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Literary Notes

Not many magazines live to print their three-thousandth number, yet the issue of *The Living Age* for January 4, 1902, bears that number on its title-page. Founded by the late Mr. E. Littell in 1844, this magazine has carried to its readers every Saturday for nearly fifty-eight years whatever was freshest, most important and most interesting in the whole field of foreign periodical literature. It has retained its essential characteristics through this long period, and while other magazines have come and gone, has strengthened its hold, year by year, upon the intelligent constituency to which it ministers. Art, science, travel, biography, literary criticism and appreciation, poetry, fiction, politics and international affairs—whatever is of broad human interest finds a place in its well-filled and clearly printed pages; and despite the multitude of younger magazines competing for the public favor, there never was a time when this venerable electric was more nearly indispensable to alert readers than to-day. It is published by *The Living Age Company, Boston*.

Early days on the Southwestern frontier are vividly recalled by a stirring story of adventure, told by Wm. M. Edgar in the opening article in January Oting. Only a generation ago, the wagon-train boss, like the stage-coach driver, was a picturesque and familiar character on the plains, and among the mountains of the far West. It was required that he should use alike of the whip and rifle; how to obey or to command, according to the exigencies of the day and hour; how to persevere and triumph over discouragements and dangers. The scene of the story is the Pecos River Valley, on the overland trail from San Antonio to El Paso, Texas. A force of twenty-six men and two boys find means of successful defence against a band of hostile Indians, numbering 250 or more. This paper is a fitting introduction to a superior number.

Notes by the Way AMHERST.

The first Maritime Fat Stock Show and Winter Fair was in session here when I arrived. This fact was made forcibly known when the train stopped at the Experimental Farm near Nappan and upwards of a hundred representative farmers came on board and took possession of things. These had been visiting the Experimental Farm to see how theoretical and practical farming can be made to supplement each other. Previous to reaching Nappan the students returning from Wolfville for Christmas holidays had been holding carnival as is their wont, but numbers subdued them, and from Nappan to Amherst the atmosphere of the train was decidedly agricultural. (Please note that my use of the word 'atmosphere' is strictly metaphorical.)

But why say anything of the Winter Fair? All have read of it in the daily papers. But there is a moral attached, and those who never read the moral of a story can skip the following. The Winter Fair was an unqualified success, financially and otherwise. Yet there was no circus in attendance, no wonderful performing animals, no incredible acrobatic feats, no balloon ascensions, no horse races, no fireworks—in short none of the long list of attractions deemed essential to the success of the ordinary provincial exhibition. And in spite of all this the attendance did not suffer. From the three provinces the farmers came together—keen, intelligent, self-respecting men—to compete with and get help from each other, and to listen to the discussion of live topics by the leading

agriculturalists of the Dominion, with the soft blandishments of the politicians as a relaxation. And I venture the assertion that those who attended the sessions of the Fair went home with a better practical knowledge of their work and a truer conception of the value of the agricultural interests of the Maritime Provinces, which things seem to be scarcely considered by the management of our large exhibitions.

Of Baptist interests at Amherst there is little need to speak. Pastor Bates and his assistant, Rev. J. A. Huntley, are laboring zealously and intelligently, and their efforts are seconded by a noble band of workers. The B. V. P. U. is preparing to take up the Study Course now being outlined in the *MESSENGER AND VISITOR*. Some evidence that the Spirit has been working upon the hearts of the unsaved has been manifest lately, and pastor and people are heartened thereby.

Leaving Amherst on Saturday I at last, after nearly four months of wandering, started upon the last stage of the homeward journey. Pettitcodiac was reached in time for tea, and with a feeling of great relief I once more found myself at home. The Christmas joys—and the following pains—can be passed over. The resting time gave opportunity also for attending to an important duty. If no notes appear next week it will be either that there is nothing of importance to write or that the vaccination has "taken." Pastor McNeil is getting nicely settled in his new field, and the people are congratulating themselves on having at last secured a permanent pastor. All are looking hopefully forward to the new year.

R. J. COLPITTS.

Pettitcodiac, December 28.

[Above notes were intended for last week's issue, but were not received in time to appear.—ED. M. AND V.]

Personal.

Rev. W. N. Hutchins has resigned the pastoral charge of the Canning and Peraus churches, to accept the call of the Prince St. church, Truro. Mr. Hutchins has had a successful pastorate of seven and a half years in connection with the churches which he is about to leave. They have been years of growth for the pastor as well as for the churches he has served, and he will be able to give the result of matured power and experience to his new charge.

