

She sprang to the portal and shouted, "I
'Tis better a girl than a man should die!
My loss would be but the garrison's gain.
Unbar the gate!" said Elizabeth Zane.

The powder was sixty yards away,
Around her the foemen in ambush lay;
As she darted from shelter they gazed with awe,
Then wildly shouted, "A squaw! a squaw!"
She never answered to the left or right,
Swift as an antelope's was her flight.
"Quick! Open the door!" she cried, amain,
"For a hope forlorn! 'Tis Elizabeth Zane!"

Nor had she time to waver or wait,
Back she must go ere it be too late;
She snatched from the table its cloth in haste
And knotted it deftly about her waist,
Then filled it with powder—never, I ween,
Had powder so lovely a magazine;
Then, scornful the bullets, a deadly rain,
Like a startled fawn, fled Elizabeth Zane.

She gained the fort with her precious freight;
Strong hands fastened the oaken gate;
Brave men's eyes were sufficed with tears
That had there been strangers for many years.
From flint-lock rifles again were sped
'Gainst the skulking redskins a storm of lead,
And the war-whoop sounded that day in vain,
Thanks to the deed of Elizabeth Zane.

Talk not to me of Paul Revere,
A man, on horseback, with naught to fear;
Nor of old John Burns, with his bell-crowned hat—
He'd an army to back him, so what of that?
Here's to the heroine, plump and brown,
Who ran the gauntlet in Wheeling town!
Her's is a record without a stain,—
Beautiful, buxom, Elizabeth Zane.

—John S. Adams, in *Letter-box, St. Nicholas* for July.

Literary Chit-Chat.

The November *Century*, the initial number of a new volume, is particularly strong in fiction, containing three short stories and parts of two serials. It contains another instalment of Grant's historical papers, accompanied with full-page portrait of the author, and many other articles of interest, in prose and verse.

St. Nicholas for November is the first number of a new volume and contains, in addition to numerous other attractions in print and picture, the opening chapters of a new story by Frances Hodgson Burnett, the now famous at home of "That Lass o' Lowries"; also the first instalment of a series of "New Bits of Talk for Young Folks," written especially for *St. Nicholas* by Helen Jackson. (H. H.)

Dr. Edward Everett Hale, of Boston, is an omnivorous worker. In addition to all his multifarious duties as preacher, pastor, lecturer, writer, student and practical philanthropist, he has accepted office as one of the Chautauqua Commissioners, and is about to edit a new monthly magazine, entitled, "Lend a Hand."

Funk & Wagnall's (New York), announce amongst their numerous fall publications, the third volume of Spence and Exell's *Thirty Thousand Thoughts*—to be completed in seven volumes.

Canon Farrar recently addressed 300 students of the Union Theological Seminary, New York, upon "Manhood."

The *Christian Union* announces in its Literary Notes that "Justin McCarthy has written a novel, 'Camiola.' Who made the discovery?"

John B. Alden has published the *Essays of Charles Lamb*, "Essays of Elia," in a neat volume, uniform with his recent publications.

Dr. Holmes' "New Portfolio," now running as a serial in the *Atlantic Monthly*, will shortly be issued by Houghton, Mifflin and Co., under the title, "A Moral Antipathy."

The first number of Vol. XIII. of *Queen's College Journal* comes to us in an enlarged and attractive shape. The *Journal* is a credit to the taste and enterprise of the students of Queen's.

The poet, Browning, has contributed a short and characteristic poem to the new English campaign book, "Why am I a Liberal?"

In an eminently readable article on the "Novel of Manners," in the *Nineteenth Century* for October [Philadelphia Reprint], H. D. Traill emphasizes the distinction between the two great schools of novelists, the students of nature and the students of manners. He recalls many long-forgotten stories, and pays a high tribute to the minute delicacy with which Howells and James describe the subtlest shades of the feelings of their characters. —*The Week*.

The following are the titles of the most important poems in the forthcoming new volume of Tennyson:—"Tiresias," with a dedicatory epistle to the late Mr. Edward Fitzgerald; "The Ancient Mystic"; "The Wreck"; "To-morrow," a poem in Irish brogue; "The Spinster's Sweet-arts," in Lincolnshire dialect; and "Balm and Balm," a new "Idyl of the King."

We hear that a box of MSS. of some historical value has been discovered in the stables of Belvoir Castle, the seat of the Duke of Rutland. The box containing these treasures seems to have been placed in the stables about sixty years ago, and to have been entirely overlooked. Among the letters are some from Warwick the King-maker, and it is reported that the collection contains a letter from Henry II. The papers have, unfortunately, suffered from damp and neglect, and are in bad condition. An expert is engaged in deciphering them, and we shall probably in due course hear something more of this interesting find. —*Athenaeum*.

Teachers' Association.

LAMBTON. —The regular yearly meeting of this association was held in the Presbyterian school-room, Sarnia, on Thursday and Friday, 15th and 16th October. There was a large attendance from all parts of the county, and the convention was in every respect a decided success, the subjects on the programme being ably dealt with, and the discussions which followed of a lively and interesting character. The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m., Mr. John Brehner, P.S.I., president, in the chair. Mr. C. A. Barnes opened the meeting by reading a portion of Scripture and by prayer. The following committees were then appointed:—On "Class Limits," Messrs. McDonald, Graham, Telfer, McAlpine, Howell, Robinson, Beaton, and Wynne; to draft resolutions of sympathy with relatives and friends of deceased teachers, Messrs. White, Wark, and Sinclair; to report on holding union meetings and to nominate officers, Messrs. White, Boal, Graham, Wark, Beaton, and Howell; to audit treasurer's accounts for East Lambton, Messrs. Robillard and Roger; for West Lambton, Messrs. Woodworth and Robinson. The chairman called on T. H. McGillivray, B.A., for a lesson on "Writing." Mr. McGillivray described in concise yet descriptive manner the details of teaching this important subject. After describing the drill requisite to a writing exercise, he proceeded to deal with the details of teaching the elements of writing himself. First he would have a blackboard printed with six horizontal lines about two and a half inches apart and about six feet in length. This is called the "staff." He would then have lines painted to mark the angle or slant of the writing and placed at the left end, the upper line marking 52 degrees and the lower 30 degrees. All down strokes must be parallel and at an angle of 52 degrees, and all up strokes or connecting lines are usually 30 degrees, but this angle is not absolutely invariable. Mr. McGillivray's remarks were much appreciated by the association.

At the afternoon session Mr. J. J. Tilley, Model School Inspector and Director of Teachers' Institutes, was called on to discuss "Composition." James Brehner read a carefully prepared essay on "What books to read and how to read them." The Rev. John Thompson gave a short address on the same subject. The committee on union meetings and election of officers, being called upon, brought in the following report: That the committee were unanimously in favor of at least one union meeting each year, and beg leave to nominate as officers of the Association: C. A. Barnes, P.S.I., president; John Brehner, P.S.I., vice-president; J. R. Brown, secretary treasurer and librarian for East Lambton; John Johnston, reporter for the press and librarian for West Lambton. The President, Vice President, Messrs. T. White, A. McDonald, D. Sinclair, R. Boal, T. Henderson, J. Beveridge, Wm. Sinclair, W. Robertson, R. McWhorter, W. S. Howell, Management Committee. Report adopted. The Rev. Mr. Tibb, being present, was called upon for an address, which he delivered. Moved by Mr. Wm. Sinclair, seconded by Mr. T. White, that one-third of the cost of any of the school magazines published in Ontario be supplied from the funds of the Association to