

THE *Autumn Century*, October, is a superior number, especially interesting to Canadian readers; indeed what number is not so? Clarence King contributes a striking paper on "The Biographers of Lincoln," illustrated with full page portraits of Nicolay and Hay. The frontispiece is a portrait of the liberal statesman of Norway, Bjornstjerne Bjornson, and the illustrated article of H. L. Brackstad with reference to his greater prominence as a writer is entitled "A Norwegian Poet's Home." With the beginning of the autumnal gales, the stirring article of Franklin H. North 'handsomely illustrate' on "The Gloucester Fishers," has a seasonable interest. Captain J. W. Collins, in "Open Letters," discusses "The Outlook of the Fisheries." Matthew Arno'd contributes a paper on "Common Schools Abroad," which in a forcible if indirect way gets at the root of the American as well as English faults in common school education. President Gilman, of John Hopkins University, writes of "Hand-craft and Redcraft," and makes a plea for the former in the educational system. Charles de Kay recounts the efforts of "The Ursulines of Quebec" to civilize and Christianize the Indians. In "Europe on Nothing-certain a Year," Mary Wetherbee describes the joys and hardships of a European sojourn when the source of income was literary effort which proved precarious. Mr. Stockton completes his inimitable novelette, "The Casting Away of Mrs. Lecks and Mrs. Aleshine," and Mr. Howell provides Lemuel Barker with a new employment and a quarrel with 'Maudie Grier in the ninth part of the "Minister's Charge." The short stories of the number are very good.

ST. NICHOLAS for October is almost a series of climaxes, and is the last number of the present volume and a most excellent one. A glance at the prospectus will make it clear that it is not meant to allow the magazine to fall off in interest during the coming year. And the continued stories and articles just completed are to be closely followed by attractive features promised for the succeeding volume.

HARPER'S BAZAR AND WEEKLY never flag in highly interesting reading matter and, especially, in illustration, often very amusing. The last *Bazar* contains a fine engraving, "God or Mammon," with a poem, and every number contains highly instructive articles, frequently relating to health. In the last *Weekly*, Oct. 16, is a good, double page illustration, "Painting the Town Red," and representing a troop of mounted "cowboys" riding through the streets of a busy city. An article by G. O. Shields puts in a plea for the "boys," who as a class are "running over with wit, merriment and good humor," and contends that a constant communion with nature

and the study of her broad pure domains tend to make young men honest and noble. "If every young man reared in town or city could have the advantage of a year or two of constant study of nature, we should have more honest men."

PRINCIPLES and practice of hygiene, for the school and the home, together with so much of anatomy and physiology as are necessary to the correct teaching of the subject, by Ezra M. Hunt, M. A., M. D., Sc. D., tenth president of the American Health Association, secretary of the State board of health of New Jersey, and instructor in hygiene in the New Jersey State normal school. This promises to be an admirable and practicable little book, and appears to be well calculated to fulfill the work for which it is designed.

REPORT on the sanitary state of the city of Montreal, for the year 1885, by Dr. Louis Laberge, medical health officer. This is a volume of over one hundred pages, to some points of which we shall probably refer in the next number of the JOURNAL.

OFFICIAL catalogue of the Canadian section of the Colonial and Indian Exhibition, London, 1886, published under the authority of the Hon. Sir Charles Tupper, G. C. M. G., C. B., (High Commissioner for Canada in England), The Executive Commissioner. This contains an introductory chapter on Canada, with maps, and is a valuable reference compend.

ABSTRACT of the Return from Canadian cities to the Department of Agriculture of mortuary statistics for the year 1885. We propose commenting on this report at length in our next issue.

REPORT of the Minister of Agriculture for the Dominion of Canada for the calendar year, 1885, including the Canadian quarantine reports to which we shall refer in the next number of the JOURNAL.

FIFTH annual report of the state board of health of New Hampshire, for the fiscal year, ending April 30, 1886. This contains over three hundred pages of valuable practical matter.

THIRTEENTH annual report of the secretary of the state board of health, of the State of Michigan, for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1885. As usual this one is full of profitable reading.

FORTY-FOURTH report relating to the registry and return of births, marriages and deaths in the commonwealth of Massachusetts for the year ending December 31, 1885. Together with the returns of libels for divorce, and to the returns of deaths investigated by the medical examiners.