

AS OTHERS SEE US.

THE FAVORITE.—A writer who delights in paradoxes, and in the enunciation of ideas which invariably shock at first, and as invariably convince when pondered over, says that a trashy, or even immoral literature, is preferable to no literature of a higher kind, because, we suppose, though the writer does not condescend to give any reason for his opinion, the worthless creates a desire which it cannot satisfy. Well, we have had *quantum suf.* of literature of this kind, and we hope that the stage has been reached in which magazines and larger works better worth perusal will be appreciated and liberally sustained—we do not say patronized, holding that the writer and the publisher are the patrons of the reader, not *vice versa*. One of the boldest and most promising tests of public taste is the issue by Mr. G. E. Desbarats of the new illustrated periodical named above. If it should fail to obtain very soon a larger circulation than anything of the kind has yet gained in Canada, we shall be much surprised. It will be evident that literature of a lower type, has, on the theory of the writer quoted, something yet to do, and the sooner it does its work and disappears the better. Under the able editorship of Mr. Phillips, however, there can be little fear that the serial will speedily become in fact as well as in name *The Favorite*. The programme of stories is large and attractive, and the opening numbers are most satisfactory. We wish *The Favorite* all success.—*Montreal Herald*.

THE FAVORITE.—The specimen number of this new candidate for public favor, (issued as a Christmas present) is now before us, and we have no hesitation in saying that if continued in the same excellent style and taste it cannot fail of securing a permanent place in Canadian literature. It is published by the proprietor of the *Canadian Illustrated News* and its object is to develop native talent. The original articles are entertaining and the selections faultless in character. We wish it a decided success, and honestly think that if continued on the principles laid down for its management, it will richly deserve it.—*Brampton Times*.

THE FAVORITE is purely a Canadian literary paper, and has among its contributors, some of the most popular writers in the country.—*Observer, Cowansville*.

We direct attention to the Prospectus of a new Canadian Literary Paper—*The Favorite*—to be published in Montreal by G. E. Desbarats. It is to be Canadian in its whole management, and printed on Canadian paper with Canadian type. "Encourage home manufacture."—*Times, Picton, Ont.*

THE FAVORITE is the title of a new illustrated literary paper, issued in Montreal from the publishing house of Mr. Geo. E. Desbarats, the enterprising proprietor of the *Canadian Illustrated News*, and other popular periodicals. *The Favorite*—we are told in the prospectus—"is a thoroughly Canadian publication, owned by a Canadian, edited by a Canadian, printed by Canadians, with Canadian type, on Canadian paper, devoted to Canadian interests, and publishing principally Canadian stories;" and, we may add—judging from the specimen number before us,—eclipsing all outside competitors on this side of the Atlantic, in the character of its reading matter, the artistic merit of its illustrations, and in the style of its mechanical execution generally. *The Favorite* is the largest and cheapest literary paper published on this continent; each number consists of sixty-four columns of good reading matter, equal to three thousand three hundred and twenty-eight columns in the course of a year, and this is furnished at the low rate of \$2 per annum. Liberal inducements are held out to clubs. It is in all respects a first class family newspaper, a credit alike to the publisher and to the publishing enterprise of the Dominion, and richly merits a wide circulation. We cordially recommend *The Favorite* to the patronage of Nova Scotians, and the reading public generally.—*British Colonist, N. S.*

THE FAVORITE.—This is the title of a new weekly illustrated family journal, of sixteen pages, just issued by Mr. Desbarats, Montreal, publisher of the *Illustrated News*, the initial number of which we have received. It is sold at five cents a number, or \$2 a year. From the specimen before us, if continued in the same style, we predict for it a successful career. The publisher should be liberally supported in this, his latest effort, to produce a first-class literary and family paper, one every way creditable to Canadian journalism. Our Dominion has made rapid strides in the introduction of a superior class of pure and healthy literary journals within the past few years, many of them much more preferable than those imported weekly from the United States.—*London Evening Herald*.

Judging from the specimen number forwarded to us, the *Favorite* will be a desirable addition to our table. It is, we are pleased to see, thoroughly Canadian. Several of our celebrated writers, including Mrs. J. V. Noel, are contributors to its pages. The price is only \$2, and Geo. E. Desbarats, Montreal, is the publisher.—*Daily News, Kingston*.

