

MANITOWANING.—Miss Martha Smith, B.E., of the Presbyterian Ladies' College, Toronto, has been spending her vacation in Algoma, and while benefiting herself by enjoying the healthful breezes, has been benefitting and charming a number of the mission churches by her delightful recitals. Through arrangements made by Rev. J. Rennie, of Manitowaning, who suggested the idea, Miss Smith gave an entertainment at each of the following places: Manitowaning, Little Current, Gore Bay, Thessalon, Bruce Mines, Richard's Landing, Webbwood, and Massey. The entertainments consisted of selected sacred readings, given by Miss Smith, interspersed with sacred songs and solos given by local musical talent. The recitals were all of a character suitable for the House of God and fitted to instruct and elevate as well as to entertain. They were all delivered with fine skill and effect, some of them being specially impressive. It is safe to say they have been a benediction to many. As Miss Smith has generously divided the proceeds, the churches visited have been benefitted financially as well as otherwise. If she should upon some future occasion return to Algoma she will be sure to receive a cordial welcome.

BARRIE.—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church held its half-yearly business meeting on Oct. 26th, at which the following officers were elected for the ensuing six months: Hon.-president, Rev. D. D. McLeod; president, Mr. J. Prior; vice-president, Mr. F. Campbell; rec.-secretary, Mr. H. D. McLeod; cor.-secretary, Miss A. McConkey; treasurer, Mr. J. McIntosh; organist, Miss G. McConkey. The members on different committees have been carefully chosen and we are looking forward to a more successful term than ever.

STAYNER.—The Y. P. S. C. E. of the Presbyterian church held its semi-annual business meeting on Friday, October 2nd, with a large number of active and associate members present. The following members will form the list of officers for the ensuing term: Honorary president, Rev. R. Pogue; president, Mr. E. Schell; vice-president, Miss Flo. McDonald; recording secretary, Mr. W. McMurray; corresponding secretary, Miss Morrison; treasurer, Miss M. Craigie. Our society has increased its membership wonderfully during the past month and is still adding to its members. At the meeting of Friday, October 9th, reports of the convention held at Barrie, Sept. 28th, were read by the delegates and proved very profitable to the society. As a society we feel grateful to Him who has been with us during the past and blessed us in His own way.—JAMES PETRIE, Editor.

PERIODICALS.

Marriage is exhaustively discussed in the November *Ladies' Home Journal*—by Mrs. A. D. T. Whitney, who tells her girl friends "The Truth About Marriage," and Dr. Parkhurst, who writes of "The Young Man and Marriage." The same issue contains the first of "Mr. Moody's Bible Class" articles, which the famous evangelist will contribute to the *Journal* in the future—as the leader of a great National Bible Class. The initial article of "Great Personal Events" series—in which the conspicuous occurrences of the past half-century will be told by eye-witnesses is also given. In it, Hon. A. Oakey Hall recalls "When Jenny Lind Sang in Castle Garden" (New York, in 1850), and tells of the unparalleled furore created by the "Swedish Nightingale." Edward W. Bok emphasizes the virtues and value of the bath, and deprecates the tendency of mothers to escape the responsibility and care of training their own children. In the line of fiction the November *Journal* presents the conclusion of Ian MacLaren's charmingly told story, "The Minister of St. Bede's," and a story of fascinating interest, "The Assistant Librarian Pro Tem," by Robert C. Meyers. Lillian Bell writes of "Other Girls" in her characteristically bright and crisp vein; Ruth Ashmore advises "The Girl Alone in the City," and J. Harry Adams describes how to make ornate and useful articles of household furniture. There are also contributions upon dress, the table, needlework, home games, and the usual departments.

The *Chautauquan* for November provides the following rich feast for all lovers of good literature: "Sunday Readings," by Bishop Vincent; "Javia," a story by Andre Theuriet; "Recent Advances in Medical Education in the United States," by W. D. Hamaker, A.M., M.D.; "The Fruits of the Year," by Prof. Byron C. Halstead, Sc.D.; "Sea Sculpture," by Bishop H. W. Warren, L.L.D.; "The Speaker of the House of Representatives," by Henry H. Smith; "Contamination of our Municipal Water Supplies," by Frank J. Thornbury, M.D.; "Japan as an Industrial Power," by William Elliot Griffis, D.D.; "The Dangers in Your House," by The Family Doctor; "Progressive Housekeeping," by Jane Kingsford; "Germany's Favorite Preacher," by Mrs. William H. Wait. The Department of Current History and Opinion gives in concise form the happenings of the month, and book reviews of especial merit complete this valuable number.

