

"Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep"

The fire upon the hearth is low,
And there is stillness everywhere;
Like troubled spirits here and there
The firelight shadows fluttering go.
And as the shadows round me creep,
A childish treble breaks the gloom,
And softly from the further room
Comes: "Now I lay me down to sleep."

And, somehow, with that little prayer,
And that sweet treble in my ears,
My thought goes back to distant years,
And lingers with a dear one there.
And, as I hear the child's amen,
My mother's faith comes back to me:
Crouched at her side I seem to be,
And mother holds my hands again.

Oh, for an hour in that dear place!
Oh, for the peace of that dear time!
Oh, for that childish trust sublime!
Oh, for a glimpse of mother's face!
Yet, as the shadows round me creep,
I do not seem to be alone—
Sweet magic of that treble tone—
And "Now I lay me down to sleep."
—EUGENE FIELD.

The Land of Is-to-be.

In the horizon of our dreams
By the cooling, silvery streams,
Where the fancy ever seems
To be fixed immovably;
Through the misty veil of sorrow,
Through the dim uncertain to-morrow,
Our eyes are ever gazing
On the land of Is-to-be.

Far from scenes of strife and toil,
Far from haunts of mart and spoil,
Far from bustle, far from broil,
Lies the land of Is-to-be.
There the robin ever trills,
And the little lilying rills
Sing a song that ever fills
Our soul with sweetest melody.

There beneath the shady trees,
Fanned by summer's lulling breeze,
We shall cast the dregs and lees
Of life away.
And with loved ones' hands in ours,
We shall pass the sunny hours,
Wandering 'mong the scented flowers
That bloom for aye.

Oh, land of Is-to-be!
Oh, land of mystery!
Land of peace and harmony,
Shall we ever reach thy shore?
Only when the purplish haze
Gathers round us like a maze,
In the evening of our days,
Will we rest there evermore.
—JOHN N. HILLIARD.

The Dominion Illustrated Monthly for March, 1892.

The second number of the new national magazine, *The Dominion Illustrated Monthly*, has reached us, and we are glad to note that its contents are fully up to the mark of the February number, and in some respects show a decided improvement. Professor Charles G. D. Roberts continues his fascinating story of Acadia, "The Raid from Beausejour," a tale which grows steadily in interest. "From Canada to St. Helena," is a very amusing paper, describing the travels of Mr. McCock, a Montreal journalist, in search of health, first to England, then to Wales, finally bringing up at the historic island of St. Helena; views are given of the most interesting and striking buildings on the island. A poem by George Martin the talented author of "Marguerite" follows, entitled, "To My Canary Bird," and is one of the most beautiful "waifs and strays" we have seen for some time. "Deacon Snider and the Circus" is a humorous story by one of our most powerful writers, William Wilfrid Campbell, of Ottawa, and shows that in prose Mr. Campbell is no less proficient than in verse. Another story, brilliantly told, is "When Bill Came Down," a dramatic sketch of British Columbia

life. Dr. Wolfred Nelson, who accompanied the Hon. Adam Brown, Canadian Commissioner to Jamaica, gives an interesting account of his trip in "Jamaica Vistas," illustrated from photos taken by Dr. Nelson *en passant*. To historical subjects attention is given in Mr. J. M. LeMoine's "The St. Lawrence," in which many very interesting incidents are told of early life on the shores of our great river. A new feature appears this month in "Scraps and Snaps," by F. Blake Croften, of Halifax, comprising a clever series of short, humorous items. Portraits of the new Quebec Cabinet are given with a brief but comprehensive sketch of the life of each of the ministers; the article will be of much general interest in view of the coming elections. Sportsmen will greatly enjoy Mr. Hedley's paper on "Curling in Canada," the first instalment of which appears in this issue; it is told in an unusually bright and interesting manner, and will do much to assist in rendering more popular one of the best of our winter games. The number closes with a pleasant story for young people by Samuel M. Baylis, called "How Jack Won His Snowshoes,"—a little sketch that will come home to many a Canadian school-boy. The publishers this month have been unusually generous with supplements, two good-sized pictures having been given; one is a handsome coloured print, "Indolence," from Paton Commere's painting, the other a re-production of Sir George Harvey's great curling picture—probably the best of all engravings of the subject. The magazine deserves the support of all Canadians, and is the best literary value for \$1.50 a year we have ever seen. It is published by the Sabiston Litho. & Publishing Company, Montreal and Toronto.

