

the Middle Ages" shows us that democracy is not such a modern thing after all, and that Louis IX of France had some ideas of government which are considered as recent discoveries by many to-day. "St. Augustine" is a philosophical essay in the *Bulletin*, setting forth the saint's Platonic way of thinking. "Intellectualism and "Pragmatism," in another number of the *Bulletin*, is also very profitable reading for the student.

A very interesting series of articles dealing with the various branches and departments of the Canadian Civil Service is being published in *The Civilian*. The object of the series is to make the public better acquainted with the work of the service and to assist the progress of the different departments by making known their many activities and their difficulties. A recent number describes the functions of the Mines Branch of the Canadian Dept. of Mines. These functions comprise: the publication of mining and metallurgical statistics, the investigation of mining conditions, the preparation of maps, scientific investigation, and the collection of museum specimens.

The Educational Review, from St. John, N.B., contains, in its February number, many interesting articles on Charles Dickens. His life, his humor, his love of children and of jolly living are among the points developed. "The Hill o' Dreams" in *The Ave Maria* brings out the beautiful piety of the Irish peasantry of to-day. "A Fool There Was," in the same magazine, exposes the folly of a worldly and fashionable wedding.

Our Dumb Animals contains an article on "Love's Power Over Wild Animals." The writer states that love is stronger than physical or mental power combined with knowledge. He proves his statement by examples.

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Speech is the small change of silence
The danger of a little knowledge of things is disputable;
but beware the little knowledge of one's self.

—Meredith.