

a paper on "English Principles of Canadian Government," and David Christie Murray discusses the characteristics of Crockett and Maclaren. The *Canadian* and *Massey's* have amalgamated, and the publishers of the new *Canadian Magazine* promise subscribers a magazine combining all the good features of both,—a magazine in every way worthy of Canada and suited to Canadian readers.

The valedictory number of *Massey's* appears for June, and is an excellent issue of a periodical which had established a place for itself in the world of current literature. While regretting its disappearance, we hope to be able to congratulate all connected with the powerful *Canadian Magazine*, which, it is expected, will be the result of the amalgamation.

In the *Ladies' Home Journal* for June is a timely article, by William George Jordan, on "What Victoria has Seen," which graphically recounts the progress of the world in the past sixty years, since the coronation of our Sovereign. Charles Dana Gibson continues his series of drawings, "The People of Dickens," with a most interesting picture of Mr. and Mrs. Micawber, David Copperfield and Traddles. All the usual editorial departments of the *Journal* are filled with appropriate matter, making the number an attractive one from cover to cover.

The June *Atlantic Monthly* contains an article of special educational value, by William J. Shearer, on "The Lock-Step of the Public Schools," in which are brought to light the weaknesses in the usual system of grading pupils. Other good articles are, "Greece and the Eastern Question," and "In Quest of Ravens," by Bradford Torrey. Paul Leicester Ford's "Story of an Untold Love" is brought to a charming finish in a charming manner, and there are several good poems and book reviews.

A SHORT HISTORY OF THE UNION JACK, by W. H. Holmes, and published by the Copp, Clark Company, Toronto, is a book which has been very deservedly praised. It describes the development of Britain's flag, and comprises a chronological list of the important victories won by Britain's army and navy, with well-written notes on the principal battles. There are several valuable appendices having special reference to Canada; and, with respect to the general appearance and arrangement of the book, nothing