

are decidedly prosy. "After the Play" is a splendid sonnet, not less meritorious because its subject is not love. Verily infinite is the number and nauseating the effect of the lyrics on love and death that fall from the pens of college poets. Is it not time for editors to put a stop to this kind of nonsense? If there had been more grammar and less "grief that has its fount in love" in the author of "Dolor Sancta" he would probably have entitled his poem "Dolor Sanctus," unless he meant to make his grief a very *feminine* thing, which indeed it is. The "Book Reviews" in the Lit. are the best we have ever seen in any college magazine.

Williams Literary Monthly.—There is not enough of the heaven of love in the December *Williams Lit.*, to corrupt the whole lump, though "Cupid's Way" and "The Miracle of Love" are about as spiritless as even amorous verse is permitted to be. But the prose is excellent. "The Growth of German Poetry" and "The Masterpiece" are what readers look for in a literary magazine. "Old College Laws" is an interesting study. The Book Reviews here again deserve high praise and the other departments are creditably edited.

Transactions of the Canadian Institute.—The Déné Languages is the title of a paper presented to the Institute by Rev. Father A. G. Morice, O. M. I. It is a contribution to the Ethnology of our Indians from a missionary who has made deep researches in the allied science of Philology. Father Morice's conclusions are interesting—that the Déné Languages agree with most American Idioms through the polysynthetism of their composite words, especially their verbs; that they resemble the Turanian tongues in many respects; that they possess several features in common with the Semetic languages and have many traits of affinity with the Aryan languages. The reverend missionary's essay must be of great interest to philologists and of great value to ethnologists.

In its issue of Jan. 2, *The Republic* will print the opening chapters of a new novel, "A Daughter of Erin," by Eugene Davis, the well-known Irish poet and journalist.

The story, which has been written exclusively for its columns is a most interesting one, dealing as it does with the history of the Irish cause in the early years of the present century. Many of the scenes are laid in France, where a number of the exiles of '98 were serving under Napoleon, and the First Consul's attitude toward Ireland is told in detail for the first time. It is a story that will attract much attention and comment.

THE NEW CANADIAN MONTHLY.

The announcement of the establishment of a Canadian illustrated monthly magazine is a source of gratification to the very large class of readers who have been waiting to welcome just such a periodical from a Canadian publishing house. The Sabiston Litho. & Pub. Co., Montreal, have taken the decisive step, and the first issue of the *Dominion Illustrated Monthly* will make its bow to the public during January. It will be a 64 page magazine, handsomely illustrated, and Canadian and patriotic in tone. The most gifted of Canadian authors will contribute to its pages, making it a most desirable family magazine for all Canadians especially. The subscription price, \$1 50, places it within the reach of all.

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