THE FAVORITE is the title of a new weekly paper, devoted to literature, and intended to be made especially acceptable to Canadians. It is a purely Canadian venture—it is owned by a Canadian, edited by a Canadian, printed by Canadians, with Canadian type, on Canadian paper, and devoted to Canadian interests. Its publisher, Mr. Geo. E. Desbarats,

declares that it is backed by ample capital, and could be run for years without a subscriber, if it was so willed. But its projector does not expect to be required to fall back thus on his own means. He will aim to make the paper acceptable to the reading public, and hopes to receive a support that will also make it profitable. *The Favorite*, a sample number of which is before us, is pronounced the largest and cheapest literary paper published on this Continent, and it may also fairly be claimed that it is one of the handsomest; it consists of 64 columns of good reading matter, or 3,328 columns in the course of a year, which would be equal to about 30 ordinary novels which would cost at least \$15, and this amount of reading matter is offered for \$2 per annum. *The Favorite* will be conducted strictly as a family paper, and nothing that can in any way prove hurtful to the young and pure will be permitted in its columns. English and American tales, when used, will be produced in the columns of *The Favorite* simultaneously with their appearance in England or the United States, arrangements having been made to secure advance sheets. We wish the publisher the success which he so widely deserves.—*Daily News, St. John, N. B.*

THE FAVORITE is the name of a new and beautiful magazine issued by Geo. E. Desbarats, publisher of the *Canadian Illustrated News*, etc. It is a small quarto size, got up in a most beautiful wrapper, and will be issued in monthly parts as well as in weekly numbers. The array of talent engaged in it, chiefly Canadian, is of the very first order, and the design of the publisher is to create a Canadian literary paper, on a pure and healthy tone, which will be a credit to the country. He has ample means of doing so, and will be sure to succeed. It will be well if the *Favorite* takes the place of some of the noxious literature of the day. On sale at all the bookstores.—*Telegraph, St. John, N. B.*

We have received the Christmas sample number of *The Favorite*, a new paper to begin with the new year. It is designed to be a thoroughly Canadian paper, and under the careful supervision of Mr. Desbarats, the enterprising publisher, cannot fail to prove a credit to Canadian literature.—*Oakville Argus*

We have received the Christmas number of *The Favorite*, a new family paper published by George E. Desbarats, of Montreal, at \$2 per annum, and the sample copy before us well bears out the title selected. We have no hesitation in saying that if the publisher carries out his programme, this weekly periodical will be a decided favorite. It is owned and "edited by a Canadian, printed by a Canadian, with Canadian type, on Canadian paper, devoted to Canadian interests and publishing principally Canadian stories." The publisher aims to make it a first-class family paper, and promises to pay the highest price for the best written articles, (if he only does this he may expect to get supplied, and his readers will reap the benefit.) The first number, will contain the commencement of three or four first class Canadian stories. We wish the enterprising publisher every success, and beg our readers to subscribe for the *Favorite*, and encourage home talent and home enterprise.—*Pontiac Advance*.

We have received a specimen copy of a new weekly paper called *The Favorite*, published by Mr. George E. Desbarats. The new candidate for public patronage is, in shape and got-up, somewhat similar to *Bow Bells*; it contains sixteen pages of well-selected and varied reading matter, has several illustrations, and an elaborate cover. The list of contributors is large, and a note-worthy feature is the desire of the publisher to encourage Canadian literature. Altogether *The Favorite* is a very creditable production, and deserves well of the Dominion.—*Sherbrooke Gazette*.

By this mail we have received a copy of *The Favorite*, a new weekly literary paper, published by Geo. E. Desbarats, Montreal. It is very nicely printed, in quite a handy form, and we have no doubt will be a welcome visitor to many a home in this country. Only two dollars per annum.—*Public Ledger, St. John's Nfld.*

It is purely Canadian, and while it is cheaper than American publications of the same class, it contains stories of greater interest to Canadians, from the fact that the scenes are mostly laid in Canada. Price, \$2 a year.—*Cowansville Observer*.

The second number of Desbarats' new publication, *The Favorite*, which is taking such a hold upon our Canadian population, is at hand, and a glance shows that it is as meritorious as its predecessor, the Christmas number. It is a sixteen-page weekly publication, and gives the latest and newest stories, and all for five cents. Surely such an enterprise deserves to prosper. Being a Canadian publication, it is fitting that Canadians should support it, but a look at it will convince anyone that it has higher claims than that.—*Advertiser, London, Ont.*

We have to acknowledge the receipt per mail of the Christmas, or sample number of a new Canadian publication, entitled *The Favorite*, published by Mr. Geo. E. Desbarats, of Montreal. *The Favorite* is a neat 16 page-quarto magazine, elegantly got up, replete with quite a variety of excellent reading matter, original tales, poetry, &c., and embellished with some neat engravings, making altogether a very interesting and instructive family paper. We wish the new periodical every success.—*Courier, St. John's Nfld.*

THE FAVORITE, a new Canadian weekly illustrated magazine of 16 pages, at \$2 per annum,

has just been issued by Mr. Geo. E. Desbarats, the enterprising Montreal publisher. This sample number is really a splendid one, and *The Favorite* will be a great credit to Canadian literature.—*Examiner, Mount Forrest*.

