

Literary Notes.

THE Christmas *Dominion Illustrated* ought certainly to make us proud of Canadian skill and enterprise. The supplements are very fine. The photogravure of the Universities of Canada is worthy of framing and hanging up in our homes. The number itself is a wonder of beauty. Its forty pages are filled with stories, poems and articles by our best writers. The best of all is, it is Canadian throughout. Prof. Roberts, Mr. LeMoine, Miss Machar, Mr. Lampman and "Pastor Felix," all of whom the readers of CANADA have learned to know, help to make this beautiful Christmas number what it is. We understand that the *Dominion Illustrated* will cease publication in its present form at the end of the year, and out of its ashes will appear the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly*, a 64 page octavo magazine, at \$1.50 a year. We wish the new magazine much success.

We are informed that a new magazine will be started in Halifax in January, to be called the *Nova Scotia Magazine*. We are pleased to see these signs of a literary and patriotic awakening in the Dominion. CANADA, the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly* and the *Nova Scotia Magazine* will be different in character, each will cultivate its own field, and there will be plenty of room for them all; they will help instead of hindering each other.

Current Literature for December is worthy of the reputation of this youthful king of eclectics. The readings are: "My Friend Vespa," from "The House of Martha," by Frank R. Stockton; "Defiling the Sanctuary," from "The Witch of Prague," by Marion Crawford; and "The Christian's Kiss," from "Judith Trachtenburg," by Karl Emil Franzos. The famous chapter from a famous book is, "The Chariot Race at Antioch," from "Ben-Hur," by Lew Wallace. Besides the above there are twenty-two departments, every one of them full and creamy. We know of nothing that will occupy a leisure half hour so pleasantly as a number of *Current Literature*.

THE December *Review of Reviews* contains 144 pages and nearly a hundred portraits of men and women of to-day. After dipping into it *ad libitum* one has a pleasant consciousness that he is a citizen of the world. This is very largely a woman's number. The women have a doughty champion in Mr. Stead. If he were to have his way they would have the shell of sovereignty as well as the kernel. The price of the *Review of Reviews* until the first of January is \$2.00; then it will be raised to \$2.50. Our subscribers who send us \$2.50 before January 1st, will receive both the *Review of Reviews* and CANADA for one year.

The "Random Recollections of Joseph Howe and His Times," in *Progress*, of St. John, are well written and of great interest. The writer is "Historicus," of Fredericton.

Both the Halifax *Herald* and St. John *Sun* are coming out as eight-page dailies.

Mr. J. Macdonald Oxley, lately of the Marine Department, and one of our leading writers in Canada, has accepted the position of superintendent of agencies for the Sun Life Insurance Company in Eastern Ontario.

Mr. W. H. Hillis of the *Writer and Author*, has in preparation a Biographical Dictionary of Authors, in which all the authors of Canada are to appear.



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