

MONTREAL NOTES.

The school question is causing much perplexity to the school commissioners. The city is growing and the schools are congested. At the beginning of September five hundred Protestant children were without school accommodation. Money is required for new buildings, for additional teachers and for an increase in salaries, if competent teachers are to be retained. And the money is not forthcoming. Notwithstanding this most unsatisfactory state of things, the Protestant ratepayers are compelled, by a most unjust law, to turn over at out \$20,000 of their taxes to the Roman Catholic schools. Joint stock companies are obliged to pay their taxes according to the Protestant or Roman Catholic population, in the particular ward in which these companies do business. It so happens that large Protestant business concerns are in Roman Catholic districts, and thus thousands of dollars of Protestant money are given to inculcate Romish doctrine. This is unfair and unjust, and it is a wonder that Protestants accept the situation so calmly. If the Roman Catholics of Manitoba were laboring under such disabilities, Archbishop Langevin might be justified in his campaign against the Manitoba school law. But nothing of the sort exists.

The executive committee of the Board of French Evangelization has had several important meetings of late. More men are required both for the missionary and educational work committed to its care. A strong committee has been appointed to mature plans for the carrying out of the decision of last Assembly for the enlargement of the Pointe-aux-Trembles schools. There is some difficulty in finding a suitable agent to take charge of so great a scheme. The men who are qualified for such a work occupy important fields from which they cannot well be spared. This educational work is so important and pressure for more room so great, that the Committee will endeavor to select as strong a man as possible.

Children's day was observed by our French Sabbath Schools. St. John's, La Croix and St. Jean Baptist churches had interesting services. At St. John's, Rev. E. H. Brandt, of Pointe-aux-Trembles, gave an address on Christian Patriotism. The programme prepared by the Assembly's Sabbath School Committee, was translated and adapted for the French schools by Dr. Amaron, and the exercises were most profitable.

Last Sabbath was observed in the Presbyterian church generally throughout Canada as Children's Day, when special sermons were preached for the children, either at the morning service or in place of the usual Sunday school lesson in the afternoon. The custom of setting apart a special day once or twice a year, for our children, is one that should be encouraged by all our ministers; and parents also should help in making the children feel that they are part, and an important part, of the church.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC VIEW OF QUEEN'S.

The Freeman, a Roman Catholic weekly newspaper, has a remarkably outspoken editorial, voicing the Catholic attitude towards Queen's University. It commends the Presbyterian Church for its decision to retain the university.

Continuing, The Freeman says: It is certainly far better that the colleges should maintain its present connection than to make of it a godless institution. It affords a broad and liberal education to all, irrespective of creed or nationality. Catholic students have on many occasions carried off the highest honors in medicine, arts and science. Catholic professors occupy high positions on its teaching staff, and to it Catholic financial aid has at all times been cheerfully given. That it may continue to flourish, and that its influence day by day may be more widening is our best wish to this renowned seat of learning.

* THE WOMEN OF CANADA.

Dr. Henry J. Morgan has for some years been engaged in gathering and blending material for a new work, the first volume of which is now before the public. The work is called *Types of Canadian Women, Past and Present*, and is certainly an admirable achievement, the result of sustained labor, many sided research, and delicate discrimination. The work forms a valuable addition to the library of the student of national life, but will also be of great interest to the general reader.

Literary Notes.

This month The Copp, Clark Company, Limited, publish "A Passage Perilous," by Rosa N. Carey; "McTodd in the Arctic," by Cutcliffe Hyne; "The Story of the Foss River Ranch," by Ridgwell Cullum; "Our Neighbors," by Ian MacLaren.

Harper and Brothers announce in their September list the following: Letters Home, by Wm. Dean Howells; The Heart of Hyacinth, by Onoto Waterman; The Maids of Paradise, by Robert W. Chambers; and The Proud Prince, by Justin McCarthy.

In their October bulletin the Harpers advertise several good books in the line of fiction. These include a bright little story by Booth Tarkington called "Cherry"; "Hesper" by Hamlin Garland; a collection of short stories by Margaret Deland, "Dr. Lavendar's People"; and a Christmas edition of some of Lewis Carroll's verses with illustrations by Peter Newell.

Waldnovellen Six Tales by Rudolf Baumbach. Notes and Vocabulary by Dr. Wilhelm Bernhardt. Appendix by L. E. Horning, Professor of German, Victoria University, Toronto. Price 50c. Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto. These are admirable selections for introducing the student to the German language. The thought is simple and interesting, the

* *Types of Canadian Women, Past and Present* edited by Henry James Morgan, LL. D., F. R. S. N. A., Honorary Fellow Royal Colonial Institute of England, Volume I. William Briggs, Toronto.

construction is easy and the vocabulary made up of the more common words. The text is printed in a beautiful, clear type, a matter of no small importance to the student. Dr. Bernhardt has written a sympathetic biographical introduction and furnished excellent explanatory notes with vocabulary. Professor Horning has added 37 pages of appendices which greatly increase the usefulness of the volume for the student.

Harper's Magazine certainly manages to get hold of the best short stories published nowadays. This fact strikes one forcibly on reading the October number. In it we find stories by Margaret Deland, Mary Tappan Wright, Van Tassel Surphen, J. J. Bell, and the completion of Alice Brown's novel, Judgment, a remarkably strong piece of writing. One among several excellent articles is by Mary Applewhite Bacon, on Industrial Education in the South. Harper and Brothers, New York.

A Study of Browning's Saul, by Cora Martin MacDonald, A.M. Fleming H. Revell Company, Toronto. In this dainty little volume we find first the poem in its entirety, and then a short study of it written simply and clearly with no attempt at very deep analysis but in a way that will appeal strongly to the young student. We heartily commend to those who are just beginning their study of Robert Browning this little work on one of his most beautiful poems.

The opening article on the September Contemporary Review is by Professor Dacey entitled To Unionists and Imperialists. Emily Crawford follows with Recollections of M. Thiers, and then comes The Real Carlyle by the late Sir Charles Cavan Duffy. Other articles are: The Inner Meaning of Protectionism, by J. A. Hobson; Play as an Education, by Woods Hutchinson, M. D.; France, England, and the Anarchy of Europe, by Jean Finot, editor of *La Revue*; and Pius X and the Conclave, by Emilio Elbano. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

In the September Fortnightly there are several articles on the political situation in Britain. These include The Wreck of the Unionist Administration, by Sigma; Free Trade and its Fruits, by J. A. Spender; The Eve of the Campaign, by Calchas; An American View of Mr. Chamberlain's Proposals, by Robert Ellis Thompson; and Canada's Second Thought on a Preference, by Professor Davidson. Other articles of special interest are those on The Macedonian Revolt, Robert Louis Stevenson and The American Husband. Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York.

The October Harper's Bazar is the Autumn Fashion number and is well worth careful perusal before the momentous question is decided as to the new clothes needed for the fall and winter. Among Miss Ashmore's subjects are the following: French evening gowns, Street gowns and wraps, Children's fashions, Autumn millinery, and separate waists. Ida Jackson, Factory Inspector and Special Agent for the Wisconsin Bureau of Labor Statistics, has an interesting article on the Factory Girl and Domestic service, and Mrs. Thompson's criticism of House-keeping in France is especially readable. Girl readers will be much interested in the illustrated article on Brides as a decoration. The number is a strong one in all respects. Harper and Brothers, New York.