

ing on the 28th ultimo, instalments are given of two stories, from *Good Words* and *Chambers's Journal* respectively. The *Fortnightly*, *Blackwood's*, and the *Edinburgh* are also laid under contribution, while "Lines on an Old Song" from *Macmillan's*, and a shorter poem from the *Spectator* help to make up a valuable number.

It is no inconsiderable evidence of the immortality of Shakespeare's writings, that in the year 1883, *Shakesperiana* should have been inaugurated. It is a bi-monthly, published in London by Trübner & Co., and in Philadelphia by the Leonard Scott Publishing Co. Articles on "Shakespearian Criticism on the Continent," "Shakespeare's and Greek Tragedy," "The Bible and the Elizabethan Poets," are features of the February number, while a "Contributors' Table," "Notes and Queries," "The Drama," and "Shakespearian Societies," are a pleasant contrast to these.

THE attention of our readers is directed to the letter which appears in the March number of the Magazine, from "Head Master, Ontario." What is therein so briefly described has been carried out by him in the school room for years without a note of disapproval, and surely to the highest gain of the scholars. The recital of his work and success gave us pleasure last summer, and now, at our request, he has written a brief and plain narrative of his mode of work in this part of school duty for the encouragement and imitation of fellow-workers.

AMONG our professional contemporaries none holds a higher place than the *Educational Times* and the *Schoolmaster* (London, England). The Mathematical Department of the former is an important one, but not more so than the Reports of the Lectures, Essays and Discussions of the College of Preceptors, which are of the greatest value, and from which our readers will remember seeing selections in these pages. Independent, outspoken and practical, the latter, being the organ of the National Union of Ele-

mentary Teachers, is in the very front rank of educational publications of its class.

THE *Current* of March 7 is an excellent issue, containing contributions to suit any taste. This weekly is conducted with great energy and is always readable. In the present issue is a pathetic Scotch story entitled "The Two Sisters." It tells of two old Scotch women, who, though occupying to the end the same room, for twenty years never spoke to one another, having disagreed on a theological question growing out of so trivial matter as the kicking of a cat. Their ultimate reconciliation is brought about at last under circumstances of a most tragic nature. The picture drawn by the writer is remarkably perfect as a delineation of character.

HIGHER EDUCATION FOR WOMEN.—The Corporation of McGill University has received a further benefaction from the Hon. D. A. Smith, for the purpose of providing for separate classes for women, in the special course in the Faculty of Arts, up to the final examinations. The effect of this additional donation will be to raise the entire endowment to \$120,000, which will bear the name of the "Donald Smith" endowment. It was decided to make known the general nature of the arrangements proposed in the forthcoming calendar, for the information of intending student. The British Association gold Medal will be offered for competition in the graduating class in mining engineering for the present session.

APROPOS of the enquiries by a Hamilton correspondent, referred to elsewhere, we take the opportunity of announcing that it is the intention of the Management to insert sketches from time to time of those authors whose works are specially prescribed for study in connection with the subject of English literature, by the Education Department or the Senate of the University of Toronto. One of these papers is already in the hands of our readers, and one on "Macaulay," by an eminent Canadian literary man, will shortly appear.