

OUR MAIL BAG.

To the Editor of THE EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY :

DEAR SIR,—I sent you a postal card a few weeks ago to stop your magazine to my address.

The last number was such an excellent one it has encouraged me to continue.

I shall remit the amount through the Teachers' Association. Yours &c.

W—, Ont., Feb. 17th., 1893.

The Editor of THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY :

DEAR SIR,—I must say I consider THE CANADA EDUCATIONAL MONTHLY head and shoulders above every educational paper that was ever published in Canada, and it reflects very high honor on the writers and on the critical and editorial judgment of the Editor. I know of no such valuable papers on educational subjects in any publication with which I have been acquainted during a period of more than half a century.

Under present management I have no fear for its continued success. Yours Sincerely,
Feb. 18th, 1893.

CANADIAN MAGAZINES.

Canada Educational Monthly.—We are especially struck with the singular fitness of the contents of the December number of this journal. Our views of education lean towards no more orthodox tuition. In our opinion much of the instruction now considered essential is absolutely fruitless in the pupil's after life in the wide world, when by common instinct the human family struggles by preference for material advantage. This is evidently the opinion of the *Canada Educational Monthly*. In its columns we observe a judicious prominence of that which we may term commercial education. The student of geography, grammar or history, the ecclesiastic, theologian, and scholar may each and all find here his favorite theme and choice erudition, but the youthful nation's material future, the more economic aspects

of Canada's natural life are likewise literally discussed. We are especially pleased at this, Canada, like all youth, requires to be pointed to improvement; no condition capable of improvement may be safely ignored, and the grave danger of drifting from diligence into the stultifying condition of orthodoxy must be averted at any cost. That the circumstances which surround the waterways of the North West should be so lengthily discussed in the periodical before us is a significant sign. If these routes, inclusive of Hudson Bay, are appropriated to the use of the nation in the manner indicated, Canada must go ahead by leaps and bounds, and unwisely remain a laggard if their invaluable facilities are neglected or condemned by the selfishness of railways and other vested interests to inaction. We repeat that we are struck with the singular fitness of the number now before us, and we commend the publication to all those who, with us, recognize in Canada the future home of the great democracy of the British Isles.—*The Financial Standard and Imperial Post, London, (Eng.) January 28, 1893.*

GOOD-NIGHT.

Good-night. Good-night. Ah, good the
night
That wraps thee in its silver light.
Good-night. No night is good for me
That does not hold a thought of thee.
Good-night.

Good-night. Be every night as sweet
As that which made our love complete,
Till that last night when death shall be
One brief "Good-night," for thee and me.
Good-night.

S. Weir Mitchell.

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