THE FAVORITE.—We would desire to draw the attention of our readers to this new illustrated periodical, published by Mr. Desbarats, of Montreal. *The Favorite* is issued in weekly numbers of 16 pages at 5 cents, and in monthly parts of 64 or 80 pages, in a handsome cover, at 20 cents. Subscribers at \$2 will be served with the weekly issue for one year, unless they specify that they prefer the monthly.—*Ottawa Daily News*.

THE FAVORITE is the name of a new Canadian illustrated weekly published in Montreal, by Mr. Geo. E. Desbarats, the enterprising proprietor of the *Canadian Illustrated News*. It is a sixteen-page quarto with a handsome lithographed title, and contains a large number of original and selected stories and other light reading. It is slightly sensational in style, but this, we presume will not be an objection with the majority of readers.—*St. John's News, Q.*

THE FAVORITE, a new illustrated 16-page literary paper, published by Geo. E. Desbarats, Montreal, proprietor of the *Canadian Illustrated News*, at the low rate of \$2 per year. The enterprise of the publisher, and the standard of excellence to which he has raised the *News*, are sufficient guarantees that he will make *The Favorite* a popular periodical.—*Eastern Chronicle, New Glasgow, N.S.*

THE FAVORITE is the name of a new literary paper published in Montreal, by Geo. E. Desbarats, Esq., the celebrated Canadian publisher. *The Favorite* promises well, and we shall be most happy to welcome our new exchange to the literary field.—*Mayflower, Halifax*.

With the commencement of the year a new and beautiful paper has made its appearance. It is called *The Favorite*, and is published in Montreal, by Geo. E. Desbarats, at the same office from which issues the *Illustrated News*, now so popular and so welcome to those who receive it. *The Favorite* is a weekly journal, really a splendid one, beautifully illustrated, and will indeed be a favorite with the Canadian people as soon as its merits are known.—*Paisley Advocate*.

It is a thoroughly Canadian paper, well and attractively got up.—*Orillia Expositor*.

THE FAVORITE.—The second number of Desbarats' new publication, *The Favorite*, which is taking such a hold upon our Canadian population, is at hand, and a glance shows that it is as meritorious as its predecessor, the Christmas Number. It is a sixteen-page weekly publication, and gives the latest and newest stories, and all for five cents. Surely such an enterprise deserves to prosper. Being a Canadian publication, it is fitting that Canadians should support it, but a look at it will convince anyone that it has higher claims than that.—*Cayuga Advocate*.

THE FAVORITE is really a useful, and must be a welcome periodical in the homes of Canada. The stories are well written, by Canadian authors, and are free from the detestable and debasing characters of similar newspaper literature published in the United States. The most chaste and virtuous maiden may read *The Favorite* without any danger to morality or virtue.—*Toronto Leader*.

THE FAVORITE.—No. 2 of this already popular illustrated weekly is for sale at the bookstores. The second number is an improvement on the first, and we are glad to see that it is fast becoming a favorite with the public.—*London Herald*.

THE FAVORITE.—This new illustrated periodical continues to meet with public favor. It has now reached its fourth number, and continues to improve with age. It is a purely Canadian publication, superior to many of the trashy periodicals that find their way into this country from the United States, and should therefore be liberally supported by a Canadian public. It can be obtained at any of the bookstores.—*London Herald*.

THE FAVORITE is the name of a new candidate for public favor, published by Geo. E. Desbarats, Montreal. The paper is published weekly, full of stories, and is worthy of extensive patronage.—*Ours Illustrated, Feb., Providence, R. I.*

THE FAVORITE is said to be the best and cheapest paper in Canada. Its publisher, Mr. Geo. E. Desbarats, of Montreal, has done more in the past for Canadian periodical literature, than any other man in the country, and we hope to see this new Canadian weekly liberally supported by all who take an interest in Canadian enterprise. From the numbers we have seen, the tone of the periodical is healthy.—*Barrie Advance, Jan. 30, 1873.*

WILL SHE LEAVE HIM?—We have a poetic production from one of the craft. It is entitled, "The Printer's Love." It commences:—

"And will my loved one leave me thus?"

We cannot say. She may or she may not. Much depends upon the personal attractions, circumstances, or habits of the poet. If he writes such poetry as this, we should say that she could leave him at once. We are equally puzzled about the "thus." She may leave him thus, and again she may leave him in a scratch condition, or minus his hair. Or if the "thus" refers to her manner of going, we may suggest that there are several ways by which she might leave him. She could walk, or ride, or hire a wheelbarrow. On the whole, we would rather not have such questions.

