

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

*The Overland Monthly* for December.

*Science* for December publishes scientific notes, news and discussions which will not fail to interest its readers. Considerable space is devoted to electrical news. No one who wishes to keep pace with the scientific progress of the age can we'll afford to dispense with *Science*.

*The Forum* for December is a good number, opening with a second article by Archdeacon Farrar on "Count Tolstoi's Religious Views." George W. Cable and Judge Tourgee are also represented, while the scientific articles include a most interesting discussion of "A Possible Revolution in Medicine," by Dr. Austin Flint, and "The Role of Chemistry in Civilization," by Prof. W. Crookes.

RECENT issues of the *London Illustrated News* contain amusing sketches in court of the Parnell Enquiry Commission, a picture of the opening of the new Albert Hall at Jeypore; sketches of the places in which the Black Mountain force is fighting at present. Mr. Melton Prior's series of sketches along the C. P. R. is continued, Mount Stephen and Banff Hotel being the subjects. The literary part of the *News* is well sustained.

THE *Atlantic Monthly* for December contains another instalment of Mr. A. S. Hardy's novel, "Passe Rose," which is unusually attractive and clever. It is a tale of Anglo-Saxon times, and perhaps Mr. Hardy's best story. The number is strong in good fiction, and articles appear on "The Future of the Country College," "The Close of Garibaldi's Career," "Boston Printings and Painters," which are well worthy of the reputation of the *Atlantic*. Our readers will find the Prospectus for 1889 very attractive.

THE January *Popular Science Monthly* contains an illustrated article on "House Drainage," by Dr. Billing, U.S.A., which is sure to be read with interest. Mr. W. D.

Le Sueur, of Ottawa, writes on "Science and Its Accusers;" Lieut. Lyons on "The Guiding-Needle on an Iron Ship," an article which is an able treatment of the whole subject of the disturbing influences to which the compass is exposed. In its range of topics and its adaptation to all classes of intelligent readers, the *Popular Science Monthly* continues to deserve support.

*Thirteenth Annual Report of the Johns Hopkins University*. President Gilman's report of the academic year from September 1st, 1887, to September 1st, 1888, is interesting and complete.

*Historiettes Modernes*. By Prof. Fontaine. (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.) 60c. A pretty little book, containing 160 pages of French literature. There are thirteen selections, all published in France in 1887 and popular in character.

*Heath's German Series. Leander's Traumerlein*. Selected. Edited and annotated. By A. U. Van Dael. (Boston: D. C. Heath & Co.) 25c. This book, intended as a reader for beginners in German, will be found well suited for its purpose. The editor is Director of Modern Languages in the Boston High and Latin Schools.

*A Brief History of Greek Philosophy*. By B. C. Burt, M.A. (Boston: Ginn & Co.) The student of Greek classics will find help in his studies placed at his command in this volume, written by a gentleman who was formerly Fellow in the Johns Hopkins University. The general and special references in the footnotes, the bibliography and the typographical arrangement enhance considerably the value of the work.

*The Classical Review*. (London: David Nutt; Boston: Ginn & Co.) An American edition of this noted English classical magazine is now to be issued by Messrs. Ginn & Co., of Boston. The editors and contributors