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ATTENTION is called to the character of the illustrations in THE WEST SHORE for the current year. It will be observed that more attention is being paid to our public institutions, to miscellaneous subjects and to the illustration of current events. These features admit of a higher standard of artistic excellence and are of more general interest to the public than those which are confined to buildings, street scenes, etc. There is no intention to discontinue the latter, however, and our industries will be as freely illustrated and described as formerly.

THE JANUARY number of THE WEST SHORE developed such a demand for Portland literature, that the publisher has issued a volume of the same size, entitled "Portland Illustrated," containing twenty-four pages of illustrations and description of the city and vicinity; also, a large colored plate of the High School. The cover is an elegant one, printed in three colors, and is the most handsome in design and perfect in execution of anything ever seen in this city. This will be sent to any address upon the receipt of twenty-five cents. The publisher has in press an elegant volume entitled "Columbia River Illustrated," in which the grand scenery of that noble stream is presented in a series of views, all printed in three colors. The cover will be a handsome design in colors, and the whole will be a beautiful souvenir such as every person who has traveled on the Columbia river will desire to possess. It will be issued in about two weeks, and will be sent to any address upon receipt of fifty cents.

THERE has just been opened in South Kensington, London, England, one of the largest and most interesting exhibitions ever held, known as the "Colonial and Indian Exhibition," comprising extensive displays of the arts, commerce, agriculture, industries, resources, flora and fauna of India and the numerous colonies of Great Britain, such as Canada, New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, New Zealand, Fiji, etc. The benefits flowing to the countries thus exhibiting their products, especially those which, like Canada, have millions of acres of fine agricultural land, which are offered as a free gift to settlers, will be immeasurable. The December number of THE WEST SHORE, in which the Dominion of Canada and the Canadian Pacific railway were fully described and superbly illustrated, so pleased the Dominion government that orders have been received from Ottawa for a large special edition to be sent to London for distribution at the exposition. This gives Portland a footing in the exposition, an advantage not enjoyed by any other city in the United States, and must result in much benefit to this city, and the entire Northwest as well.

EARLY in March a call was issued by L. Allen Macrum, Sam. R. Irwin and Geo. W. Pittock for a meeting in Portland of Pennsylvanians. On the seventeenth of the month a Pennsylvania association was organized with the following officers: L. Allen Macrum, governor; P. G. Eastwick, first lieutenant governor; Geo. H. Himes, second lieutenant governor; Hon. Elwood Evans, attorney general; Geo. W. Pittock, secretary of state; D. Solis Cohen, state treasurer; Joseph Sloan, sergeant at arms; G. T. Brown, doorkeeper. Beginning with thirty-one members, the society has grown to ninety-five and is still increasing. The membership extends over Oregon, Washington, Idaho and British Columbia. A trifling fee is charged members to raise means to sustain the organization. The object of the association is briefly stated: "To strengthen friendship among former residents of the Keystone state, and to furnish information to Pennsylvanians intending to visit or settle in the Northwest; to entertain and furnish information to those visiting the country." A visitors' register has been placed in the board of immigration rooms, and the membership register is in charge of the secretary of state, to whom all communications may be addressed, at Portland, Oregon. The native sons of Oregon and Ohioans have since formed societies, and probably the New Yorkers, Indianians and others will fall in line. After several organizations have formed, a "states hall" will be established as a free reading, social and meeting room for those entitled to entrance. The former residents of every state should form a similar organization and aid in rendering this move more beneficial to the Northwest.