

ficance in comparison with" the Yenisei, "while the poor little Thames would be but as a small muddy brook even when compared with one of the least important tributaries of this great stream, in which the "sea" is sometimes as heavy as during a "Sou' Wester" in the English Channel. For a distance of 4,000 miles from the sea, it averages about 10 miles in width, while 200 miles up, for nearly 100 miles, it is over 60 miles in width. The usual large number of excellent illustrations, including some fine pictures—"Nina," "A Slovak village Maiden" and "A Fortune Teller"—have been given during the past few weeks.

THE DOMINION ILLUSTRATED, for the year 1891, offers a literary bill of fare that should make it as popular as it is excellent. It is essentially a high-class journal with new and striking literary features and is rapidly growing in public favor. The publishers have decided to distribute during the next six months over \$3,000 in prizes for answers to questions, the material for which will be found in current numbers of the journal. The first prize is \$750 in gold, and there are 99 others. On receipt of 12 cents in stamps the publishers (The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal) will send to any address a sample copy of the journal and all particulars.

ON MARCH the 2nd the Methodists throughout the world will celebrate the centennial of the death of John Wesley, and those in Canada will also celebrate the centennial of the introduction of Methodism into this country. The METHODIST MAGAZINE contributes its share to this celebration by a special Centennial Number, enlarged to 112 pages, now ready, February 15. Among its articles are, "Footprints of Wesley," with many engravings; "Last Days of Wesley," with portrait; "Mother of the Wesleys," by Dr. Potts, with portrait; "Methodism in the Eighteenth Century;" with many other illustrated articles. January, February and March numbers, including centennial articles by Dr. Douglas, Dr. Stafford, Wm. Arthur, the Editor and other writers,—324 pages and nearly 100 fine engravings, mailed free for 50 cents. William Briggs, Toronto, Publisher.

THE SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN, published by Munn & Co., New York, during forty-five years, is, beyond all question, the leading paper relating to science, mechanics and inventions published on this continent. Each weekly issue

presents the latest scientific topics in an interesting and reliable manner, accompanied with engravings prepared expressly to demonstrate the subjects. The Scientific American is invaluable to every person desiring to keep pace with the inventions and discoveries of the day.

ONE OF SEVERAL valuable articles announced for the March Popular Science Monthly is an explanation of Dr. Koch's Method of treating Consumption, by Dr. C. A. Heron, a London physician, and a friend of the discoverer. The Supposed Tendencies to Socialism is the title of the article that will open the March number. It is by Prof. William Graham, of Belfast, who gives his reasons for expecting a progressive improvement in the state of society, but no sudden social transformation.

THE FIRST original article by Count Tolstoi that has ever been published in an American magazine, it is said, appears in the February issue of The Cosmopolitan, with a number of interesting photographic reproductions, one of them being a picture of Tolstoi guiding a plow in his Russian fields. Brander Matthews appears with his first article upon some Latterday Humorists. Ex-Postmaster General James gives an article upon the Welsh in the United States, liberally illustrated by portraits of prominent men of Welsh extraction. This is an excellent high class magazine at a low price, only \$2.40 a year, or 25 cents a number (Cosmopolitan Publishing Co., Madison Square, N.Y.).

A VERY successful tableau-entertainment was recently given in New York, the subjects being taken from illustrations in the current magazines. The idea is a simple one, and if the subjects are well chosen it can be made very interesting. The Century Company has prepared a list of suitable pictures with suggestions for any one who wishes to get up the entertainment. They will send it free on request.

THE University Medical Magazine (Philadelphia Pa.) proposes a new department and will contain a summary of the progress of medicine abstracted from the most important foreign journals as well as the progress of medical sciences in this country. The eminent gentlemen who edit the several sections will select from abstracts first made by assistant. This will make it a very valuable publication.