

Remus to know this? Probably the author and her publishers will answer that her work was not meant to be a Cyclopedia of Indian literature, and that, had it been such, it would have lost all its charm and popularity. To this we assent, with the demurrer that another title might have been chosen to designate more truthfully a really charming volume of cultivated taste and learned research.

PERIODICALS.

The November Writer discusses schemes for schools of journalism and has papers amusing and interesting to literary workers and others.

Book Chat has its customary notices and selections in the November number, and the Notes, short notices and other departments are well filled.

Portraits of Mrs. F. A. Steel and Mr. Frederick Weckmore will be found in the November Bookman as well as prints of the Keats houses in Hampstead and the ruins of the old Brontë cottage. The literary features of the Bookman are as usual attractive, and excellent.

University Extension for October and November contains much useful information as to the movement whose name it bears. A few popular articles would invite a wider circulation, and with that wider patronage a greater impulse to the demand for the work it is designed to further would be given.

Storiettes for November has the unfortunate complement of thirteen short stories. No doubt readers will only think of the number in reading stories which are not of especial interest to them. Conan Doyle, Edgar Fawcett, "The Duchess," W. E. Norris and Joseph Halton are some of the contributors to this number.

Electrical Engineering for November has a timely paper advocating an adaptation of electricity, of absorbing interest by which that dread scourge fire can be made self-revealing through rise of temperature at its source. This number presents De Land's most useful index as a supplement, including 56 sheets under separate cover.

November Poet-Lore, besides a notice of antiquarian interest of Walter Map, the first English essayist, has a brief article on Caliban as presented by Shakespeare and by Browning. We incline to accept the writer's idea that Browning has taken the great dramatist's creation, and supplied the subjective side of that weird character. Shakespeare's Caliban was for the stage, Browning's picture for the study.

Lovers of the weed will take no comfort from the Journal of Hygiene for the month. Its testimony is not favorable to its use. Some smokers ought to read, mark and learn from such words as these: "It is to be regretted that they are so obvious to all but their own comfort, that stricter rules are not enforced to prohibit the practice in public places and mixed assemblies." There are also gentlemen smokers who are not gentlemen.

The Westminster for November is an average number, but no article appears to demand special notice unless it be that on "Cruel Sports." We confess to unqualified sympathy with the sentiment that "All sport, in so far as it implies the destruction of sentient beings for the purpose of mere amusement must be condemned as quite incompatible with any civilized ethic"; our only wonder is that Christian ethics does not more seriously make this manifest.

The Contemporary has an article sympathetic with the miners on the great strike, characterizing the struggle as "the awakening of the working class to self-consciousness and deliberate common purpose." We can but express the hope that the Christianity which the Christ brought into the world may so permeate all classes that individualism may realize the solidarity of our social life, and that society will learn that its perfection consists in the well being of each and every individual.

Other papers in this number we would specially indicate are "Christianity and Mohammedanism," and "The Problem of the Family in the United States."

The Nineteenth Century opens with an article on "England and France in Asia," in which some very serious questions are raised as to the immediate future of the Indian Empire, a subject too weighty to be more than noticed here. "Chats with Jane Clermont," who figured somewhat in Lord Byron's fitful history and Shelley's erratic life, has interest for those who would understand those wayward poets, and has the merit of being information at first hand. The reader of Prof. St. George Mivart's comparison of Christianity and Roman Paganism will most likely rise from its perusal with the impression, if not conviction, that an amount of baptized paganism still is called by the name of the prophet of Nazareth. Mr. Swinburne has an appreciative criticism on Victor Hugo's "Toute la Lyre," in this number.

Blackwood for November closes with an article of special interest to Canadians—"The Fur Seal and the Award." Bearing testimony to the integrity of the commission and the importance of the arbitration precedent, the writer points out that the question of preserving the seal is yet unsettled, for under other flags than those of the contracting parties the catching may be practically unlimited, unless indeed the other powers consent to the same terms, which is a question of the uncertain future. Nor from a zoological standpoint are questions as to the habits of the seal and the proper hunting season by any means made sure. The writer too seems just in concluding that while Britain gained her points on the international question raised, the United States have not lost material advantages. Another article on line fisheries or beam-trawlers shows the growing national importance of fishing grounds.

