

Literature and Art.

The Editor will be pleased to receive Canadian items of interest for this column.

Mr. John W. Ransone, a clever protean actor, is amusing the patrons of the Royal this week in a piece new to our stage, entitled, "Across the Atlantic." As a comedian Mr. Ransone resembles Mr. Emmet, with whom he is favorably compared by the Chicago critics. He displays great versatility, assuming half a dozen characters in the course of the play. Matinee, Saturday afternoon.

"Flapdoodle," the humorous work announced in these columns some time ago, is now in the hands of the public, and proves that Canada has at least one satirical writer of decided power. The brochure purports to be "a political encyclopaedia and manual for public men," and from cover to cover abounds in happy hits at the foibles of our statesmen. Get a copy from your bookseller and enjoy the witty feast.

What about this public library for Toronto? Brethren of the press, don't let the question drop! Our City Council never had a more sensible proposition before them, and we cannot allow the stupidity of the machine to thwart the efforts of the few enlightened members of the civic board. A public library would indeed fill a want long felt in this city, and a tithe of the money annually spent foolishly by the civic authorities would suffice to give us one.

The Mount Forest Advocate recently uttered the grand truth that common sense and patriotism should be put before partyism by our legislators, and Gurr approvingly quoted the words. The Advocate now steps to the front and apologizes for its too hasty utterances—at least it says that it was "speaking generally," and had no idea that the principle would apply to the late Syndicate affair in Parliament. Oh, Gordon, Gordon! it's hard to play the party organ!

The comic being is a boon, moreover, because an unlimited source of entertainment. There is scarcely anything better for the health of a man or a nation than a hearty laugh. It is good in times of war and in times of peace. The English nation is a healthy one, and Punch has been an important factor in the national diet. Long live, too, our Canadian Gurr! The man who makes a whole people laugh should be remembered by his country. Our comic cartoonists, when their arms are used in a good cause, exercise a most wholesome influence, and frequently have done excellent service when oratory and journalism seemed stricken powerless.—The Argosy (Mount Allison Academy), Sackville, N. B.

We have a high regard for our fellow citizen Hanlan, and would like to join in the ceremonies of welcome to him to-night (Friday, 4th March,) but really, Edward, you must excuse us. We can drop over anytime and feast our eyes on your manly form, but it is only once in a great while that we have a chance of hearing the wonderful violinist, Schenck, and Henry Appy's brilliant Philharmonic Orchestra from Rochester. They are to give a grand concert at the Garden's Pavilion, to-night, and we can't afford to miss the treat. To add to the wealth of musical bounty they bring, they have the Apollo Quintette with them, and if the Pavilion is not crowded with a thoroughly delighted audience, it will only be because Toronto cannot appreciate a good thing musically. And anybody who says that libels the Queen City.

While it takes a warm oven to make a nice cake, it requires a very cold atmosphere to make a cake of ice. Funny, isn't it?—Yonkers Statesman.

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March 4th, 1881.

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Full particulars as to quality of the Oil and the description of Vessel required can be obtained on application to the undersigned.

WM. SMITH,  
Deputy of the Minister of Marine & Fisheries.  
Department of Marine & Fisheries,  
Ottawa, 21st February, 1881. 5-3-81

UNIVERSITY OF LONDON.

FIRST AND SECOND B. A. EXAMINATIONS.

Intending candidates are reminded that their names and addresses, accompanied by certificates of good conduct, must be sent in to the Department of the Provincial Secretary for the first B.A. Examination on or before the 31st of May, 1881, and for the second B.A. Examination on or before the 31st of August, 1881.

The first B.A. Examination will be held on Monday, the 18th July, 1881; and the second B.A. Examination will be held on Monday, the 24th October, 1881.

Copies of the list of subjects in which candidates will be examined for the years 1881 and 1882, respectively, can be obtained on application to the Department.

The University authorities have intimated that the regulation for Degrees in Law are at present under revision, but copies of the revised regulations are shortly expected, and due notice of their receipt will be given to intending candidates in the usual way.

ARTHUR S. HARDY,  
Provincial Secretary,  
Provincial Secretary's Office, Toronto, 18th Feb., 1881.  
12-3-81.

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SPECIAL NOTICE:—Our Music Editor, "Sharp Sixth," will furnish critiques of music publications sent in for review, and also critically notice public performances of high class music. Tickets for concerts, or communications for review, must be addressed "Sharp Sixth," care Grip Office.

Mrs. Manning, a sister of the late Thomas Carlyle, is a resident of Canada.

Mr. Ed. Farrar has left the Mail staff to take an editorial position on the New York World.

A grand concert, in aid of St. Nicholas Home, is being gotten up for the evening of St. Patrick's day. Further particulars hereafter.

Victor Hugo has shown his kind heart by sending a thousand francs to the needy amnestied Communists. "The new year ought to be begun," he said, "by doing something for those who suffer."

An autograph of Hawthorne's sold in Baltimore the other day for \$3.75. One of Webster's brought \$1.50; one of Henry Clay's, \$1.05; one of Jefferson Davis' the same; and \$1.20 was paid for one of George Bancroft's.

The March number of Scribner fully sustains the character of that periodical, and in saying this we speak in the superlative degree. No cultured individual can feel his "environments" entirely satisfactory if he is without Scribner.

Abraham Lincoln, in a letter written December 11, 1864, said:—"You say you are praying for the war to end. So am I, but I want it to end right. God alone knows how anxious I am to see these rivers of blood cease to flow; but they must flow until treason hides its head."

Our exchange file is graced by the addition of "Quiz," the society journal of Philadelphia, a neat sixteen-page fortnightly publication, edited by Miss Florence I. Duncan. It contains, amongst other good things, a gossipy Ottawa letter telling all about the movements of Canadian upstartdom.

Edwin Booth, when not on the stage, is a great smoker. But he never drinks any alcoholic liquors. Tea is his only stimulant. He never attends late dinners or suppers, and never has an "out." After acting he is very much depressed and likes to lie abed to recuperate during much of the next day.

A correspondent of the World takes Dr. Talmage to task for having used an old anecdote in his recent lecture, palming it off as a new one. The old story of Baron Rothechild and the Communist, was applied to John Jacob Astor. The correspondent thinks this is getting applause under false pretences, and he is just about right.

The new journal Freaks is winning a golden measure of success, and may now be regarded as having come to stay. Its cartoons are admirable in design and execution; its articles crisp, spicy, and pointed; its "Uncle Ben" letters a pronounced hit; and its opinion the reflex of stalwart Republicanism. It well deserves its prosperity.—Item.

"Fritz" Emmet has run against a snag in New York, and his persistent gaze upon the wine when it is red has plunged him into a suit at law that will somewhat deplete his plethoric purse. Manager Biddell claims that he has suffered \$11,000 damages by having a disappointed audience on his hands, and asks the court to award him that amount.

We must refer to the most valued exchange on our list, the inimitable Gurr, published by Ben-gough Bros., Toronto. We never knew a paper whose sentiments were so much ours and whose tone we liked so well as Gurr. It is a paper one does not like to read until he is comfortably settled and has time to digest its humorous satire and trenchant criticism of public events. Our affection for Gurr is great.—Queen's College Journal.