

complimentary references have recently been made in English journals to *The Bystander* and *The Canadian Monthly*, while the present magazine has had the honour of having frequent selections from its pages reproduced in English Educational contemporaries. Similar compliments have been made of late to our literary men. Two instances, we may cite, have in the past week come to our notice, in the shape of letters from prominent authors in England one from Mr. Herbert Spencer to Mr. W. D. LeSueur, B.A., of Ottawa, warmly eulogizing that writer's article in a recent number of *The Canadian Monthly*, on "Mr. Spencer and his Critics;" and the other from Mr. Matthew Arnold to the Rev. C. Pelham Mulvany, M.A., of Toronto, commending in high terms the latter gentleman's contribution to our pages, in the volume for last year, on "Virgil for English Students." Canadian literary work, we see, will not fail of recognition, when it deserves it.

WE would direct the attention of teachers to the announcement in our advertising pages of the completion of Dr. Ross' "Illustrated Globe Encyclopædia," issued in Edinburgh, in twelve compact quarto volumes, and containing a perfect library of information, of well-attested accuracy, on almost every topic likely to engage the attention of the profession. We speak from an extended experience of books of this character, and with no indifferent idea of what is wanted in a repertory of "universal information," and can conscientiously say that the "Globe Encyclopædia" will be found to give the most ample satisfaction to any one investing the price of the work in its purchase. To those who want an intelligent and skilful condensation of the lore of the age on most subjects of general reference, and upon which one can rely for accuracy in the statement of fact, as well as for brevity and lucidity of expression, we can confidently commend Dr. Ross' generous volumes. The work will prove itself a mine of intellectual wealth to every student of its pages, and there should be few School Libraries in the coun-

try without a copy within handy and inviting reach of every worker in the schoolroom.

WE have already commended in these pages *The Boy's Own Paper*, a serial publication re issued in Canada by Mr. Warwick of Toronto, from the English plates brought out by the Religious Tract Society of London. We have now from the same source an admirable companion to that monthly, entitled *The Girl's Own Paper*, containing a variety of wholesome and attractive reading matter, interspersed with excellent illustrations for the young-ladyhood of the time. The new applicant for popular favour should meet with it in abundant measure, as it supplies just that kind and character of recreative reading for young girls, which parents and guardians can safely and, we may add, profitably, place in their hands.

ONE of the most fitting of Mr. Gladstone's recent appointments has seated Mr. Mundella, the Liberal member for Sheffield, in the Vice-Presidency of the Committee of Council on Education—practically the head of the English Education Department. Mr. Mundella is an ardent advocate of compulsory education, and has ever taken a most lively and intelligent interest in all that pertains to the welfare, and the social and intellectual advancement of the working classes in England.

WE are in receipt of the Annual Reports, to the Municipal Councils of their respective districts, of Mr. R. Little, Public School Inspector, of Halton, and of Mr. Slack, Public School Inspector, of Perth, both of which contain interesting information respecting the educational status of their Inspectorates, and attest faithful labour in the sphere of their duty.

MR. JOHN KING, M.A., of Berlin; Mr. Samuel Woods, M.A., of Kingston; and Mr. A. F. Campbell, of Toronto, are the representatives recently elected to the Senate of Toronto University by the graduates of the Institution.