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In the *Popular Science Monthly* Prof. Edward R. Shaw treats of The Employment of the Motor Activities in Teaching, showing how natural tendencies of the child that are troublesome if repressed are helpful when properly directed. Colonel Higginson speaks a good word for the village as a birthplace in his *Atlantic Monthly* reminiscences. He says "A so-called cosmopolitan man has never seemed to me a very happy being, and the cosmopolitan child is above all things to be pitied. To be identified in early memories with some

limited and therefore characteristic region, that is happiness." This number has a story of unusual interest by Chas. G. D. Roberts, entitled "Stony Lonesome." The current number of *Massey's Magazine* (Toronto) is bright with illustrations and replete with articles on Canada, among which are: The Representation of Canada in the United Kingdom, With Parkman Through Canada, etc. The contents of the *School Review*, (University of Chicago Press), are of an unusually high order of excellence for this month. The *Forum* has two educational articles of great interest—The Future of Spelling Reform, and Another Phase of the New Education. The *Ladies' Home Journal* contains the first of Mr. Moody's Bible-Class articles, which the famous evangelist will contribute to the *Journal* in the future as the leader of a great National Bible Class. *Littell's Living Age* (Boston) which has lately reduced its annual subscription from \$8 to \$6, promises some new literary features for the forthcoming year which will make it even more valuable. A generous offer to new subscribers for 1897 is made of all the weekly issues of 1896 published after the receipt of their subscriptions.

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