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[NEW SERIES.

## COMPLETION OF THE FIRST YEAR'S ISSUE OF THE "CANADIAN MONTHLY."

THE Publishers congratulate themselves on the issue of the completing number for 1872 of this National Magazine. The public are now in possession of volumes 1 and 2 of *The Monthly*, and it is relied on that the great expense incurred by the publishers, and the efforts made by the promoters in establishing the magazine, will be amply rewarded by an increased subscription list for the new year. Looking at what has been the fate of the many predecessors of *The Monthly*, Canadians will now be able to point with satisfaction, at least, to an illustration of the doctrine of natural selection—the "survival of the fittest"—in the continued existence of the undertaking; but it must be borne in mind that the outlay in the production of the Magazine is a *current* and heavy expense, and that to maintain its high character and usefulness it must receive the current and hearty support of all. It will be aimed at, in the new year, to increase the attractions of the publication in all departments, and to enable it to win more extended and popular circulation. The publishers direct attention to the Prize Club Rates of the Magazine for 1873 announced in the advertising pages preceding the reading matter.

## LITERARY GOSSIP.

An illustrated library edition of the works of Charlotte Brontë, is being brought out by Messrs. Smith, Elder & Co. of London, of which the first volume, "*Jane Eyre*," is ready.

The Christian Evidence Society Lectures for 1872 are nearly ready. The new issue is to bear the title of "*Faith and Free Thought*."

A translation of Tischendorf's 8th edition of his *Critical Greek Testament* is to be shortly published by Messrs. Longmans, including a collection of all the important readings in the texts of ancient and modern editors differing from Tischendorf.

The Bampton Lectures for 1872, on "*The Permanence of Christianity*," by Jno. R. Eaton, M.A., are announced.

The first volume of Mr. Froude's new work on "*The English in Ireland in the 18th Century*," is ready.

A *Life of Alex. Von Humboldt*, compiled in commemoration of the centenary of his birth, is announced.

The *Life, Journals and Letters* of the late Dean of Canterbury, Henry Alford, D.D., will be shortly issued.

A *Manual of Recent and Existing Commerce*, from 1789-1872, showing the development of industry in England and abroad during the Continental System, the Protectionist Policy, and the Era of Free Trade, is preparing.

Lord Cockburn's Works, embracing new editions of "*Memoirs of his Time*," and "*Lord Jeffrey's Life and Correspondence*," are in press.

Earl Russell is preparing a work on "*The Rise and Progress of the Christian Religion in the West of Europe from the reign of Tiberius to the end of the Council of Trent*."

A revised and cheaper edition of Burton's "*History of Scotland*," continued down to the extinction of the last Jacobite insurrection, is announced to appear in January.

Sir Thomas Erskine May is announced as preparing new work on "*Democracy in Europe*."

The second and completing volume of Cassell's "*Illustrated History of the War between France and Germany*" is ready.

"*The Sixth Oriental Monarchy; or, the History, Geography and Antiquities of Parthia*," by Professor George Rawlinson, is in press.

A work on "*The Administration of Justice under Military and Martial Law*," by Mr. C. M. Clode, Solicitor to the War Department, London, is just published.

"*The Personal Life of George Grote, the Historian*," with selections from his letters, is announced.

A "*Thesaurus Theologicus*" is announced in the Rev. J. H. Blunt's "*Dictionary of Sects, Heresies and Schools of Thought*."

Messrs. Cassell have issued "*The World of Wit and Humour*," containing a careful selection, illustrated, of the pithy and witty sayings of the best English and American humorists; also an attractive holiday book on "*Present Pastimes of Merrie England*, interpreted from ancient MSS."

## THE NATIVE BOOK TRADE OF 1872.

The year now drawing to a close may justly be characterized as a remarkable one in the annals of the Canadian book trade. The business of the year has been large, beyond precedent, and the character of the operations of the trade has been more important than that of any previous year. It is true that a large proportion of the importations has been of what is termed "light literature." Considering the popular taste, this is not to be surprised at; still, extensive purchases have been made, in the manufacturing centres of the trade, of a solid character, and indeed, of a high class. These importations, it is gratifying to have to state, have met with a very ready and encouraging sale, and they satisfactorily indicate the growing