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THE CANADIAN METHODIST MAGAZINE, December, 1878. This number contains two finely illustrated articles: "Educational Institutions of Canada," and "Around the World in the yacht Sunbeam." The first has good cuts of Victoria College and Faraday Hall, Toronto University, McGill College, Knox College and Trinity College. "The King's Messenger" is concluded. "The Romance of Missions," by the Editor, gives a sketch of the life and labors of Dr. Coke. "The Brothers Chambers" is a condensation of the article in the *London Quarterly Review* on the great Edinburgh publishers. "Herbie's last Christmas" is a simple story of the death of a little boy in Ottawa. "The First Christmas," by Dr. Fowler, and four poetical selections complete the body of the number. There is the usual amount of Current Topics, Religious Intelligence, &c., and a Christmas hymn, set to music, by Rev. L. H. Wiseman.

SCRIBNER'S MONTHLY. Special arrangements for 1878-9.—"Haworth's," by Francis Hodgson Burnett, the author of "That Lass 'o' Lowries," will be the leading serial of *Scribner* for 1878-9. It is the longest story Mrs. Barnett has written, and will be more profusely illustrated than any serial which has yet appeared in the magazine. Mr. Boyesen's "Falconberg" will run through a part of the year; to be followed by a serial from a new writer, Mr. Geo. W. Cable, of New Orleans. His novel will exhibit the state of society in Creole Louisiana, about the years 1803-1-5, the time of the Cession, and a period bearing a remarkable likeness to the present Reconstruction period. The series of portraits of American poets will be continued during the coming year, the next being that of Emerson (in February). These portraits will appear as frontispieces of four different numbers. The magazine is now having prepared several articles on the leading Universities of Europe. They will be written by an American College Professor,—Mr. H. H. Boyesen, of Cornell (author of "Falconberg"). Among the illustrated papers in preparation are "Studies in the Sierras," by John Muir, the California Naturalist. Mr. Herbert H. Smith, of Cornell University, a companion of the late Prof. Hartt, is now in Brazil collecting materials and preparing a series of papers on the present condition,—the cities, rivers and general resources of the great Empire of South America. The "Johnny Reb" Papers, by an "ex-Confederate" soldier, will doubtless be among the raciest contributions during the coming year. Illustrated contributions are also announced on Canada, American Art and Artists, American Archeology, American Inventors, Lawn-Planting for Small Places, etc., etc.

MUSIC.

We have received from Oliver Ditson & Co., a few of their new pieces, and among them three from Sullivan's comic opera, "H. M. S. Pinafore." People usually go to an entertainment to be entertained, and it is undeniable that a performance one can laugh at is the most resting of any. This clever burlesque has good music, is very amusing, and its morals are unexceptionable. Mrs. Cripps' song, "I'm called Little Butterfly," is the gay ballad of the woman who brings pies and cakes to sell to the returning mariner. A Galop, by Warren, and a Waltz by the same author, include favorite melodies.

Besides these opera airs, we have in the package a beautiful sacred quartet by J. H. Howo, "Softly now the Light of Day;" a good, wholesome ballad called "Grandfather's Chair," by Neale; and a very merry "Christmas Eve Waltz," by W. A. Severance.

There is also with the music a copy of the "Musical Record," with the weekly news and plenty of fine music.

ANSWERS TO QUERIES.

1. Can a candidate who takes Latin at the Intermediate, instead of Natural Philosophy, Chemistry and Book-keeping, enter the Normal School for professional training if he has taught for three years?

G. H. M., Uxbridge.

Yes. (For the names of American journals see CANADA SCHOOL JOURNAL for March, 1878.)

2. What Latin is required for the Intermediate Examination in July, 1879?

3. What History is the best to read for Second Class Examinations? SUBSCRIBER, Elmwood.

(2.) In Latin, candidates may take Eclogue's I., IV., VI., VII. and IX. of Virgil, instead of the portion of the *Aeneid* at present prescribed.

(3.) For English History, "The Epoch Series;" Canadian History, Jeffer's; Roman, any good history.

4. Can a Teacher having taught from the 3rd Jan., 1878, to the 23rd Dec., 1878, inclusive, claim salary for the whole of said year, together with salary for 1st and 2nd Jan., 1879?

5. Will the attendance of children living in No. 1 Section and having parents holding taxable property in the same, but also having a small assessment of say \$50 in No. 2, be returned for the Inspector for No. 1 or No. 2? H. T. H., Clover Hill.

(4.) The Teacher is entitled to his salary for the holidays, at the close of his engagement.

(5.) The attendance should be returned in Section No. 1.

6. If a person who holds a "Second A" desires to attend the Normal School, for professional training, will he receive the allowance of \$2.00 per week? T.

Not if the certificate was obtained before July, 1877.

7. I hold a third class certificate which expires in July, 1878. Nov., if I write at the Intermediate Examination in July, 1878, and take a second-class, will I be allowed to teach the balance of the year on it? A. B. C.

You may teach until you are admitted to the Normal School for "professional training."

8. At the Intermediate Examination, which I passed in Dec., 1876, I took Latin. Is my certificate equivalent to a non-professional second-class grade B? SUBSCRIBER.

Yes.

9. Please let me know the price of the last Programme for the Examination of third-class Teachers. G. S., Kemble, Ont.

It can be obtained gratis by applying to the Educational Department.

—Ruskin has truly said: "Education does not mean teaching people to know what they do not know. It means teaching them to behave as they do not behave; and the true compulsory education which the people now ask of you is not *catechism*, but *drill*. It is not teaching the youth of England the shape of letters and the tricks of numbers, and then leaving them to turn their arithmetic to roguery, and their literature to lust. It is, on the contrary, training them into the perfect exercise and kingly continuance of their bodies and souls. It is a painful, continual and difficult work, to be done by kindness, by watching, by warning, by precept and praise—but above all, by example."