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*Blackwood* for November has a very interesting sketch of Major-General Sir Charles Macgregor, K.C.B., who died last year after a useful and distinguished career in India. Other articles in the number are "On the Dark Mountains," "Scenes from a Silent World," by a Prison Visitor; "Professions for Dogs," by C. F. Gordon Cumming; "On the Wallaby Track," by Jack the Shepherd; "The Catrail, or Picts' Work Ditch: an old Problem revived," by John Russell, and a review of Mrs. Oliphant's life of Principal Tulloch.

In the November *Fortnightly* "What our Navy should be" is discussed by the Editor, and by Admirals Sir Thomas Symonds, Sir G. Phipps Hornby, and Lord Alcester; Canon Taylor has an article on "Missionary Finance"; "Where is Stanley?" is the subject of a paper by H. H. Johnston; William Morris writes on "The Revival of Handicraft," and Earl Compton on "Palmyra: Past and Present." An unsigned article on "Our Task in Egypt," Frederic Harrison's "Apologia pro Fide Nostra," and "Mr. Haggard and his Henchman," by the writer of "The Fall of Fiction," make up the number. The last article is a reply to Mr. Andrew Lang's defence of Haggard in the October *Contemporary*.

The *Contemporary Review* for November opens with an article on "The Emperor Frederick's Diary," by Archibald Forbes, in which he discusses, and somewhat reluctantly admits, the genuineness of the diary, and traces the inception and growth of the "Imperial idea." This is followed by an article "Impressions of Australia," by R. W. Dale. "Kakatoa" is an account of the disastrous volcanic eruption which occurred near Java in August, 1883. "Robert Elsmere" is still further advertised by a paper on "The Religious Novel," by the Dean of Windsor. In "The Genesis of the Puritan Ideal" Principal Fairbairn ably and acutely analyses the character and work of Luther, Calvin and other leaders of the Reformation. "Report of the Education Commission," by Canon Gregory; "The American Tariff," by Albert Shaw; "Hamdi Bey," by J. Theodore Bent, and "Irish Land Question Statistics," by Archbishop Walsh, are the other articles of the number.

The *New Princeton Review* opens with a biographical and critical study of Matthew Prior by Austin Dobson. Charles Elliot Norton writes of "The Intellectual Life of America," and Charles G. Leland has a thoughtful article entitled "New Principles of Education," in which he strongly insists on the importance of training the memory. "The Renaissance of Barbarism," by George R. Stetson; "The Education of the Masses," by James P. Munroe; a thoughtful study of "Matthew Arnold as an English writer," and a very appreciative sketch of John Richard Green, the historian, by W. J. Loftie are the other articles in the number.

The *Political Science Quarterly* for December contains among its leading articles: "A Study of the Influence of Socialism upon English Politics," by William Clarke, an Oxford graduate and a London journalist; "An Argument for Private Enterprise versus Public Business Management," by Prof. Arthur T. Hadley; "A Discussion of the Legality of Trusts," by Prof. Theodore W. Dwight; "An Analysis and Criticism of the Law of 1887, regulating the Electoral Count," by Prof. John W. Burgess; "An Account of the Practical Operation of the Official or State Ballot System in England," by Mr. Edwin Goodby, a prominent Liberal politician, and "A Summary of the Legal Questions which have arisen under the English Ballot Act," by Mr. H. H. Asquith, M.P.

#### LITERARY AND PERSONAL GOSSIP.

In *Far Lochaber*, by William Black, is one of the latest issues in the Harper's "Franklin Square Library."

J. THEO. ROBINSON, Montreal, has issued *John Ward, Preacher*, by Margaret Deland, author of *The Old Garden*.

*Galloping Days at the Deanery*, by Chas. James, and *A Dangerous Catpaw*, by David Christy Murray, have been copyrighted by William Bryce.

A WHOLLY new addition of *Worcester's Academic Dictionary* is promised by J. B. Lippincott Co., with full etymologies, additional words, and fresh illustrations.

H. H. BOYSEN, J. T. Trowbridge, Margaret Sidney, and Jessie Burton Fremont will contribute tales and several stories to *Wide Awake* for 1889. Jean Ingelow and Andrew Lang will also be contributors.

ROWSELL & HUTCHISON have now in press and will have ready early this month, *The Lives of the Judges of Upper Canada and Ontario*, by David B. Read, Q.C., which will be of interest to the legal profession.

THE Christmas number of *Harper's Weekly* issued December 12, consists of twenty-four pages. It includes pictures by C. S. Reinhart, Charles Graham, W. A. Rogers, Charles Mente, Gilbert Gaul, and Henry Sandham. Among the literary features of the number are short stories by Hezekiah Butterworth, Maria L. Pool, M. E. Seawell, Sophie Swett, and others. It also contains an interesting sketch of Christmas customs in Germany, by the Countess von Krockow.

Messrs. HOUGHTON, MIFFLIN & Co., will publish immediately *The Despot of Broomsedge Cove*, by Charles Egbert Craddock, (Miss Murfree); *Poems of Emma Lazarus*, with biographical sketch and portrait; *The Soul of the Far East*, by Percival Lowell; *The Witch in the Glass*, by Mrs. M. B. Piatt; *Andrews' and Stoddard's Latin Grammar*,

revised by Prof. Henry Preble; *Senator Bird and other Dialogues*, selected from the writings of Harriet Beecher Stowe by Emily Weaver.

HART & COMPANY, Toronto, will publish this month, in time for the holiday trade, a book that promises to have quite a large sale. The book is written by Mrs. Forsyth Grant, daughter of the Hon. John Beverly Robinson, late Lieut.-Governor of Ontario. It is entitled *Scenes in Hawaii*, and gives the writer's experience of three years' life in the Sandwich Islands. Parts of the book formed a series of letters in THE WEEK during last year, and at the solicitation of friends the writer was induced to bring them out in book-form considerably enlarged and in more readable shape. The book will be bound in a very novel and taking style, something very different from anything got out in Canada before.

APART from the Queen's representatives, the "first lady" in Canada is the wife of the Premier. Lady Macdonald will be remembered by many in Washington, whither she accompanied Sir John at the time of the last commission to settle the fishery question. In appearance she has altered very little since then, except that her dark hair has turned a snowy white, and this, rolled back from her forehead, gives a look of softness and gentleness to a face more expressive of purely intellectual qualities. Lady Macdonald is a remarkable woman, even in this age of remarkable women. Her mind has the masculine qualities of breadth and grasp and accuracy and logic, yet she is capable of the tenderest expression of womanly sympathy, the finest tact and the keenest feminine appreciation. But for the service she has rendered the country in being the stay and support, the intelligent and capable companion of her husband through so many critical years of his public life, Lady Macdonald would have had no province in Canada. Either in England or the United States such a personality as hers would have found a more interesting environment and wider appreciation. Here her superiority in knowledge of public affairs and general intellectuality over every other woman whose husband is in Parliament is so marked that comparison is out of the question.—*Dominion Illustrated*.

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