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RECENT MAGAZINES.

Some time ago Professor Leacock wrote an article on the decline of poetry, and now Susan E. Cameron, a Montreal educationist of standing, and well known in the Maritime Provinces, takes up the cudgels on behalf of the poets in the *Canadian Magazine* for October. She belabours the professor rather severely.

The October *Atlantic Monthly* contains the Autobiography of a Southerner—the fourth number of this suggestive contribution on Southern life. Two Memories of Childhood, by Lafcadio Hearn, and My Shakespeare Progress, by Martha Baker Dunn, with many entertaining stories, poems and essays, complete an excellent number.

One of the *Quarterly Review's* pleasantly discursive articles on The Literature of Egotism opens *The Living Age* for September 22nd. The article reviews critically but sympathetically some of the recent autobiographies or quasi-autobiographic fiction and reflection.

The September *Chautauquan* comes to its friends in a striking new form, easy-to-read, easy-to-carry, and easy-to-file for permanent reference on the home-library shelves.

The strongest feature of the October *Delineator*, aside from the fashions, which are splendidly shown, is the opening of the Countess von Arnheim's new serial story,

Fraulein Schmidt and Mr. Anstruther. It is now publicly announced that the Countess von Arnheim is the author of "Elizabeth and her German Garden."

Official Notice.

Lord Meath Empire Day Challenge Cups and League of the Empire Prizes.

ESSAY COMPETITION FOR EMPIRE DAY, 1907.

The following are the conditions and subjects:

(a) Lord Meath Empire Day Prize (secondary schools)—a silver challenge cup, value £10 10s., presented by the Right Hon. the Earl of Meath, K. P., to be held by the school, and a personal prize of £5 5s., given by the League of the Empire, is offered for competition, inter-all secondary schools of the Empire, for an Empire Day Essay not exceeding 2,000 words. Age limit, 14 to 18 years old.

Subject: "The Conditions of Successful Colonization."
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Subject: "The History of British India."

All essays must first be judged in the schools, and afterwards by the authorities kindly co-operating with the league in the different countries of the Empire.

Only those essays sent in through the authorized channels will be eligible for the final judging arranged for by the Federal Council of the League in London.

The essays which are entered for the final judging in London must reach the central office by the 1st of February next.

The names of the winning schools will each year be engraved upon the cups, which are replicas of the Warwick vase.

The cups and prizes will be dispatched in time to reach the winning schools before the 24th May each year.

The essays must be sent to the Education Office, Fredrickton, not later than December 25th, 1906.

J. R. INCH,
Chief Supt. Education.

Education Office, Sept. 9th, 1906.