

initial article is a description of how Jenny Lind sang in Castle Garden. As usual, the *Journal* is full of a great deal of instructive and interesting literature. The publishers announce some excellent new features for 1897, among others a series of drawings illustrating the creations of Dickens, by C. W. Gibson, the first of which will appear in the Christmas number.

The splendid table of contents of the November *Atlantic Monthly* includes Reminiscences of Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, and the first instalment of "The Juggler," by Charles Egbert Craddock. The *Atlantic* announces that great stress is to be laid on the articles that will appear in it interpreting the great educational movements. Among the subjects to be taken up are: The place of the public school in typical communities, the Chautauqua movements and methods, the National Educational Association, and the extension of the use of libraries. Teachers' pensions will also be discussed.

The first number of the *Presbyterian College Journal*, for the session of 1896-97, has reached us. The *Journal* has an excellent appearance and promises to have a successful year.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,

Quebec, September 25th, 1896.

On which day the usual quarterly meeting of the Protestant Committee of the Council of Public Instruction was held.

Present:—R. W. Heneker, Esq., D.C.L., LL.D., in the chair; the Venerable Archdeacon Lindsay, M.A., D.C.L.; George L. Masten, Esq.; the Reverend Principal Shaw, D.D., LL.D.; A. Cameron, Esq., M.D.; Professor A. W. Kneeland, M.A.; the Reverend A. T. Love, B.A.; Samuel Finley, Esq.; H. B. Ames, Esq., B.A.; Principal W. Peterson, M.A., LL.D.; E. J. Hemming, Esq., D.C.L., Q.C.; the Very Reverend Dean Norman, D.D., D.C.L.; the Reverend E. I. Rexford, B.A.; N. T. Truell, Esq.; S. P. Robins, Esq., LL.D.

The minutes of the regular meeting of May 20th and of the special meeting of August 27th were read and confirmed.