

Two weeks or so ago, the scienting world was electrified to hear that the North Pole had been discovered. The news came from Dr. Cook, as a quiet statement of fact, just as the news had come, a short time before, of Lieut. Shackleton's near approach to the South Pole; but it was none the less astounding. Among the great mass of people, however, it caused little more than a passing comment, until the subject was given a new and sensational fillip by despatches from Lieut. Peary, announcing that he was returning from the Pole, and questioning the claims of Dr. Cook.

We have got used to wonderful occurrences and discoveries. We live in the age of antitoxins and radium, and X-rays, and wireless telegraphy, and airships, and to hear that an expedition is being planned to go to the Pole in a Zeppelin dirigible occasions no excitement at all. Indeed, we can scarcely conceive of the commotion which attended the steaming of the Clermont—the first steamship on our continent-just a century ago, and we smile superciliously when we hear of the old man who rushed home to his wife at that time, declaring that he had seen the devil coming up the river in a saw-

Notwithstanding our equanimity, however, we occasionally pause to reflect that it is a grand thing to live in the twentieth century, and to wonder, "What next?" For we are by no means at the end of wonderful discoveries and developments. All over the world men are studying away in dens and laboratories, out among the records of the rocks and the haunts of men, and there is no telling the announcement that any day may bring forth.

It is not unreasonable to suppose, however, that the greatest revolutions of the future may be in the There is an increasing element in few who find in the Tormer a new it will dawn upon the intelligence of

People, Books and Doings.

The world will never let Mr. Pickwick, who to me is full of the lumber of imbecility, share honors with Don

Miss Fiona Scott, of North Battleford, is probably the youngest organist in Canada. She is only eleven years old, yet has full charge of the organ in the Presbyterian Church in her town. Her school studies have not been neglected for music, as she begins, after vacation, to study for her third-class certificate.

Revue Scientifique (Paris), Prof. Y. Delage, of the University of Paris, calls attention to the fact that Lamarck, and not Darwin, originated the modern idea of organic evolution. Before Lamarck, it was believed that every species owed its origin to a special creative act. Lamarck proclaimed that species are derived from one another through the ordinary channels of inheritance bepressure of surrounding conditions. This was the theory which Darwin made definite, and in support of which he procured a formidable array of evidence. In the words of Prof. Delarge, "Without him, the Lamarckian idea would doubtless have to-day only a small group of thinkers for resistance has been overcome. There are no more objectors.

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future, people will wonder what we - He pulled a dozen sheets or so from saw in them, save some possible ele- his pocket and handed them to me, bly, the Fair of 1909 is a wonderful ment of fun, meaningless to them. I read what he had written, and saw

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The Farman Aeroplane

The Canadian National

Exhibition.

which growth is made, and, ostensicreation, compared with that of a

One of the notable advances was made this year in the Manual-training exhibits, especially those shown mere High-school boys could make chairs and tables such as those shown school. Many of the pieces were reason to be proud of its young

growing respect for hand-labor, and a recognition of the all-round development to which skilled hand-labor of any kind must contribute. At the same time, the doing of such work in a High School connotes the technical work—the most desirable form of education, as everyone who has looked into the subject must admit. "The boys," the director of the Brantford Manual Training, told us, "sacrifice nothing but the languages in taking up this work. They go on with English, science and mathematics the same as the rest. Some of them go into professions on graduating: others take up trades. But all are in love with manualtraining. There is no playing hook-ex from the classes. Indeed," he continued. "I found a boy climbing in through a third-story window, one day, when the door was locked." And so it sams that modern educationists are recognizing a need of child-nature in supplying such training; and these exhibits at the Canada National Exhibition are proving a valuable facover a very wide expanse of the

Another educative feature was obright in the softness of color shown everywhere in the decorative work People need education in color, and almost nowhere in the "Women's Building," this year, was any garishdevise are around what saw such the same to manufacture

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