

Literary Notices.

The June and July numbers of the *English Illustrated Magazine*, published by MacMillan & Co., New York and London, are, as usual with that attractive periodical, filled with articles that combine in a happy way good instruction with capital entertainment, while its illustrations are on a par with those of the best American publications.

There will be issued from the press during this month a little pamphlet of thirty-two pages entitled "The Church and Poverty," by John Brisben Walker, Ph.D. This is the substance of a lecture delivered in Washington before the Catholic University of America. The *Washington Star* said at the time: "The lecture was in some respects a remarkable effort in the boldness with which he brought home to clergy and laymen their responsibility for many of the social difficulties that beset our civilization. No such plain speaking has been heard upon a platform under similar circumstances, and for this reason, as well as because of the food for thought to every one interested in the welfare and prosperity of his race and the government under which we live, an extended report of the lecture is given." Price 10 cents.

Life in the open air and adventures afloat and ashore make up a large part of the *Cosmopolitan Magazine's* contents for July. Trout Fishing in the Laurentides (a Canadian sketch), the Diamond Fields of South Africa, Ostrich Farming in California, and Country Life in Honduras, are descriptive titles of some of these profusely illustrated open air papers. In addition to other articles, Elizabeth Bisland describes London Charities in a paper illustrated from picturesque photographs and character studies.

Poultney Bigelow, who was a schoolmate of the German Emperor, will contribute an article to the Midsummer (August) Number of *The Century* on the first three years of the Emperor's reign—the third anniversary of his ascent to the throne having taken place on the 15th of June. Mr. Bigelow believes that "since Frederick the Great, no king of Prussia has understood his business like this emperor," and in this article he gives what he considers the secret of the power of William II. with his people, and incidentally contributes many facts regarding his life. This number of *The Century* will be especially rich in illustrated articles and complete stories, and the illustration of Mr. Bigelow's paper will include a number of views of the palaces at Berlin and Potsdam, and engraved portraits of the Emperor and Empress will form a double frontispiece.

The *Educational Review* says: "Mr. E. B. Biggar will shortly publish a book of incidents and anecdotes of the life of Sir John A. Macdonald. Mr. Biggar has had exceptional opportunities for collecting and arranging sketches, which will make the book he proposes to publish a very interesting one." The book will be published this month, and has been noticed in advance of publication by three hundred Canadian newspapers.

We have received from The Trades Publishing Co., of Philadelphia, a copy of Macke's "Carpet Dealers' Guide," a finely prepared and handsomely bound volume of 228 pages, which claims to be the first of its kind ever issued, and of paramount value to retail carpet dealers generally. From a careful examination of the contents of this volume, we believe that it is a work of great importance to every first-

class carpet store. The author argues that geometry is an underlying principle in carpet upholstery, and to demonstrate this he submits a great variety of diagrams of rooms in which the carpet upholsterer and cutter is guided with great minutiae. Modern architecture has filled our parlors, dining rooms, libraries, halls, etc., with all manners of alcoves, cuddies and retreats, and to cut out fine carpets for such apartments without unnecessary loss in matching is the aim of every retailer. Over 200 drawing cards are submitted in this book, and it is difficult to see how any cutter can fail to be helped by its use. The author of the work is John H. Macke, long and favorably known as the head carpet cutter and directing upholsterer for The John Shillito Co., of Cincinnati. He has produced his work in the midst of busy toil, but the artistic and literary features of the "Guide" would do credit to a professor of mathematics. Indeed, it quite resembles a text book on geometry, coupled with many plain statements of carpet store problems, which the novice will quickly understand. The book is sent, prepaid, for \$3.50 to any part of the world.

Canada, the new magazine published by Matthew R. Knight, at Benton, New Brunswick, is meeting with deserved success. Since it was started in January last, improvements have appeared in every number. It aims to furnish pure, high-class, patriotic Canadian literature monthly at the lowest possible price. Its contributors include many of the best writers in Canada. With the June number it is enlarged to sixteen quarto pages and cover, beautifully printed on a superior quality of paper. Beginning with the July number, the subscription price will be one dollar per year.

British Textile Imports to Canada.

We give below a report of the shipments of wool and textile fabrics from Great Britain to Canada for the month of May and for the five months ending May, 1891. The shipments of wool show an increase of £1,150 over last year.

There was also an increase in silk and ribbons, and in carpets, but a decrease of £5,845 in cotton goods; £1,312 in jute piece goods; £68 in linen; £188 in articles partly made of silk; £1,719 in woolen fabrics; and £2,526 in worsted fabrics.

	Month of May.		Five Months ended May.	
	1890.	1891.	1890.	1891.
	£	£	£	£
Raw Materials—Wool	796 ..	1,916 ..	6,121 ..	7,161
Articles wholly and partly manufactured—				
Cotton Piece-Goods	21,183 ..	15,638 ..	210,678 ..	210,455
Jute Piece-Goods	7,423 ..	6,111 ..	32,261 ..	50,848
Linen Piece-Goods	5,637 ..	5,569 ..	62,657 ..	68,843
Silk Broad-tuffs	151 ..	308 ..	1,117 ..	1,099
" Ribbons	109 ..	124 ..	250 ..	181
" Articles partly of	1,071 ..	883 ..	9,537 ..	17,573
Woolen Fabrics	10,752 ..	9,033 ..	141,416 ..	132,878
Worsted Fabrics	23,924 ..	21,398 ..	221,115 ..	270,378
Carpets	11,445 ..	13,379 ..	102,518 ..	127,484
Apparel and Slips	19,414 ..	17,680 ..	158,930 ..	169,719
Haberdashery	21,364 ..	16,179 ..	190,742 ..	203,121

Gold to the value of £15,000 was shipped from the United Kingdom to Canada last month, this being also the total for the five months ended the 31st ult.; last year there were no exports of the metal to the end of May. There were no imports of the metal for the first five months of this year or last. Of silver, none was exported last month, but to date £9,600 was shipped; in 1890 there was exported £24,420, all in May. No imports of the metal took place during the past five months, or in the corresponding period of last year.