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A Chat with our Readers.

We are naturally very much gratified to receive from day to day letters from readers from all parts of the Dominion, and even beyond the confines of our own land expressive of the pleasures they find in The Western Home Monthly, and declaring that they find improvement in each issue. It is hardly necessary to add that this is the most pleasing kind of information that can reach a publisher, and we assure our subscribers that no effort will be spared to sustain and add to every merit that the magazine now possesses.

One thing in which the publishers and editors take special pride is the number of Western contributors, men and women, known not only for their contributions, but by their service in the community. Who, for instance, is better known or has

more to make known the possibilities and the development of Western Canada than Mr. Dale. His contributions to The Monthly have created a wide spread interest. On the scenic beauties of the Pacific Coast—its fisheries—plant and bird life he is a first authority. Of the many descriptive writers who contribute it is only necessary to mention such names as Burton; Clairmere, who knows the Mountains so well; Bartlett of Arden, an authority on early history; Cuthbert of Vancouver; Lutton of Montreal, who gives such graphic descriptions of conditions in his province and who enjoys the distinction of having interviewed more of the great men of the Empire than any other Canadian journalist. The names of Meredock Green and W. R. Gilbert as writers of serious articles as well



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a greater influence than the popular pastor of the Central Congregational Church Winnipeg, the Rev. J. L. Gordon, who preaches to the largest congregations in Western Canada from Sunday to Sunday, but through this journal he reaches even a wider constituency than he can from his pulpit. His messages of comfort and cheer to young men are perhaps the best thing of the kind published on the Continent. The department conducted by Mrs. Pearl Richmond Hamilton in the interests of young women is most helpful, and her knowledge of life and her good sense appeal to her readers, and many are the letters of appreciation that we receive for this column. She is compelled to answer scores of appeals for help and direction.

Perhaps there is no name better and more favorably known in Western newspaperdom than that of Miss Cora Hind. In her "Quiet Hour" column she has inspired and enriched the lives of many. The Philosopher and the Editor of the news page have succeeded in pleasing readers by giving light and wisdom in small parcels, dealing as they do with interesting and vital topics in a brief and telling way. Bess has given her practical talks and she has a host of friends.

Another contributor worthy of particular mention is Bonnycastle Dale whose articles have appeared in each issue for some months. Perhaps no one has done

as fiction will be recognized by readers. Then there is that great Scottish authority, author and poet the Rev. W. Wye Smith, so well known throughout our own and other lands, with his Scotch column in each issue. Among the writers of pure fiction it would be difficult to find in any country of like population such writers as Banman of Dove Farm; Hemmingstone of Wapella; Doan of Algoma; Miss Keene of Edmonton; and Mallet of Lamont. Then among the names of those who have furnished Western verse which has been so much appreciated we have the Rev. D. S. Hamilton; Miss Jean Walker; Mrs. McLeod; Miss Beveridge, and 'Francis' who is Western in spirit if not in habitation. There are specialists such as Mrs. Salisbury, professor of Domestic Science in the Manitoba Agricultural College, and Principal McIntyre of the Normal School, Winnipeg; Principal Laidlaw of the Greenway School and their articles have been interesting and authoritative. Our readers will agree that this forms a splendid aggregate of which any magazine might well be proud, and we have mentioned but a few. With the beginning of the winter season bigger things still are being contemplated. We shall hold what we have, but we are ever reaching out for more, and will at all times welcome articles dealing with Western life in all its phases.

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