

We feel sure that our readers will be interested in "Montcalm and French Canada." Though written, of course, from a French standpoint, the narrative is a lively and instructive one, in the main true to facts.

Our February number will contain contributions from Archibald Lampman, James Hannay, J. Macdonald Oxley, H. L. Spencer and others. One or two of these would have appeared in this number, if we had not felt it necessary to get it out some weeks ahead of time.

The readiness with which the best writers in our country have responded to our requests for help augurs well for our success from a literary point of view. All our best writers are patriotic, and, when you appeal to them for Canada's sake, they cannot refuse.

For the young people (and the old too, if they wish) we begin in this number a series of "Questions in Canadian History." The first to send us correct answers to them all each month will receive a poetical or other work in Canadian literature, and his name will be announced in the next number.

A LARGE number of sample copies of this issue will be distributed. We hope that every one will bring us a subscriber, if not several. Sample copies will not be sent to the same persons a second time. If you wish to receive the February number, send us your subscription.

We have received from E. G. Nelson & Co. a copy of Mr. Nelson's already popular song, "My Own Canadian Home", and, with his permission, will give the words of it in our next number. We have received from the same firm a new song with a patriotic ring to it, entitled "Up with the Union Jack," words and music both by Mr. Nelson.

We give our readers 12 pp. this month. We purpose issuing larger numbers for Dominion Day and Christmas. Give us 10,000 subscribers, and we will give you 16 pages every month without raising the subscription price.

### LITERARY NOTES.

MR. W. W. CAMPBELL has a poem in *The Atlantic* for December, entitled "Pan the Fallen".

A VOLUME of verse is to appear shortly from Mr. George Murray's gifted pen. The title will be "Legends and Lyrics".

MESSENGERS HART & COMPANY, of Toronto, announce as in press, "Pine, Rose and Fleur de Lis," a volume of verse, by "Seraurus".

*The Dominion Illustrated* is giving us something of very great interest and lasting value in its series of papers on "Historic Canada".

To *Harper's Magazine*, for November, Lascadio Hearn contributes "A Winter Journey to Japan" by way of the Canada Pacific Railway.

THE *Independent* gives high praise to Mr. Duncan Campbell Scott's poem, "The Reed Player", in the Christmas number of *Scribner's Magazine*. It says: "It was reserved for the editors of *Scribner's Magazine* to produce the best poem of the month".

BEFORE the Spring we shall be looking with interest for another volume of verse from Prof. Roberts' pen, "Songs of the Common Day", to be published in London.

MR. JAMES HANNAY, of *The Evening Gazette*, St. John, is at work upon "The Life and Times of Sir Leonard Tilley". This must prove a valuable addition to our historical literature.

ONE of the most attractive features of *Progress*, Saint John, is the "Notes on Canadian Literature", by "Pastor Felix" (Rev. A. J. Lockhart). Mr. Lockhart will be a regular contributor to CANADA.

MR. J. MACDONALD OXLEY, of Ottawa, one of the most promising of the younger generation of Canadian writers, equally at home in story, history and essay, has been lecturing in Toronto on "Hawthorne, the Prose Poet of Puritanism".

THE names of Charles G. D. Roberts, Archibald Lampman, Bliss Carman, W. W. Campbell, D. C. Scott, Charles Lugin, J. Macdonald Oxley, and others, appear so often in the great American magazines that we hear many asking, Is there not capital, enterprise and public spirit in the Dominion to give more general employment to our own writers at home?

AT the first Annual Concert and Reunion of the Sons and Daughters of the Maritime Provinces resident in New England, held in Tremont Temple, Boston, on the 26th of November, Professor Roberts gave an address on "The Maritime Provinces in Literature", and Dr. O. S. C. Wallace followed, on "Love for and Pride in our Native Provinces".

SO far as we know, Montreal is the only city which has a "Society of Canadian Literature". Mr. George Murray, F.R.S.C., is its President; Mr. George Martin, Vice-President, and Mr. W. D. Lighthall, 2nd Vice-President. The first meeting of this season was held on the 13th of November in the rooms of the Natural History Society, and selections were read from Mr. Murray's forthcoming book, "Legends and Lyrics".

### QUESTIONS IN CANADIAN HISTORY.

1. What two French seamen explored the Gulf of Saint Lawrence in the first part of the sixteenth century?
2. What event is commemorated in the name, Gulf of Saint Lawrence?
3. What were the Indian names of Montreal and Quebec?
4. What is the origin of the name—Canada?
5. When Jacques Cartier visited Canada the second time, how far up did he explore the Saint Lawrence River?
6. What Indian chief did he carry back with him to France?
7. How many voyages did Cartier make to Canada?
8. To what seaport town in France did he belong?

### A NOVEL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The publishers of THE YOUTH'S COMPANION have sent us a handsome Souvenir with the announcements of authors and articles for the next year's volume. It has seven illuminated pages, one for each day in the week, very quaint in style, the whole forming a "Book of Days," and each page illustrating a line of the old rhyme:

"Monday for Health,  
Tuesday for Wealth,  
Wednesday the best day of all;  
Thursday for Losses,  
Friday for Crosses,  
Saturday No Luck at all;  
Sunday the Day that is Best  
Heavenly with Peace and Rest."

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