

Literary Notes.

THE complete novel in the January issue of LIPPINCOTT'S is "The Waifs of Fighting Rocks," by Captain Charles McIlvaine. The scene is laid in the mountains of West Virginia. "By Telephone," a stirring newspaper story by Francis C. Regal, shows how a plucky reporter defeated a conspiracy and brought the criminals to justice. "A Question of Responsibility," by Imogen Clark, deals with delicacy vs. life-saving in a lodging-house. The other stories belong to Christmas. These are "Mrs. Santa Claus," by Marjorie Richardson; "A Prodigal Friend," by S. Elgar Benet, and "Mrs. Risley's Christmas Dinner," by Ella Higginson. "Christmas Customs and Superstitions" are collected by Elizabeth Ferguson Seat. Edgar Fawcett recalls "New Year's Days in Old New York," and Edith Duff "Empress Josephine's Happy Day," ninety years ago. In "The Ducks of the Chesapeake" Calvin Dill Wilson tells all about the canvas-back before he is shot and after. Gilbert Parker offers a study of "Gilbert Beerbohm Tree," the actor. F. M. B., in "With the Autocrat," recalls some notable private utterances of Dr. Holmes, and M. Kauffmann discusses "Socialist Novels." The poetry of the number is by M. S. Paden, Alice Brown, Kathleen R. Wheeler, and Susie M. Best.

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FOLLOWING are a few samples of the contents of the January *Forum*: "Are Our Moral Standards Shifting?" an article calling attention to some of the interesting and significant changes in the attitude of the public mind on many important subjects, by Professor Albert Bushnell Hart, of Harvard; "The Humiliating Report of the Strike Commission," by Mr. H. P. Robinson, editor of the "Railway Age," who criticises the Report very severely; "The Anatomy of a Tenement Street," by Alvan F. Sanborn, who describes, after careful and continued observations and residence in a typical tenement street, the daily life, customs, habits, and the morals of its inhabitants—an article of profound sociological interest; "The Proper Training and the Future of the Indians," by Maj. J. W. Powell; "To Ancient Greek through Modern? No!" by Professor Paul Shorey, of Chicago University, who replies to Mr. Genadius's article in the October *Forum* on "Teaching Greek as a Living Language"; "Dickens's Place in Literature," being article No. V. in Frederic Harrison's series on the Great Victorian Writers; "A New Aid to Education," by Wm. R. Eastman, describing the methods and practical working of the new system of loaning books through travelling libraries lately put into successful operation by the Library of the University of the State of New York; "Woman's Wisest Policy," by Mrs. Spencer Trask—an article of special interest to women, etc. There are fifteen articles in all, of timely interest.

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# OFFICIAL CALENDAR OF THE Educational Department

- January:
- NEW YEAS'S DAY (Tuesday.)  
By-laws for establishing and withdrawal of union of municipalities for High School purposes take effect. [H. S. Act, sec. 7 (1) (2).] (Not before 1st January.)  
Trustees' annual reports to Inspectors, due. [P. S. Act, sec. 40 (13).] (On or before 1st January.)  
By-law establishing Township Boards takes effect. [P. S. Act, sec. 54.] (On 1st January.)
  - Polling day for trustees in Public and Separate Schools. [P. S. Act, sec. 102 (3); S. S. Act, sec. 31 (3).] (1st Wednesday in January, day following if a holiday.)
  - High Schools second term and Public and Separate Schools open. [H. S. Act, sec. 42; P. S. Act, sec. 173 (1) (2); S. S. Act, sec. 79 (1).] (3rd day of January.)
  - Truant Officers' report to Department, due. (Not later than 5th January.)
  - Clerk of municipality to be notified by Separate School supporters of their withdrawal. [S. S. Act, sec. 47, (1).] (Before 2nd Wednesday in January.)
  - Annual Reports of Boards in cities and towns, to Department, due. [P. S. Act, sec. 107 (12).] (Before 15th January.)  
Names and addresses of Separate School Trustees and Teachers to be sent to Department. [S. S. Act, sec. 28 (12).] (Before 15th January.)  
Annual Report of High School Boards to Department, due. [H. S. Act, sec. 14 (12).] (Before 15th January.)  
Names and addresses of Public School Trustees and Teachers to be sent to Township Clerk and Inspector. [P. S. Act, sec. 40 (10).] (Before 15th January.)
  - Application for Legislative apportionment for inspection of Public Schools in cities and towns separated from the county, to Department, due. (15th January.)  
Annual Report of Kindergarten attendance, to Department, due. (Not later than 15th January.)  
Annual Report of Separate Schools, to Department, due. [S. S. Act, sec. 28 (18); 32 (9).] (On or before 15th January.)  
Minutes of R. C. S. S. Trustees' annual meeting, to Department, due. (Due with Annual Report.)  
Provincial Normal Schools open (First Session). (3rd Tuesday in January.)
  - First meeting of Public School Boards in cities, towns, and incorporated villages. P. S. Act, sec. 106 (1).] (3rd Wednesday in January.)  
Appointment of High School Trustees by Public School Boards. [H. S. Act, sec. 12; P. S. Act, sec. 106 (1).] (3rd Wednesday in January.)
  - Appointment of High School Trustees by Municipal Councils. [H. S. Act, sec. 12; Mun. Act, sec. 223.] (3rd Monday in January.)
  - Appointment of High School Trustees by County Councils. [H. S. Act, sec. 12; Mun. Act, sec. 223.] (4th Tuesday in January.)