

eye-glasses and the height of the collars met with by Mr. Woodville in English society, are truly striking, but if Canadians are not past being astonished by artistic ignorance we have what will astonish them in his picture of "Christmas in Canada - Going to Church." A pretty woman with a tart in shawl over her head, and carrying a babe and a pair of snow-shoes, walks through a thickly wooded mountain gorge beside a man got up in the toggery of a lord returned from the Rocky Mountains, with gun, belt, and mighty hunting knife, all complete, and the inevitable snow-hoes on his back. The snow has just fallen heavily, witness the boughs laden with it, but the path seems to be quite good, as the snow-shoes are not in use. Although the village is near, there is evidently a great suspicion of prowling Indians and wolves. The editor of the *News*, who has perhaps some modern information with regard to Canada explains in letter press that this is Canada in the old time—what olden time is not said. But the picture itself goes abroad without any such explanation to show what lives we live in the backwoods. — *Montreal Witness*.

FROZEN KINDNESS.

The world is full of kindness that never was spoken, and that is not much better than no kindness at all. The fuel in the stove makes the room warm, but there are great piles of fallen trees lying on rocks and on tops of hills where nobody can get them; these do not make anybody warm. You might freeze to death for want of wood in plain sight of these fallen trees if you had no means of getting the wood home, and making a fire of it. Just so in a family, love is what makes the parents and children, the brothers and sisters happy. But if they take care never to say a word about it; if they keep it a profound secret as if it were a crime, they will not be much happier than if there was not any love among them; the house will seem cold even in summer, and if you live there you will envy the dog when any one calls him poor fellow.

A REMARKABLE MOSAIC.

A remarkable mosaic has just been discovered at Nimes. It contains more than 150 square feet, and represents a Roman emperor seated on a throne, besides which stands a female figure. There are also two figures of men, one of them leading a lion, and the other a wild bear. A warrior with a Roman helmet completes the group. The work has escaped injury, and the lines and colors are said to be as fresh as though they dated from yesterday. "It is declared by competent judges," says the *St. James Gazette*, "to be the richest mosaic yet discovered, no museum in Europe possessing one to match it. As for its value, they decline to name a definite sum, though they express the opinion that it cannot be worth less than a million of francs at the lowest. The unfortunate owner of the house in which this treasure has been discovered had just sold the property to the municipality for less than £2,600. This body will frame the mosaic and place it in the museum of the town, already so rich in local relics of the Roman period." — *New York Tribune*.

"The worst thing about India," says a gentleman who has just returned from there, "is the nuisance of numerous servants. Why, when I was at Begglywallah I had four servants to look after my pipe alone!" "Four servants to attend to your pipe?" "Yes. The first one brought it to me, the second filled it, third lit it. "And the fourth?" "Oh, he smoked it! I never could abide tobacco in any form, you know!"

Question Drawer.

M. C. sends the following:—

I. The hands of a clock move irregularly, the hour hand moving 5% too fast, the minute hand 10% too slow. In 15 minutes true time they will be together. How many minute spaces measured on the face of the clock are they apart now?

II. A mortgage for \$1,000, paying 7% per annum, payable yearly, has two years to run. What should a Loan Society give for the mortgage that it may receive 8% on its investment, if all moneys received by the society are loaned out at 8%.

ANSWER TO QUESTION IN SCHOOL JOURNAL, OF FEBRUARY 5, 1885.

1. The difference between the true time and the supposed time being 5 minutes less than an hour, the hour hand, which indicates the minutes in supposed time must be 5 minute divisions ahead of the minute hand. The hour hand is between I and II. When it was at II, the minute hand was 10 minute divisions behind, therefore, it has gained 5 (10-5) minute divisions on the hour hand since 2 o'clock. As the minute hand moves 12 times as fast as the hour hand, it gains 11 minute divisions in 12 minutes or 1 in $1\frac{1}{11}$ minutes. It gains 5 in $5\frac{5}{11}$ minutes + 5 = $5\frac{10}{11}$ minutes. ∴ the time is $5\frac{10}{11}$ minutes past two, and there can be no other answer.

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Guelph, Feb. 9, 1885.

Teachers' Associations.

PETERBORO. — The Convention of the Teachers of the County of Peterboro' met in the town of Peterboro', on the 5th inst. The attendance of teachers was large. J. C. Brown, Esq., Inspector of schools for the county, occupied the chair. An informal meeting was held in the morning of the first day, the chief point under discussion being the best method of appropriating the funds on hand. It was at length agreed that a part should be used towards payment of teachers' subscriptions to some good school journal, the Association paying one-half the price, and the individual teachers the other half of subscription price.

Mr. J. H. Long, read an elaborate paper on Phonography, speaking strongly of the importance of the subject, and advocating its claim to a place on the Public School Curriculum.

Mr. Hutchison read a paper on Elementary Arithmetic, and Mr. H. Kay Coleman, Head Master of the Peterboro' Public Schools, gave an able address on the subject of "Entrance Literature." Mr. Coleman explained that as there is at present no book of notes on the twelve extracts prescribed for the July Entrance Examinations, four of the leading teachers of Peterboro' had agreed to prepare notes, each on three of the extracts, and thus help each other along. The benefits of this excellent plan will be extended to others, as Mr. Coleman, Head Master of the Public School, and Mr. J. E. McIlennoye, Head Master of the Separate School of Peterboro', have kindly consented to edit notes on the twelve lessons for publication in the columns of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL. These will be of great service to the Public School Teachers not only of Peterboro' County, but all over the Province, and will cost them nothing, provided they all are, as they should be, subscribers to the JOURNAL.

Mr. McIlennoye gave some excellent advice on "How to Teach Writing in the Public Schools of Ontario." His suggestions and illustrations were to the point, and well received.

Dr. McLellan was present, and gave several lectures before the Convention. He was received with enthusiasm, and his talks to the teachers were thoroughly appreciated.

Literary Review.

The Canadian Pocket Diary, published by Brown Brothers, Toronto, is a most convenient affair, neatly and substantially bound. It is the business man's *Trade mecum*.

Harpur's Young People, for February 10th, contains amongst other matters of interest to the little folks, a full page illustration of whale fishing off Long Island.

The Queen of Hearts. A Dramatic Fantasia, by J. G. B. Boston, Ginn, Heath & Co. This little work will be a pleasing addition to the "Diversions for students." Mailing prices 22 cents. C. Clarkson, 35 Haseltin Street Toronto.