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Periodicals.

The Marquis of Lorne contributes the opening paper of the December Quiver, writing a short sketch of the work carried on in the Princess Louise Home, an institution founded for the purpose of befriending girls who have no other means of help or protection. The Dean of Canterbury writes a study of the character of Jacob. Major Arthur Griffiths gives outsiders a glimpse into Sunday life in gaol, describing briefly how the day is spent by the prisoners. There are two short stories, by J. F. Rowbotham and Albert E Hooper, and two serials commence in this number, the first "The Junior Partner at Moreton's," by Fay Axtens, the second, "Andrew Clay's Awakening." This number concludes with a special pictorial supplement, "Leaders in the Church of God," which consists of an article on leading divines and others, accompanied with a number of illustrations, reproduced from photographs.

One of the best magazines devoted to the interests of scientific investigation is "Science," a weekly published in New York. The latest number, that of November 29th, contains as its opening article an extract from a report presented in 1893 to President Low, of Columbia College, recommending the establishment of courses in meteorology and a meteorological laboratory in connection with that University. There are comments on the Geologic Atlas of the United States, followed by a brief paper on "American Fossil Brachiopoda," written by Charles Schuchert, of the U.S. National Museum. Harold Jacoby gives some notes on Astro-photographic work to be carried out at Columbia College Observatory. The current notes on anthropology are provided by D. G. Brinton, of the University of Pennsylvania, while W. M. Davis contributes the notes on physiography. The number contains also a number of general scientific notes, and reviews of recent scientific literature.

The opening article in the December Cassell's Family Magazine is an exceedingly interesting one. The title is, "With the Troops at Aldershot," written by Mary Spencer Warren, and illustrated by reproductions of photographs taken by the author. The article is a sketch descriptive of a visit and inspection made at the Aldershot Barracks, and gives an account of the soldiers' life there. "My Trials as a Housekeeper" is a short but interesting narrative by Elizabeth L. Banks. Mr. Arthur Fish contributes a brief article on "Royal Sculptors," mentioning H. R. H., the Princess Louise, The Empress Frederick of Germany, Count Gleichen and his daughter, the Countess Feodora Gleichen, and the late Prince Louis Napoleon. Mr. Alfred F. Robbins gives an historical and descriptive sketch of the "Earliest House of Commons." Short stories are "The Czar's Diamond," by Huan Mee, and "The Blind Skipper," by C. J. Cutcliffe Hyne. Both the serials come to a conclusion, and the issue contains all its regular departments.

Outing for December contains at least two papers which should prove exceptionally interesting to all Canadian readers. The first is a brief sketch by the late Edmund P. Rogers on "Caribou Hunting in Quebec." The second is entitled "Characteristics of Canadian Football," and is written by Courtney Kingstone and C. A. S. Boddy, both well known in Toronto. Mr. Kingstone figured prominently this year on the half back line of Va sity, the champion team of Canada. Mr. Boddy, of Osgoode Hall, has also a practical knowledge of the game, and the article they have written contains in essence all the features of the Canadian game. A comparison is drawn between the American system and our own, and all the differences are carefully pointed out. In speaking of the game as it should be played, the writers say: "First of all, unnecessary roughness, as far as possible, should be avoided. Here, indeed, the Canadian game shows to advantage, for by the 'off-side' rule, which is always strictly enforced, all wedge plays and interference are excluded. There is no doubt that this is now the very centre, the very nucleus of the American game. It is this which causes all the roughness. . . . Indeed, in this 'off-side' rule lies the root of the difference between the two games; and it is this, in the main,

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which excludes from our game the rougher element." Another interesting article is Lieut. Van Dusen's "On the Frontier Service." Lenz's "World Tour Awheel" is continued in this number. There is an article on "Skating," by Edward W. Sandys. Edmund French writes about Caiman hunting in Mexico. "An Outing in Labrador" is a pleasant sketch by R. G. Taber. "Riverside" gives us a hunting sketch in "The Cream of the Vale," a brief paper on English fox hunting. The short stories in this number are "A River Between," by Florence Guertin, and "Charlie," by Ralph Bergengren.

The editor writes the first article in The Methodist Magazine for December, contributing an illustrated sketch of Petra, the Rock City of Edom, the rediscovery and exploration of which has been so remarkable, in view of the fact that the city had been forgotten for a thousand years. The city, while it existed, stood at the foot of Mount Hor, two days journey south of the Dead Sea, and its natural beauties and architectural remains are even now very impressive. It was not until the year 1811 that Burkhart discovered its forgotten site. There is an interesting sketch of Gibraltar, one of Britain's "Keys of Empire," and also, immediately following this, a descriptive account of Erfurt, the Capital of old Thuringia, a town through which Luther passed in the year 1520, when on his way to attend the Diet of Worms. The Rev. W. S. Blackstock contributes an article concerning Charles Grandison Finney, whom the writer styles "A Latter-Day Prophet." The serial, "The Elder's Sin," by Amelia E. Barr, is continued in this number.

The Badminton Magazine is essentially devoted to the interests of sports and pastimes. It invariably contains interesting articles, splendidly illustrated. The November number, just to hand, is no exception to the rule, for the articles in it are both very readable and well-timed. Perhaps the one which will attract most attention at present, in view of the recent yachting trouble, is Mr. Horn's, "The America Cup," which is a brief history of the cup and the races sailed for it. There is a review, by Alfred E. T. Watson, of the horse races in England during the present year. Mr. C. B. Fry contributes an article on "Football." Lord Willoughby de Broke writes about "Fox-hunting." Other articles in this number are "The Shot-gun in Norway," by Sir Henry Pottinger, Bart.; "A Night's Netting," by the Hon. John Scott-Montagu, M.P.; "Among the Sea-birds," by Mr. R. B. Lodge; "Old Sporting Prints," by Hedley Peck; "After the Wild Deer," by Sir John Edwards-Moss, Bart., and "An Autumn Holiday," by the Countess of Malmesbury.

The University of Toronto Quarterly begins a new volume with the issue for November. The opening paper is contributed by F. Tracy, B.A., Ph.D., who writes about "The Scottish Philosophy." Mr. Tracy's paper is decidedly interesting and shows signs of most careful preparation. T. Squair, B.A., gives us a brief commentary of Honoré d'Urfé's "Astrée," a work which was very popular in the beginning of the seventeenth century. R. H. Coats, '96, in "Some Phases of Altruria," deals with the old ideals of a constitution based upon altruistic principles. Wm. A. Parks, B.A., reviews the development of the science of Mineralogy. J. C. Gleshan writes about "Celestial Mechanics: Ptolemy, Copernicus, and Newton." The concluding paper, by G. B. Wilson, '94, is perhaps the most readable in the number. This paper treats of "The Fall of the English Monasteries." Mr. Wilson sketches the development of early Christian Monasticism, and quotes freely from Gasquet and Froude in depicting monastical life as viewed by partial historians. The suppression of the monasteries is entered into in full, while the necessity of this suppression is maintained by the writer.