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EDITORIAL CHAT

OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER comes to you in seasonable array, with a wealth of good things for your table. In the first place, we have two Christmas stories by Canadian writers which should prove a pleasing dish of fiction. "A Wedding Witness," by A. Gertrude Jackson, tells of an averted tragedy, and "The True Spirit of Christmas," by a New Brunswick contributor, Kate H. Miles, is a bright picture of two young Canadians who found their best Christmas joy in helping others to be happy. Then there is a charming story by Nellie E. McClung, the author of "Sowing Seeds in Danny" and "The Second Chance."

We are sure that when you read "The Flight of Philip's Pigeons" your heart will be filled with sympathy for the small hero, who found the ways of his feathered pets so trying. Mrs. McClung has a delightful gift in representing the trials and joys of the youngsters, and you will all probably be anxious to hear more about Philip. Then there is an English story, by Annie Tibbits, about a young man who found the course of true love proverbially unsmooth; and there are our serials, which are unwinding their plots in a dramatic fashion which ought to keep you interested. There is Jennie Allen Moore's talk, "Around the Hearth," which comes with special cheer and comfort when the Yule-log is blazing—and there is some good advice in "The Month Before Christmas," and the directions as to the manufacture of Christmas toys. Embroidered trays are among the latest fashions in gifts; any housewife would be glad of such an addition to her dining-room or reception-room equipment—and our Christmas number tells you how to make them. Our musical editor gives some excellent advice on the matter of Christmas programmes, and assures you of attention paid to any correspondence you wish to send.

THE YOUNGER READERS are well looked after in this number, and will, no doubt, take as much interest as ever in the Rebus competition, which has always proved such a popular feature. There is a Christmas puzzle, also, which will give our Juniors an opportunity to exercise their ingenuity. The letters in the recent competition regarding a summer holiday have been entertaining and creditable, and we should like to have given a prize to each young correspondent. We hope you will all take an interest in the new competition, "A Winter Adven-

ture," and send us letters which will tell of our Lady of the Snows.

FOR NEXT YEAR we have stories and articles already promised which will make the CANADIAN HOME JOURNAL an eagerly-welcomed visitor. We have a delightfully romantic story of old-fashioned days, by Percy James Brebner, who wrote the novels, "Princess Maritza" and "The Brown Mask." The January number will contain, among other fiction, "The Path of Gold," a story by Ethel Kirk, a young Canadian who is winning a place for herself in journalism. There is not a week that we do not receive

letters of inquiry as to ways in which women may earn their own living. Now, it is generally admitted that, if a woman is not presiding over a home of her own, it is better for her to be providing for herself than to be dependent on others. We intend to publish a series of articles on women who have made a success of certain occupations or professions. These articles will be thoroughly practical and will deal with actual cases of accomplishment. The first is published in the current issue, and tells of "The Lady of Dainty Lunches," who has seen a forty-cent cake grow into an extensive enterprise. There is nothing more stimulating to one's own efforts than to hear of someone to whom industry and perseverance have brought success. This is a wonderful age of opportunity for the woman who is not afraid of working and waiting. And there is no country which offers a finer reward to pluck and endeavor than does our own Dominion. So, these anxious correspondents may find some answer to their questions in the articles we propose to publish. Teaching and needlework used to be the only occupations open to woman; now, there is hardly a field, from ranching to architecture, which women have not entered. An article in a future number will deal with the success of women in poultry-raising, and others will show how financial success has been attained in various walks of business. The series of articles on a nurse's career will be published during 1912, and will give a practical idea of what equipment is necessary for this calling. The work of the Women's Institutes was never so flourishing as at present, and the report of the Annual Convention will be found in our January number. The Institute Department has proved one of the most attractive in the JOURNAL. We regret we cannot publish all papers.

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