The March Cosmopolitan.

Elizabeth Bisland who recently married a wealthy New York lawyer, opens the March number of the *Cosmopolitan* with an article on the Cologne Cathedral beautifully illustrated from photographs. Adam Badeau, the ex-Consul General to London, contributes some personal reminiscences of one of the grand dames of England at whose house he was an habituary, under the title of "Strawberry Hill and the Countess Waldergrave," and gives the later history of the favorite residence of Horace Walpole and its distinguished owner. Strawberry Hill during the regime of the Countess Waldergrave, was the resort of the cream of English society, and Gen. Badeau's article is full of interesting personal anecdotes and observations on the manner and customs of what is called society in England. Mr. Herbert of Muckross, ex Guardsman, ex bon vivant, and friend of Royalty, contributes a paper on his life when an officer of the guards, giving incidentally much information on the customs of the crack English regiment of a quarter of a century ago. M. H. de Young, Commissioner of the World's Fair from California, has a most interesting article on expositions, sketching the history of their rise and progressive development, and proving as far as bald statistics can, that the Chicago Fair will surpass all preceding ones. The illustrations accompanying this article are from the pen of Harry Fenn and

adequately display to the readers the architectural glories of the Fair buildings. Patience Stapleton's story, "The Trailing Vew," is concluded, and Oscar Fay Adams appears with a delightfully amusing and satirical sketch entitled "An Archbishop's Unguarded Moment." Mrs. Sea's Mexican study is a gem of crystallized observation and color. Charles E. L. Wingate gives one of his careful and pleasant studies of the history of the state in "Fair Imogen upon the Stage." The other papers in this number, are "A Night with a Leopard," a serio-comic adventure in Ceylon; "Political Cartoons of Tenniel," the great cartoonist of *Punch*; and a paper by the Editor on the problem of "Aerial Navigation," which the *Cosmopolitan* has set itself to solve if it can. The departments are continued by Dr. Hale and Brander Matthews.

The Immigration Outlook.

FROM ONTARIO.

Premier Greenway arrived home on Saturday, February 20th, from Ontario, where he had gone to make a personal inspection of the work being done by the various immigration agencies of the Manitoba Government. He states that the emigration from Ontario to Manitoba this year will be large. Enquiries from farmers regarding this country were never so numerous as they have been this winter, and from the nature of the enquiries and from information gathered otherwise by the agents it is known that a very large number of first class farmers have decided to seek new homes on the prairies, and are now preparing to make the change. The Manitoba emigration office in Toronto is besieged daily by farmers from districts adjacent to that city and one man's whole time is occupied in giving them information. The attention at present being given in the Northwest among the agricultural classes throughout the east has not been equalled since the first rush to the country ten years ago, and there is a prospect of this renewed interest resulting in very great benefit to the country in the way of bringing large additions to the population. Next month the C. P. R. will begin running weekly excursion trains for the accommodation of emigrants and will maintain them throughout the season, and if necessary will increase the service.

FROM NEBRASKA.

Reports from Mr. H. Smith, who has been laboring for the past two or three months in the interests of Manitoba, state that there is a strong desire among the agricultural classes of that State to know more about this country.

FROM QUEBEC.

Prince Albert's prospects for a big influx of new settlers this season are growing brighter and better every day. Pere Blais, an energetic young priest of this diocese, is now working in the lower provinces in the interests of immigration to that district, and word has been received from him that he will reach there early in April with a large party of French-Canadians from Quebec and parts of the eastern States, who will become permanent and desirable settlers. Enquiries are being received by Prince Albert people from many parts of Europe, Eastern Canada and the United States, asking information regarding that favored district. There will soon be plenty of work