

congress, of which this bulky volume contains a full report. Here again Canada comes to the front, contributing no less than nineteen distinct papers. This result is chiefly due to the energy of our distinguished citizen, J. George Hodgins, LL.D., Deputy Minister of Education, the Honorary Secretary of the International Congress. He contributes no less than three important papers himself, and secured the preparation of the other papers. Among those who assisted him are Rev. Dr. Burns, D. C. McHenry, J. H. Smith, and J. L. Hughes of our own Church, Dr. Carlyle, and others. The book is a perfect mine of information on all educational topics.

LITERARY NOTES. 1

A notable feature in the December number of the *Atlantic Monthly* is the supplement of twenty-six pages containing the masterly oration by James Russell Lowell and the poem by Oliver Wendell Holmes delivered at Cambridge on the 250th anniversary of the foundation of Harvard University. Both of these have attracted much attention and not without good cause. They constitute a literary event worthy of the occasion that called them forth. In this number Miss Murfree concludes her story of Tennessee Life, "In the Clouds." In this her genius has reached high water mark. She has done nothing so good before. A strong announcement is made for the coming year, including a Serial by Mrs. Oliphant and T. B. Aldrich; one by F. Marion Crawford; and contributions by Dr. Holmes, Lowell, Whittier, Warner, Stedman, Miss Jewett, Miss Murfree, Celia Thaxter, John Burroughs, and a whole galaxy of brilliant writers. Relying entirely upon its literary merit, without illustrations, no Magazine that we know reaches so high and sustained a degree of excellence. The publishers are Houghton, Mifflin & Co., Boston. Price \$4 a

year. To subscribers to the METH-
ODIST MAGAZINE it will be furnished for \$3.25.

The Chicago house of Charles H. Kerr & Co. issue a volume of eight sermons on Burden-Bearing and Burden-Sharing, four of them by Jenkin Lloyd Jones and four by William C. Gannett. The initial sermon of the book, "Blessed be Drudgery," by Mr. Gannett, has reached a circulation of 16,000 in pamphlet form.

The November and December numbers of *Lippincott's Magazine* make a new departure in giving a complete story of about 70 pages in addition to the regular full amount of reading. John Habberton and Mrs. Burnett have thus contributed; and stories by Fawcett, Julian Hawthorn and other leading writers are announced. In this busy age this will be more attractive than the long-winded serials running for a year and a half. The price of this Magazine is only \$3 a year.

For lovers of pure and noble art we know no periodical, at a moderate price, so instructive and so interesting as the *Magazine of Art*, (Cassell & Co., New York, 35 cents per number, \$3.50 a year). It is a splendidly printed and illustrated quarto, containing about 500 high-class engravings in the year, and each number is to have some special photogravure, etching, or tint print. The engravings are of the high-class type for which this house is famous throughout the world.

The elegant Christmas card presented by the pastor of the Central Methodist Church of this city is one of the handsomest we have seen. It gives a view in gold and colours of the interior and exterior of the Church, with graceful lettering and an appropriate motto for the year. This pleasant custom Brother Benson has observed for several years.