Yale University is the subject of an interesting article in the November number of *Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly*. It is written by George Henry Nettleton, and is profusely illustrated with views and portraits. It is the first of a series of papers on "American Universities and Colleges," to appear in successive issues of this magazine. Then there is a description of "Madagascar and the Malagasy," by Mary Titcomb; a paper on "Egg-hunting on the South Farallon," by C. H. Thompson; the continuation of Edith Sessions Tupper's stirring serial, "Father John," a graphic account of the "Twin Cities," Minneapolis and St. Paul, by Charles Thomas Logan; short stories and poems by John Gilmer Speed, Captain Jack Crawford, Lurana W. Sheldon, Ella Higginson, Louis Pendleton and Clifford Howard; the Department for Boys and Girls, with contributions by F. A. Ober and Horatio Alger, Jr., etc. The quality and quantity of the illustrations in this number are particularly noticeable.

The superior truth and delicacy of the old daguerreotype are made manifest in the November *McClure's* where fine reproductions of daguerreotype portraits of Calhoun, Webster, Edward Everett, Dr. Holmes, Jenny Lind, and others, from rare collections still surviving, illustrate an entertaining paper, by Mrs. D. T. Davis, on the development of daguerreotype painting in America. Another richly illustrated paper, is Ethel Mackenzie McKenna's account of the English artist Alma-Tadema, in his luxurious London house and studio. But the reader's first curiosity will be for the story of American life by Rudyard Kipling, of which the opening installment here appears. It opens on an Atlantic liner, passes dramatically to a Gloucester fishing schooner on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland, and begins a portrayal of the strange, romantic life of the Yankee fishermen, in the midst of their perilous employment, and promises to be as strong and fine as anything Kipling has done. The illustrations by L. W. Taber are very close to the real life, also. The other fiction of the number is a clever story of a loss and recovery of diamonds, with incidental detective exploits, and a Thanksgiving story. Then there is one of Cy Warman's true railroad stories—the story of a fierce battle between snowplows on top of the Rocky Mountains. Elizabeth Stuart Phelps contributes reminiscences from her experience as a writer of novels and short stories, giving, along with confidences regarding her own practice, a spirited statement of her theory of the story-writer's art.

The *Bookman* for November is a fine issue. There are portraits of Sir Walter Scott and Lady Forbes (Scott's first love). Rev. W. J. Dawson, Harold Frederic, Frank R. Stockton, Kate Douglas Wiggin, and others. The various departments—Chronicle and Comment, Poetry, The Reader, London and Paris Letters, Reviews of New Books, Novel Notes, The Bookman's Table, Among the Libraries, The Book Mart, etc.—are all well filled with matter of special interest to booklovers. A subscription to this timely, critical, and well-edited magazine will keep you thoroughly in touch with current literature. [New York: Dodd, Mead & Co.]

Current Literature for November is an interesting number of the magazine. Following the article on "Colonialism and Nationalism" comes a delightful study of New England Puritan life, "An Old-Time Magistrate," by May Alden Ward. Further on we find an interesting reading from Nansen's "First Crossing of Greenland" which graphically depicts the hardships of Arctic exploration; and a timely page of verse, "Songs of November." All the regular departments of the magazine, both poetry and prose, are filled as usual with interesting matter. "Canton River Folk," a pen picture of travel in the Orient; "The Possibilities of Human Flight"; "The Awakening of a Negro"; "Flags and Their Origin"; "Telephoning by Sunbeams"; "The New Watchwords of Literary Criticism," are among the best of the articles.

The *Treasury of Religious Thought* for November, 1896, opens with a finely illustrated article on "Princeton University." The initial sermon is by the Rev. J. A. B. Wilson, D.D., whose portrait is the frontispiece. Dr. Gregg, of Brooklyn, gives the third of his interesting sermons to young people, under the unique title of "Ideal Letter Writing." Prof. Edward J. Hamilton, of the State University at Washington, strongly defends the conservative view of "The Fall of Man," while Dr. Philip S. Moxon, of Springfield, Mass., gives a more progressive view of "How the Bible Should be Studied in the Sunday-school." Prof. T. W. Hunt, of Princeton, of whom a sketch and portrait is given in the first article, has an article on Charles Dickens. There are other articles of value, sermon sketches, and the minor departments are well filled.

The opening article in the November *Atlantic* is a paper by J. Laurence Laughlin, of the Chicago University, on "Causes of Agricultural

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