesting to the teacher and his home.

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THE ever delightful *Atlantic Monthly* [Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston: \$4.00 a year.] is to hand for February and contains many valuable papers. In addition to four serials, contributions of first-rate merit, the articles "Voices of Power" and "Reminiscences of Christ's Hospital" may be mentioned as very good reading. The *Atlantic* is always strong in literary criticism. The Contributors' Club and the Book of the Month furnish piquant sauce to the viands.

We have to thank a large number of our friends for their promptness in remitting their subscriptions. January has been our best month in this respect in the whole history of the magazine. Some, however, are still indebted to us for one, two, or even three years, and we would kindly urge them not to delay longer in supplying the means to make THE MONTHLY more acceptable and useful to them. Our friends will help us also in inducing others to become subscribers. We have no gift books, prize packages, watches, or chromos to offer. We think THE MONTHLY is worth its subscription to any teacher deserving the name, whether he agrees with all we have to say or not. THE MONTHLY is *par excellence* the teacher's friend.

*Lippincott's Magazine*, for January, seems fairly to reach the high-water mark of the best American monthlies. The number opens with a description of the new Civic Buildings of Philadelphia illustrated in a profuse and artistic manner, and is at the same time not too technical to be interesting. "Notes on Conversation with Emerson" gathers up a few more interesting facts from a rather well-gleaned field. "Undergraduate life at Oxford" is a short racy paper on life at the great English home of the "Classics," and is sure to be read with approval. An account of the coronation of the King of Hawaii is extremely amusing and readable. The fiction of the number is rather above the average, and the short stories are especially good.

FOR the information of our readers we mention a few new books and new editions likely to be helpful to them in their work. Blackie & Sons, London, advertise *Deschanel's Natural Philosophy*, 6th edition, 1883, or four parts, separately, 4s 6d. each; *Praxis Primaaria*, 5th edition, 2s.; *Ogilvie's Students' English Dictionary*, 7s. 6d.; *A Synopsis of English History; or Historical Note Book*, by Wills, 2s.; J. Griffin & Co., Portsmouth: *An Explanatory Arithmetic*, by Principal Bickernell, 3s.; Isbister, London: *Object Lessons*, by Geo. Ricks, Inspector of the School Board, of London; Griffith & Farran, London: *Preparation for Science Teaching*, 1s. 6d.; Cassell & Co., London: *Morley's English Literature*, 9th ed., 7s. 6d.; *Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable*, 14th ed., 3s. 6d.; Clarendon Press, London: *Xenophon's Selections* (for schools), by Philippotts, 3s. 6d.; Chas. Griffin & Co., Strand, London: *Cruttwell's History of Roman Literature*, 3rd ed., 8s. 6d.; *The Student's Mechanics*, by W. R. Browne, Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, 4s. 6d.; Crosby, Lockwood & Co.: *De Fiva's French Grammar*, 46th ed., with an appendix on the History and Etymology of the French language; *The Civil Service Coach*, 2s. 6d.; *The Precise Book, or Lessons in Accuracy of Statement and Preciseness of Expression*, by W. C. Monkhouse, 2nd ed., 2s. 6d.—*Key*, 2s. 6d.; also *The Civil Service English Grammar, do. Chronology of History, Art, and Literature*, 3s. 6d.—*do. Orthography*, new ed., 1s. 6d.; Sullivan Bros., Dublin; *Geography Generalised*, 65th ed., revised, 1883, 2s.; Simpkin, Marshall & Co.: *Stone's Hannibalian, or Second Punic War*, from Livy, 3s.; A. Johnston, London: *Mental Arithmetic Cards* (seven standards), per packet, 1s. We shall conclude for the present with a mention of *Skcal's English Dictionary*, already reviewed in THE MONTHLY, the *Classical Dictionaries* published by Murray, London, and the new *Encyclopaedic Dictionary*, of Cassell & Co., 1st vol., "a work for the school-room table, or of reference for the general reader alike, unique, its well-executed illustrations adding much to its value."