

LIVING WIRROCK WALK.—"Heigho! half a glood a poor man last night, who had been toiling all day in the melting snow for the matter of seven shillings; 'I wish I were able to live without work!' Just as a living without work would be as near as synonyme for dying as one could find in Crabbe. Just as if you were not laboring, and time were not of deeds but years. Just as if a man could be alive all over without work—work of some kind, for hands, or brain, or heart. There's many a man 'dead at the top' like a bird for stroke and only for want of a breath or two of life among the branches. There's many a man today, drifting like seaweed with the waves who, has'n't enough 'to hold on' anywhere; who doesn't ask with the selfish. Work makes the heart beat and the fire of the heart beats, the more one lives in one year or ten, and the better he enjoys it. Some people deem labor vulgar. Unluckily they are right. Everybody, or everybody's father, has been compelled some day or other to do something, provided they did not steal, and it will continue to be so, probably, until the young members of the old garden-r's family get back into the old h. instead of pa. advise. If you have nothing to do for yourself there are plenty of people who will help and are willing to pay for it in heart felt benedictions, as long as they live—an article by the way, that many a millionaire cannot number among his goods and chattels.

## Reviews, &c.

### VALUABLE PERIODICAL PUBLICATIONS.

1 *The Illustrated Magazine of Art.* 2 *The Popular Educator.* 3 *The Historical Educator.* 4 *Cassell's Natural History.* New York: Alexander Montgomery. Toronto: A. H. Armour & Co.

The above, we believe, are essentially British productions, from the press of Mr. John Cassells, of London, who has lately been distinguished for bringing out Educational publications of a high and original character, printed and illustrated in the best style of art, at uncommonly low prices. These works are by no means mere compilations; writers of high character in the different walks of literature and science are engaged upon them, and being expressly prepared to meet the wants of the masses, they are equally suited to the family and superior classes of schools, and are specially adapted to such as desire correct and general acquaintance with subjects of literary and scientific interest, and who have to prosecute their studies without the aid of the living teacher. Several British publishers, we are glad to observe, have established agencies in Boston and New York for the sale of their works, which are frequently offered at a considerable reduction from the prices at which they sell in England. The above works are published in monthly parts, at the very low price of a quarter of a dollar, except the "Popular Educator," which is only seven pence half penny each number. Mr. Armour, of this city, is the agent in Upper Canada, for the sale of these and other useful and attractive works of the same publishers.

"The Magazine of Art," consisting of upwards of seventy pages, royal octavo, profusely illustrated, is without doubt unrivalled for cheapness, when the excellence of its engravings, and the quality of its matter are considered. Such a monthly visitor to a family cannot fail to refine the taste and add largely to the stock of information and rational enjoyment of its different members.

"The Popular Educator" contains in each number agreeable and systematic instruction in several departments of human knowledge, such as Language and Grammar, Geography, Geology, Botany, Arithmetic and Geometry, Physiology, Music, Biography, Political Economy, &c., all well illustrated where necessary. We have availed ourselves of information for the *Agriculturist* from this excellent publication.

"The Historical Educator," judging from the first number that has been issued gives promise of an entertaining and instructive work. Writers of well known talent are engaged upon it. The first article consists of the introduction to the History of Geography, including travels and discoveries by land and sea, from the earliest times. Mary Howitt commences the History of America; E. L. Godkin, the Geography and History of Greece; and the Rev. Dr. Beard, the History of English Literature. This number contains a map of Greece, and twenty-six other illustrations.

Of the "Natural History" we can only say that both as regards arrangements, clearness and attractiveness of style, paper and printing, and the numerous and beautifully executed wood-cuts of the feathered tribes, of a description of which the first seven parts consists, the work is richly deserving, what it has already obtained, a lasting popularity and a wide circulation.

THE ANGLO AMERICAN MAGAZINE, Toronto: Maclear & Co.

In obedience to a common law, evinced by our agriculture and commerce, this highly creditable miscellany, which is of indigenous growth, keeps steadily improving. In its letter-press and illustrations it usually contains much that is locally interesting to Canadians, while its contents generally abound in information of a useful and permanent character. The present number contains the continuation of the History of the War between England and the United States, impartially and lucidly written; with a review of Abbott's life of Bonaparte showing the dark as well as the light side of the picture, and the usual amount of other articles, original and selected. There is a very interesting article on the North West Passage, accompanied by an engraved map; likewise a characteristic cut of a scene on Lake Seugog, an excellent engraving of the proposed new General Hospital, in Toronto,