SCIENTIFIC AND USEFUL.

The library of the British Museum is said to contain at the present time more than 800,000 volumes.

As many as 112 daily newspapers are now published in the United Kingdom. Of these: London sends forth 14; the Provinces, 64; Ireland, 20; Scotland, 11; Wales, 2; Channel Islands, 1.

The Maories of New Zealand are said to be fast dying out. In 1842 they were supposed to number about 114,000; in 1850, 70,000; in 1858, 55,700; in 1866, 45,000; in the year just ended they were reckoned at considerably below 40,000.

AGES OF TREES.—How vast are the periods of life allotted to long-lived trees may be judged from the following list of ages known to have been reached by patriarchs of the respective kinds named:—Cereals, 300 years; elm 335; ivy, 450; maple, 516; larch, 578; orange, 630; cypress, 800; olive, 800; walnut, 900; Oriental plane, 1,000; lime, 1,100; spruce, 1,200; oak, 1,500; cedar, 2,000; Schubertia, 3,000; yew, 3,200.

ETHER AS AN ANÆSTHETIC.—The editor of the *American Quarterly Journal of Medical Science*, after summarizing some of the more important communications which have recently appeared in our columns (*British Medical Journal*) on this subject, says: "It will be seen that a decided reaction has at last taken place in England in favor of ether as an anæsthetic. It is surprising that so many surgeons should have thus long obstinately persisted in preferring the use of chloroform, notwithstanding the numerous deaths which have followed its use, and the strong array of evidence which has been adduced, in this journal and elsewhere, of the superior safety of ether."

ECHOES IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS.—The *American Railway Times* describes a novel method which has been adopted to prevent the recurrence of an echo in the new court-house at Bloomington. A Mr. Carlock suggested that the stretching of small wires at a proper height and at suitable distances would be of great benefit. This was tried, and the effect proved to be a vast improvement. The theory is, that the wires (so small as to be hardly visible) break the sound-waves and prevent the reverberation, hitherto the chief obstacle and annoyance. Three or four wires only, crossing the room, were found sufficient to effect this wonderful change.

AKAZGA, THE AFRICAN ORDEAL POISON.—A French chemist has made some experiments with the poison *akazga*—received from West Africa in bundles of long, slender, crooked stems, and used there as an ordeal—and finds it to resemble nux vomica in its physiological effects. He has separated from it a new crystalline alkaloid, closely resembling strychnine, but differing from it in being precipitated by alkaline bicarbonates. A suspected wizard is made to drink an infusion of the bark, and then to walk over small sticks of the plant; if guilty, he stumbles, and tries to step over the sticks as if they were logs, finally falling in convulsions, when he is beaten to death by clubs; if innocent, the kidneys act freely, and the poison is supposed to be thus eliminated.

POISONOUS COLORING MATTERS.—Dr. Hirt has recently called attention, the *British Medical Journal* says, to the increasing use of poisonous coloring matters in trade, especially those containing arsenic and lead. He had visited, in Breslau, the establishments of confectioners, gingerbread-makers, stationers, toy-dealers, hair-dressers, colored paper makers, and flower-makers, and had arrived at the following results. He detected arsenic in the coloring matters used for painting over sugar-plums, and also in the green paper employed for wrapping articles of food, for covering toys, and for lampshades. Arsenic was also found in the paints in children's paint-boxes. Lead was found in the coloring matter of articles of food, in colored papers used for wrapping substances of food, and the covering of toys, as well as in children's paints and in wafers and hair-dyes. The danger incurred, especially by children, in consequence of the use of lead colors in papers used for packing, Dr. Hirt stated to be very great. A brick-colored paper, containing red lead, is very extensively used for packing chocolate-tablets and bonbons; and Dr. Meusel found each sheet to contain about 28 grains of lead, representing about 29 grains of oxide or 51 grains of sugar of lead. Each sheet is sufficient for packing sixteen chocolate-tablets or from thirty-two to thirty-six bonbons; consequently, with each tablet there are 3 grains of sugar of lead, and with each bonbon 1½ grain. It is not necessary that the children should lick the paper to produce poisoning; for the sugar used in bonbons has a tendency to unite with the lead and form a saccharate, and thus to render soluble the perhaps otherwise insoluble lead-compounds. The boxes containing the chocolate-tablets and bonbons are often damp, and the wrapping-paper soft and pervious to moisture; and there can be no doubt that the materials contained in the papers must come into contact with the lead and become impregnated with the poison. Dr. Hirt remarked that various orders of government that passed during the last fifty years were in force, and were sufficient, if carried out, to prevent the use of such materials as those which he referred to; but they were not sufficiently known, and were only in force in the district of Breslau—the town itself being apparently exempt.