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RECENT MAGAZINES.

The September *Atlantic* contains a paper of remarkable interest to literary students, entitled Elizabethan Psychology, and an article by Professor Brander Matthews, on Fenimore Cooper. Professor Matthew's essay is a just and readable appreciation of the famous American novelist. Other articles and essays, varied and brilliant, adorn this number, which presents the usual attractive literary matter to its many cultured readers.

The Living Age announces two new and striking serials, beginning in October: The Return of the Emigrant, by Lydia Miller Mackay, and The Good Comrade, by Una L. Silberrad. A question about which there is much speculation nowadays, and a wide difference of opinion among scientific folk, namely, Is Mars a Habitable World, is interestingly discussed in an article which the *Living Age* for September 21 reprints from *The Fortnightly Review*.

The Canadian Magazine for September is unusually attractive. First place is given to an article by J. S. Willison, editor of *The Toronto News*, entitled, The Genius of the Canadian Club. Then follow an illustrated historical article entitled, Lower Fort Garry; an account of the progress that has been made towards union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational denominations; British Columbia; An Eldorado; Fruit Growing in Nova Scotia; an account of an interesting experiment in preparing for national defence; besides a good supply of short stories.

The Canadian Pictorial for September, a monthly which although only in its second year, bids fair to become a leading periodical of Canada. It announces an enlargement for its October issue. (The Pictorial Publishing Company, Montreal.)

The Chautauquan for September, is a very interesting number. There is a frontispiece portrait of Dr. Asa Gray, the eminent botanist, and a sympathetic sketch of his life and work, by Professor Charles Reid Barnes.

The October *Delincator* as usual is filled with matters of interest for the month to ladies, including literature, the fashions and housekeeping. Among the most readable articles are, The Child without a Home. The Mischievous Boy, Men and Women in the Public View, The Home Kindergarten, Boy-and-Girl Land, and others.

Lord Meath Empire Day Challenge Cups and League of the Empire Prizes.

ESSAY COMPETITION FOR EMPIRE DAY, 1908.

The following are the subjects and conditions for the Essay Competition inter-all-Secondary Schools and inter-all-Primary Schools of the Empire for Empire Day, 1908.

A. SECONDARY SCHOOLS.

Subject.—State and criticise the relation between Great Britain and any Country or Crown Colony with which you are acquainted.

Conditions.—(Secondary Schools). A Silver Challenge Cup, value £10. 10s., presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K. P., to be held by the School, and a personal prize of £5. 5s., given by the League of the Empire, is offered for competition, inter-all-Secondary Schools of the Empire, for an Empire Day Essay not exceeding 2,000 words. Age limit, 14 to 18 years old.

B. PRIMARY SCHOOLS.

Subject.—(a) Write a letter to a friend desiring to emigrate, and point out the advantages of any Country, State, Province, or Crown Colony with which you are acquainted; (b) or to a friend living in any other part of the Empire, and point out the advantages of coming to settle in the United Kingdom.

Conditions.—(Primary Schools). A Silver Challenge Cup, value £10. 10s., presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K. P., and a personal prize of £3. 3s., given by the League of the Empire, is offered for Competition, inter-Elementary Schools of the Empire, for an Empire Day Essay, not exceeding 1,000 words. Age limit, under 14 years old.

All essays must first be judged in the schools, and afterwards by the authorities kindly co-operating with the League in the different countries of the Empire.

Only those Essays sent in through the authorized channels will be eligible for the final judging arranged for by the Federal Council of the League in London.

The Essays which are entered for the final judging in London, must reach the Central Office by the 1st of February next, and New Brunswick Essays must be sent to Education Office, Fredericton, not later than Jan. 1st, 1908.

The names of the winning schools will each year be engraved upon Cups, which are replicas of the Warwick Vase.

The Cups and Prizes will be dispatched in time to reach the winning schools before the 24th of May each year.

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