The Idler for the month is good. The article on Father Ignatius is instructive. We give a short extract therefrom as the Father's account of his own bias when the child was father of the man:—"I was, even as a child, of a very religious turn of mind. When I was ever so little, if a Quaker passed the window, my mother used to call me to see him, because I was so fond of them on account of the stand they seemed to me to make against the world for religion's sake. I was educated for the Church at the Scotch Theological College of Glenalmond. It was at my first curacy at St. James', Plymouth, where I met Dr. Pusey and Miss Sellon, the lady who first restored the monastic life for women in the Church of England, that I determined in 1861 to embrace the life of a monk." And thus the Middle Ages finds reproduction in the Anglican Church. Two other papers in this number will be widely read: The sketch of George Meredith by Anne Wakeman Lathrop, and John Strange Winter's story of her first book.

That able controversialist Mr. W. D. Le Sueur crosses swords with John S. Ewart, Q.C., on "State Education and 'Isms,'" in the November number of The Canadian Magazine. W. Sanford Evans has a hopeful paper on "The Canadian Club Movement," and Miss Machar a strong lyric entitled "Thermopylae," dedicated to the Canadian National League.

"A fairer Canada is ours than that young Daulac knew,
And wider realms are ours to hold than Champlain wandered through;
'Tis ours to wage a nobler war than that of fire and steel—
Subtler the foes that threaten now our country's peace and weal."

Professor L. E. Hornung treats us to a somewhat ambitious paper on the rugged and powerful Anglo-Saxon epic "Beowulf," to which he gives the title "The English Homer." Mr. Ogilvie's graphic paper in the series "Down the Yukon" conducts the reader of the adventurous narrative to Fort McPherson. There are other interesting features in this number of our popular and successful magazine.

All who take an interest in the great strike of the English coal miners, and are ready to

condemn, at least as fools, the quarter of a million of able-bodied men who with their families have endured untold hardships in the struggle, should read in the November fortnightly what they have to say; the coal barons are not all in the right, and the question will yet be pressed as to how far not only public wealth, but public necessities, such as the coal products certainly are, shall be in the future subject to the suicidal competition of the business world of to-day. These labour questions are likely to affect the stability (ought we to write in-stability) of Mr. Gladstone's government, for in this same number is what in reality is a manifesto from the Fabian Society, recounting the many shortcomings of the Government in the matter of the Newcastle programme under which Mr. Morley's election at least was finally won. English artisans care little for Home Rule, only to get it out of the way, but they are clamouring for legislation nearer home, and it will go ill at the polls with the G.O.M. if in some decided manner their cry is not heard. "X" draws a sad picture of "The Ireland of To-day," and severely handles the railway companies as largely responsible for the decline in Ireland's industries; and reasonably so, if as alleged "a barrel of flour can be brought from Chicago, 1,000 miles by rail, and 3,000 by water, and landed in Liverpool for less money than it costs to bring it from Londonderry to Manchester—and a little over twice as much to bring a barrel of fish from Sacramento, Cal., to London, as it does to bring one from Galway to London?"

LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

The Rev. John Burton, M.A., B.D., an able and thoughtful contributor to our columns, will receive the sympathy of our readers in his sad bereavement: the death of his wife on the 19th inst.

The Christmas number of Scribner's will contain a novelty in magazine illustration—a form of sixteen pages of beautiful half-tone pictures printed with a tint, illustrating the delicate material of the sculptures of the Robbias.

The visit of Mr. W. T. Stead, the well-known London journalist, to Toronto has been a subject of interest to many of our people. The Review of Reviews, founded by Mr. Stead, has attained great success, and the mammoth journal, which he is projecting, will no doubt, guided as it will be by a spirit so energetic, enterprising and progressive, achieve equal if not greater success.

The D. Lothrop Company's announcements for the present season comprise books of the most attractive characters for young or old, illustrated and otherwise, and adapted to suit tastes in great variety. Especially are the little ones well provided for, and what with "Nursery Stories and Rhymes," "Mother Goose" editions, "Rhymes, Chimes and Jingles" and "Wide Awake" Annuals, etc., many a little child-heart will be made merry by these good publishers.

The Cassell Publishing Company was sold at auction on Friday, Oct. 27th, the purchasers being The Cassell Publishing Co. The new concern consists of some of the stockholders of the old company, with others. The Company will continue to be the sole agents of Cassell & Co. (Ltd.), of London. Among the first publications of The Cassell Publishing Co. will be the "Life and Later Speeches of Chauncey M. Depew," and a new novel by Sarah Grand, author of "The Heavenly Twins."

William Briggs has in hand the manuscript copy of a revised and enlarged edition of "The Birds of Ontario," by Thomas McIlwraith, of Hamilton. The author claims the work to be "a concise account of every species of bird known to have been found in Ontario, with a description of the nests and eggs." The first edition of this work, published in Hamilton, passed out of print, and the repeated enquiries for it led the enterprising house above