

LITERARY NOTES.

Lippincott's Monthly Magazine comes out in a new series with a very quaint old-style cover in two colours. It is reduced in price to \$2 a year, and we think decidedly improved in character. (J. B. Lippincott Co., Philadelphia.)

Art and Decoration is an illustrated monthly, each number containing 50 illustrations in brown and black. The leading exponent of the progress of decorative art. Edward Hugh Brown, Publisher, Warren St., New York. \$2.50. per annum.

Numbers Seventeen and Eighteen of the Riverside Literature Series (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co., 15 cts. each) are devoted to Hawthorn's Wonder-Book for Boys and Girls. A "little classic" that will delight the heart and improve the taste of all who read it.

The Methodist Review (New York: Phillips & Hunt, \$2.62 a year) begins its 68th volume with a good number. A steel portrait and life-sketch of Bishop Wiley are given. The chief points are articles by Dr. Strong on the Revised Old Testament; D. M. Ross on Prof. Drummond; and the veteran Editor on Movements of Religious Thought in Britain.

D. Lothrop & Co., Boston, issue a new *Household Library*, printed in large, readable type, with a handsome cover, price 50 cents per volume. The initial number is "The Pettibone Name," by Margaret Sidney. It is a story of New England rural life, inculcating a fine moral and abounding in both humour and pathos.

The Continental Publishing Co., Chicago, issue a new popular *Atlas of the World*, containing coloured county maps of every State and territory in the Union, and maps on a small scale of the other countries of the world. A printed page describing the topography, climate, history, etc., accompanies each map, and there are many coloured statistical diagrams. Four of these maps are devoted to the Dominion. Price \$1.50.

The excellently edited *Montreal Gazette* makes a strong point of its New Year's review of the world's progress. We have these now on file for several years and find them of great and permanent value. They come, we believe, from the pen of John Reade, Esq., F.R.S.C., one of the most accomplished writers of the Canadian press. The review of 1885 occupies no less than twenty-three and three-quarters closely-printed columns—about as much as a hundred 12mo pages.

We have received a neatly printed memorial of the late Robert Walker, of Toronto, being the beautiful tribute to his memory by the Rev. Hugh Johnston, B.D., delivered at the Carlton Street Church, Oct. 18th, 1885. An expressive and life-like photographic portrait accompanies the sketch. This is an appropriate memento of a godly man, who being dead yet speaketh through his work of faith and labour of love. He rests from his labours and his works do follow him.

The Pastor's Diary and Clerical Record. Prepared by REV. LOUIS H. JORDAN, B.D. Revised ed., 12mo. Price \$1.00. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: Wm. Briggs. Contains Calendar, International Lessons, Daily Record for the year, Record for Pastoral Visitation, Collections, Committees, Cash Account, Books to be Read or Consulted, and Books Lent—the last no unimportant matter. Will be of much value by cultivating method and punctuality.

The Open Secret; or, The Bible Explaining Itself. By HANNAH WHITALL SMITH. Pp. 320. Toronto: S. R. Briggs. Price \$1.25. That the author of this work has a faculty of presenting the "Secret Things" that are revealed in the Word of God is apparent to all who have read the exceedingly popular work, "The Christian's Secret of a Happy Life," and such will not be disappointed in expecting to find in this new volume a fulness and sweetness in the unfolding of God's Word, in its application to the practical and daily duties of Christian living.