

Contemporary Opinion.

THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, (Toronto) an educational JOURNAL devoted to the advancement of literature, science, and the teaching profession in Canada, is now published weekly instead of monthly. Not only that, but other improvements have been made, all of which, with its standard of excellence will no doubt make it very popular throughout Canada. There is plenty of room for a good journal of the character of the one above named, and judging from the copy before us we would say that it fills its place capitally. Price \$2.00 per annum.—*Dutton Enterprise*.

THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—The prospectus number of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, in a weekly form comes to hand this week. The JOURNAL is replete with well gotten up matter of the deepest interest to every school teacher and advanced scholar in the Dominion, and we trust to see the venture of a weekly educational paper well supported.—*Prescott Mercury*.

THE CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL, edited by Prof. J. E. Wells, late of Woodstock College, begins its weekly career at the first of the year. The prospectus number, which is before us, is in every way a creditable paper, and, from the well known ability of the editor, the prospects are that it will do good service in its own special field.—*Can. Baptist*.

CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—We have received the December number of this publication, a most useful and almost indispensable badge of educational news.

Every teacher and all interested in school matters and educational reform would do well to secure the SCHOOL JOURNAL. It is published at \$2 per year.—*Campbellford Herald*.

The December number of the CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL has been sent us, and we are glad to note that it is still filling its sphere of usefulness in the educational interests of our country. When teaching, we found it an invaluable aid, and now gladly place it on our exchange list.—*Dundalk Herald*.

CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—This JOURNAL heretofore published by W. J. Gage & Co., as a monthly publication, will in the future be issued weekly by a new company and under new management. This JOURNAL in the past has done good work in the cause of education, and has had a large circulation among teachers and those interested in educational work, and we have no doubt that under the vigorous management of J. E. Wells, M.A., assisted by an able staff of provincial editors a prosperous career awaits it in the future. Subscriptions \$2.00 yearly.—*Ingersoll "Sun"*.

The CANADIAN SCHOOL JOURNAL comes to hand this week with its prospectus number. The JOURNAL is an excellent paper for those in whose interests it is published, and every teacher should have it. Its subscription price is \$2 per annum, and we do not know of a more profitable way of investing this sum.—*Woodville Advocate*.

All Sorts.

Cork is the soft, elastic bark of a species of oak which grows abundantly in Spain, Italy, Algeria, and the south of France.

Blessed is the man who has found his work; let him ask no other blessedness.—*Carlyle*.

According to the theory of E. Siemens, flame is the result of an infinite number of exceedingly minute electrical flashes, which are caused by the swift motion of gaseous particles.

The eyes of a bee contain 1,000 mirrors. This accounts for the reflection a man indulges in after a brief interview with one of these pungent insects.

"How far is it to Butler, if I keep straight on?" asked a city chimp of Charlie. "According to the new eclectic geography its about 25,000 miles, if you keep straight on; but if you turn and go the other way, it's about half a mile!"

Any coward can fight a battle when he's sure of winning; but give me the man who has the pluck to fight when he's sure of losing.—*George Eliot*.

"Your trip to Italy must have been very pleasant," said a young lady to Simpson, who had just returned from a foreign strand. "Very interesting, indeed," answered he. "Now tell me," said she, "does Italy really look like a boot? You know that's the way it looks on the map."

A little child was besieging her father to take her to visit her grandmother, who lived at a distance. To get rid of her he said: "It costs ten dollars every time we go to see grandma, Florence, and ten dollars don't grow on every bush." "Neither do grandmas grow on every bush," answered the little girl, promptly; and her logic was convincing. They went.

Ah Ti, of La Porte, Col., is the wealthiest Chinaman in America, having a modest \$2,000,000 to his credit. His family consists of a wife and six children, and he has sent them back to the Celestial kingdom to live permanently, whither Ti will follow them as soon as he settles up his business. He made his money in the mines and in trade, and is going home to enjoy it.

This little story is related by Mr. Longfellow. A Parisian once remarked to him that there was one American word that he never could understand, or find in any dictionary. "What is it?" inquired the poet. "Thateldo," was the reply. "I never heard of the word," said Longfellow. Presently a servant came into replenish the fire. After putting on a little fuel Longfellow remarked to him, "That will do." "Ha!" exclaimed the Frenchman, "that is the very word which has troubled me."

Literary Review.

THE A. B. C. READER, A HALF YEAR WITH ALPHABETIANS, is a series of 16 four page primers for beginners. The progress from one syllable words of three letters to longer words of one and two syllables is gradual and the idea of having sixteen new books instead of one old and soiled one is good. A. Lucell & Co., 16 Astor Place, New York are the publishers.

"MY WIFE'S RELATIONS; A STORY OF PIGLAND" is the title of a child's book written by the wife and illustrated by the daughter of Professor Huxley.

The Christmas "WIDE AWAKE" is an excellent number. It is brim full of bright, breezy papers, readable stories and apt illustrations. This monthly strikes us as being particularly noteworthy for wide scope and variety both in its subject matter and in the style and mode of treatment of its writers.

"NIGHT AND DAY" is a monthly record of Christian missions and practical philanthropy edited by Dr. Barnardo of London, England. The December number, in addition to the usual amount of interesting fact and incident, connected with Dr. Barnardo's good work for destitute children, contains on the outside a portrait of Sir John A. Macdonald, the Premier of Canada.

ELEMENTS OF MORALS. By Paul Janet, Translated by Mrs. C. R. Cozens, J. S. Barnes & Co. New York and Chicago. This work is deemed the best of all those written by this eminent moralist for school and college purposes. It is a system of practical rather than theoretical morals, starting from a religious stand point, for as the British Quarterly Review says, M. Janet "cannot conceive morals without religion." The author deals first with the general principles of social and individual morality, and then goes on to deduce and develop in a manner remarkable for fitness and minuteness of detail, the various practical duties springing therefrom. It is a work which will no doubt be largely used in colleges, though too elaborate for the public schools.

Our American neighbours are certainly peerless in the excellence of their children's periodical literature. Anything better adapted to delight the soul of a child than the January number of "OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN" we have never seen. The colored frontispiece representing "The Holy Family" after Defregger, and its companion "Venetian Fisher Boy" are beautiful studies for child or adult. The illustrations are excellent throughout, both in design and execution, and the letter press is not only beautifully clear and inviting, but seems to us unusually well adapted to the taste and comprehension of the average child reader. This charming child's Magazine is published by D. L. Stthrop & Co., Boston, at one dollar per year.