

Folk stories begun in this issue will receive attention both from children and "grown-ups." The serials are as interesting as ever, and the illustrations as telling and dainty.

Scribner's Magazine. Everyone can sympathize with Andrew Lang's "Adventures Among Books," but no one else could have told the tale so well. "A China Hunter in New England" leads us on a pleasant journey. Charles G. D. Roberts contributes a short and well-told story.

THE tenth volume of Mr. Ford's edition of Washington's writings is the opening review in the *Critic* of September 5th. There is much interesting information given concerning Tom Quiney, Shakespear's son-in-law, in the *Shakespeariana*. The first sight of poetry in the *Critic* gives pleasure—it is so sure to be good.

THE *Dominion Illustrated's* last issue contains many Canadian views. An especially interesting series is on "Canadian Churches." Items of news are given from Toronto, Nova Scotia and Montreal. A novel by Hawley Smart is appearing at present. The literary competition closed on August 1st has not yet been announced.

A DELIGHTFUL collection of political caricatures from *Punch* is given in the August *English Illustrated*. Sir Robert Peel, Lord John Russell, etc., are shown masquerading as characters out of Dickens. The Russian Jewish exile, on his arrival in England, is portrayed by Ellen Gertrude Cohen. Marion Crawford's serial is continued.

MRS. BURTON HARRISON's new story will appear during the year in the *Century*; and the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America is to be celebrated by publishing a Life of Columbus. The present number contains a portrait of Thomas Bailey Aldrich, and a critical review of his poems by Frank Dempster Sherman. "The Squirrel Inn" is concluded, and a novel by Rudyard Kipling is promised for the November issue. A fine engraving is given of David and Goliath, a painting by William S. Dodge.

John Ruskin. By J. Marshall Mather. (London and New York: F. Warne & Co.) Mr. Mather's work, which aims at giving an outline of the life and teaching of John Ruskin from an impartial standpoint, has now reached a third edition. It is well worth careful reading; two of the best chapters being "Social Science," and "Moral Influences of Ruskin's Writings."

Two convenient and tasteful editions of the *Waverley Novels* are now being issued by Messrs. A. & C. Black, Edinburgh. We have before us "Waverley" (prescribed for study this year in the High Schools and Collegiate Institutes of Ontario) in each of these editions. The sixpenny edition is clearly printed on good paper, and the "New Monthly Issue" (price 2s. per volume) is probably the best cheap edition of Scott's Novels to be had. Both editions have the author's Notes and Glossary, and the latter has an index as well.

The High School Trigonometry. By I. J. Birchard, M.A., Ph.D. (Toronto: William Briggs.) \$1.25. A third volume has now been added to the High School Mathematical Series, which will no doubt, like the preceding volumes, be received with favour in our schools. Mr. Birchard's ability as a mathematician, and his success both in teaching and in preparing text-books are known to our readers. The present work is complete and practical, and contains a large number of examples. We congratulate the author and publishers on its appearance.

The Illustrated News of the World. We have enjoyed reading "Our Note Book" in the past, and doubtless often will in the future, but someone has been deluding Mr. James Payn. Who has been so unkind? People can drive, walk, and even run in Ontario on Sunday. Canada, Mr. Payn says, is the least literary of the British Colonies. He will learn better some day. The French Squadron at Portsmouth is fully illustrated and described. Andrew Lang's new "Shakespear" and "Robust Writing" by Frederick Greenwood are among the best writing in the number.