

been found to leave nothing to be desired. The orchestra will number ninety-four pieces, the largest ever assembled in Canada, and has been chosen from the best instrumentalists in Toronto, Hamilton, Buffalo, and Rochester, with quite an addition from New York. The public has taken hold of the scheme in the most generous manner; upwards of \$8,000 worth of seats having been sold. Not the least interesting feature will be the Children's Festival Chorus, numbering fully 1,200 voices, which has been in constant rehearsal under Messrs. Torrington and Schuch, the latter acting under the direction of Mr. Torrington, whose energy and ability have been conspicuous throughout this momentous artistic undertaking.

ATTENTION is called to the card of Mr. J. Harry Wheeler, of the N. E. Conservatory of Music, Boston, who will spend the summer months in Toronto, and receive a limited number of pupils in voice building. Mr. Wheeler's long experience in his profession will ensure accurate instruction to all who avail themselves of his services.

OUR LIBRARY TABLE.

We have received the following publications :

- ENGLISH ILLUSTRATED MAGAZINE. June. New York : Macmillan and Company.
- BROOKLYN MAGAZINE. June 5. New York : 7 Murray Street.
- LITTELL'S LIVING AGE. June. Boston : Littell and Company.
- OVERLAND MONTHLY. June. San Francisco : 120 Sutter Street.
- MAN. April. Ottawa.
- THE SIDERREAL MESSENGER. June. Northfield, Minn. : Carleton College Observatory.

LITERARY GOSSIP.

LITERARY LIFE for June contains a fine poem, illustrated, entitled "Isis," by the prince of Western poets, John Antroubus. It is a marvelously dainty ode, and will become a classic.

THE Andover Review for June contains several important contributions to the discussion opened by Professors Palmer and Ladd. President Gilman, after an interesting sketch of the origin and environment of the Johns Hopkins University, gives a full exposition of the principles and methods of its collegiate department; and Rev. John H. Denison, of Williamstown, argues that "Individualism" is an insufficient basis for a theory of education, and that the Church and the State have rights which must be regarded in the appointment of a college curriculum. An editorial article considers the government of Colleges by their Alumni, on the basis of a statement of methods now in vogue in the older New England colleges. Dr. William W. Adams completes his series on "The Spiritual Problem of the Manufacturing Town" in a paper replete with important practical suggestions founded on a thorough study of the facts in the case. An editorial on "The Insensibility of Certain Classes to Moral Obligations" is equally timely. Rev. Mr. Starbuck's "Survey of Missionary work in India" will be found of special value from its comprehensiveness of view and abundance of interesting details. Rev. Mr. Tylor, long a missionary in South Africa, contributes to the department of "Ancient Religions," an account of Native Worship in South Africa, and of the Zulu Hades and Spiritualism.

THE June number of Lippincott's Monthly Magazine is largely devoted to the labour question. Mr. Fred. Perry Powers foresees the coming of "The Industrial Republic," under which the labouring classes will get a larger share of the fruits of their labour than they do now. He looks upon the present troubles as necessary attendants upon even the most orderly social revolutions. There is no cause for alarm. The labour agitators are no doubt doing a great many unwise and some wrong things, but we inherit our political liberties from men of whom the same might be said. The final outcome of the struggle will be beneficial to all. To the Experience Meeting, Martin Irons contributes an autobiographical sketch, "My Experience in the Labour Movement," written with a frankness and sincerity which make it very entertaining. "Some Experience of a Working-Girl," another article in the same department, is a powerful and pathetic appeal on behalf of the ill-paid factory girls, by one who has seen and suffered the wretchedness she commiserates. "The Experience of a Street Car Conductor" is noteworthy from the fact that the writer finds nothing to complain of in his position, but contrasts it favourably with the lot of thousands of his fellow-beings. "John Turner's Invention" is a capital sensation story of the Hugh Conway type. There is some excellent poetry. In the Monthly Gossip, W. H. Babcock advances startling views on the Mormon question, and there are other bright discussions of current topics.

THE June Magazine of American History is a strong and intensely interesting number. Six articles of antiquarian and historic prominence precede three of current War literature—nine in all, and each a treasure in itself. The "Sketch of San Antonio," with which the number opens, touches upon some of the most exciting events in the history of Texas, and is as readable as a romance; its illustrations of the old mission buildings carry us back to the beginnings of America with wonder and admiration. From early Texas to modern Canada seems but a step, and Dr. Bender's argumentative paper is a striking feature of the issue. Then comes Mr. Bancroft's forcible essay on "Self-Government," which every school-boy should study as part of his education. Dr. Ellis, President of the Massachusetts Historical Society, follows with a chapter on the "Reconstruction of History," expressed in clear, terse language, replete with suggestions. The Hon. Charles K. Tuckerman, former Minister to Greece, contributes a notable paper on the "Triumph of the American Principle," in connection with the Trent affair, showing the motives of Lincoln and Seward in their action at the time. Mr. Clason writes of the "Convention of Virginia, 1788." The three Civil War Studies are of the first consequence. General Lee elucidates Stonewall Jackson's generalship and Frémont's defeat at the "Battles of Port Republic and Lewiston." One of the retreating party describes the "Retreat of Davis and the Confederate Government from Richmond," accompanied by a superb portrait in steel of the fallen President; and Mr. Waller gives a vivid account of the capture of Mosby, "The Last of the Confederates." The several departments are crowded with matters of the first interest and importance. This magazine is a veritable necessity in every good library collection. Typographically, it is not excelled by any periodical extant.

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