General Rundle reports that on the night of Dec. 24, Col. Firman's camp at Zeefton, consisting of three companies of yeomanry and two guns, were successfully rushed by a strong commando under De Wet. It is feared the casualties were heavy. Two regiments of light horse are pursuing the Boers.

The Johannesburg Star has resumed publication, which was interrupted by the war.

"KING'S EVIL"

Those old English Kings made history. Those old English Kings were fast livers. Those old English Kings got sick.

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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND.

Murray River church, Quarterly Meeting, D. W. \$5.25; Alberton church, D. W. \$9; Alexandra S. S. Grande Ligne, \$1.60; North River church, (D. W. \$5.62, Quarterly Meeting, coll. \$3.38) \$9; Charlottetown church, (D. W. \$5.70, S. S. \$11.70, Junior Union, native preacher, \$25.) \$41.80; Tryon, B. V. P. U. support of Kemchama, \$1.50; Murray River church, D. W. \$7.25. Total \$75.40. Before reported \$32. Total to December 30th, 1901, \$107.40. Total N. B. and P. E. I. to December 31st, 1901, \$1027.02. J. W. MANNING.
Treas. N. B. and P. E. I.
St. John, Jan. 1, 1902.

Acknowledgment.

While so many were remembered at Christmas we were not forgotten, our people bringing us two very expensive chairs. A beautiful easy chair for Mrs. Steeves and a very handsome Oak Morris chair for myself, also cash and groceries. This people has ever been very kind to us, for which we feel very grateful. May the Giver of all good richly bless them.
C. J. STEEVES.

Baillie, Charlotte Co.

John Ruskin was one day walking slowly along the streets of London. The weather had been very wet, and the mud was most abundant and tenacious. The thought occurred to him that he would have the mud analyzed to find out the organic elements. This was accordingly done, and the London mud was found to consist of sand, clay, soot and water. Musing upon them, the thought occurred to him that these are the very substances from which our precious gems are formed. From the sand or silt, are formed the onyx, chrysolite, agate, beryl, cornelian, calcadony, jasper, sardian-amethyst; from the clay are formed the sapphire, ruby, emerald, topaz, and from the soot is formed the diamond. London mud of priceless jewels! Man cannot transform the mud into those glittering points of light, but God transforms the mud of depraved humanity into the glory of redeemed and beautiful souls who sing: "Unto him who loveth us and has made us priests and kings unto God and his Father, to him be the glory."—John Robertson.

Michael Sullivan, of the R. C. Regiment, pleaded guilty at Halifax, Thursday, before Judge Wallace, to the charge of breaking into the Home of the Good Shepherd and assaulting the Sister Superior. He was sentenced to three years and six months for breaking and entering, and to six months for assault.

Rev. Dr. Potts, of Toronto, chairman of the educational fund of the Methodist Church, has received a cheque for \$100,000 from the Hart A. Massey estate towards the endowment of Victoria University. This is the first payment on the original bequest of \$200,000.

The situation as to small-pox in St. John has decidedly improved during the past week. There are now only fifteen cases under treatment, and nearly all are reported to be doing well. Since the outbreak there have been 99 cases in all, of which 64 have completely recovered and 22 have died.

Notices.

The next meeting of the Kings County Conference (N. S.) will be held at Aylesford, D. V., Tuesday, Jan. 28th, beginning at 10 o'clock. The churches will please take notice of this and see that delegates are appointed to the meeting. The exercises will, we trust, be helpful to the spiritual life. Let us have a large attendance. That the large-hearted brethren at Aylesford are anticipating. Don't let them be disappointed.

M. P. FREEMAN, Sec'y.

The Quarterly Meeting of Queens Co., N. B., will convene with the Mill Cove Baptist church, beginning on Friday evening, January the 10th, and continuing through the Sabbath.

J. COOMBS, Sec'y.

Dec. 20th.

The Lunenburg county Quarterly Meeting will convene with the "Day Spring" Baptist church, 13th and 14th of January, 1902. Let all the churches of the county be represented by delegates.

W. B. BEZANSON, Sec'y.

The Cumberland County Baptist Conference will hold its next quarterly session at Harrisboro, N. S., January 14-15. The provisional programme includes sermons by Pastors Steeves, Estabrooks and McGregor; a Review of a Book by Dr. Steele; Addresses by Pastors Bates and Belyea, with the usual sessions. For devotional exercises, Christian Conference, Reports from churches and etc.

D. H. MACQUARRIE, Sec'y.



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