

An appendix to the report, on the influence of the weather on mortality, by Mr. Thos. Monk, of the Meteorological department, forms a valuable addition. It is largely the duty and work of sanitary science to counteract the influences of the weather on the public health. It is not yet possible to produce copious artificial showers to wash and purify the air and give rise to ozone, nature's great disinfectant, and thus prevent the great rise in the death-rate in such dry months as was August of 1876, but it is quite possible, and would prove highly profitable, to clean the city thoroughly and remove the soil and hot-beds for the development, growth, and spread of disease germs during such weather. It might be possible, too, by proper habits, care of the skin, suitable clothing etc., to counteract the effects on the nervous system of the cool, humid weather in March.

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This admirable periodical certainly does not lose in character by its frequent change of publishers. As a National Magazine it deserves liberal support, while its high character should command the same. In the May number we get five chapters of 'The Monks of Thelema,' by the now pretty well-known authors, Walter Besant and James Rice. We hope this will prove as good a story as 'Such a good Man,' in previous numbers, by the same authors; which was interesting, instructive, and life-like, and not sensational or too long. 'Home,' a poem, containing much true poetry, in the May number, is exceedingly good, and one wishes to know who H. M., Toronto, is. There are interesting and instructive articles on 'Sleep and Dreaming,' 'Communism,' 'Buddhism and Christianity,' and other subjects. Maple Leaf, of Montreal, furnishes a very good and pretty story, with a most unromantic uninviting name, 'Lazy Dick.' As we have before said, the thoroughly independent criticisms on 'Current Events,' especially as relates to Canadian political matters, are most refreshing, and somewhat reassuring as regards Canadian politicians, and are highly valuable in a national sense. The Review department seems of late more extensive, and adds much to the value of the Magazine. If we might be permitted to suggest anything which we think might improve the Monthly, we would say a few good illustrations would make it more attractive, in this picture age. They would be quite consonant with the somewhat miscellaneous character of its matter.

THE JUNE NUMBER OF THE MONTHLY reaches us before we go to press and seems in every respect equal to its predecessors.

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We do not receive this magazine very regularly, and have not a late number, but those we have received are highly creditable to the publishers. It holds a different position in literature from that occupied by the Monthly, above noticed,—cultivates a different field, and all who can afford to do so, could not do better we believe than take both magazines.