

TO OUR READERS.

1. Matters connected with the literary management of *THE MONTHLY* should be addressed to The Editor, P. O. Box 2675. Subscriptions and communications of a business nature should go to The Treasurer, Mr. Samuel McAllister, 52 Maitland Street, Toronto.

2. The Magazine will be published not later than the 20th of each month. Parties desiring a change in their address will please send both the old and the new address to Mr. McAllister not later than the 15th of the month. Subscribers failing to receive the magazine after the 15th of each month, should communicate at once with him.

3. The Editor will be glad to receive whole and college news, notices of meetings, and concise accounts of conventions.

4. Correspondence on all questions relating to education is solicited. No notice will be taken of anonymous communications.

5. Subscription, \$1.50 per annum, post paid. Club rates—Five copies per year at \$1.25 each; ten copies at \$1; twenty copies at 85 cents, net, post paid. Send money by registered letter or P.O. order. Be careful as to the address. Letters intended for us sometimes go elsewhere, and are not recovered without delay and annoyance.

6. The publishers are desirous of obtaining copies of *THE MONTHLY* for the years 1872 and 1880. Any one returning the vols. of these years may obtain complete vols. of 1882 and 1883, bound in paper. Parties having copies of 1879 and 1880, or portions of them, to dispose of will please communicate with Mr. McAllister.

7. Circulars respecting *THE MONTHLY* may be had on application to the Publishers.

8. We have several important changes and improvements in contemplation, designed to render *THE MONTHLY* more interesting and valuable to its patrons. Amongst other things we promise more attention to the work of the Inspector and the Public School Teacher. We shall begin a News Column in the January number. Natural Science also will receive special attention.

See our clubbing rates. They afford a rare opportunity to secure for 1884 some of the best serial literature at publishers' lowest rates.

If your subscription expires with this number please renew at once. We trust our friends will assist us in extending our circulation.

We are again compelled from lack of space to hold over much interesting matter, such as Conventions, Notices of Books and Magazines, Announcements, Exchanges, etc.

ONCE more *THE MONTHLY* has special pleasure in directing attention to that unique and altogether admirable serial *Latine* (\$3.00 a year), now published by D. Appleton & Co., New York, as before under the editorial care of Professor Shumway. *Latine* for 1883-84 is greatly enlarged and improved, and has found and filled so agreeably a sphere of usefulness and already circulates so widely, that we hope to learn that it will find an entrance into every school in Canada where Latin is studied. We advise every

classical master to get a copy and use it in his class. He will be ready to say of it the half has not been told us.

We have special pleasure in inviting attention to an advertisement of our old contributor, Mr. David Boyle, who begins business under auspicious circumstances at Ye Old Books Shoppe, 151 Yonge St., Toronto. Mr. Boyle has a good stock of books, new and old, and his old professional brethren as well as the general public in quest of books cannot do better than give him a call.

Our readers will find in our advertising columns both for November and December, prospectuses of some of the best magazines of the day. Every teacher should take at least one magazine. He must be hard to please if he cannot find one to his taste in our clubbing list.

Our facetious contemporary *Grip* thus hits off the educational situation. In a recent issue he makes the education horse very lame of a leg, so lame indeed that the beast cannot move. In the next issue following Mr. Ross's appointment, Mr. Mowat appears with a large bottle of Gargling Oil as a specific for the ailments of the poor brute. As the horse is a good one let us hope that he will be recovered from his hard usage. *Grip* thinks so. *Non tirones*.

The Free Library of Toronto is making good progress. The Chairman of the Library Committee, Mr. John Hallam, and the Librarian, Mr. Bain, have just returned from England, where they secured a large number of valuable books of reference and of general literature. The Library will start with 32,000 volumes, and with a supply of the best serial literature of the time. The two branch libraries are now in operation. The Central library will not be ready until March. We could wish that all of our readers, and especially those engaged in the work of education, were within reach of these storehouses of knowledge.

The first two numbers of *The Work* have appeared and have met with signal favour. The literary quality of the publication is of the highest order, and the paper and printing are excellent. Mr. Roberts, the Editor, is well known in educational circles in New Brunswick, and his paper will therefore find congenial readers amongst the teaching fraternity throughout the Dominion. To the readers of the *Century* magazine his merit as a writer requires no commendation. In the numbers already issued are contributions from Goldwin Smith, Collins, Mulvaney, Fawcett, Roberts, Principal Grant. In *The Work* we confidently look for a powerful ally in the work *THE MONTHLY* has undertaken to perform—honest and fearless criticism of our educational affairs. See our clubbing rate.

Dio Lewis's Monthly (\$2.50 a year: Frank Seaman, 60-71 Bible House, New York,) is a new candidate among American magazines for popular favour. It has been very well received by the press in America and Canada. It is, as may be supposed from Dio Lewis's previous publications, a family magazine. It is exceedingly practical, and deals with many questions of special interest to the teacher and parent. It is well worth the price. See our clubbing rate.

We wish you, friends, the compliments of the season.

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