

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

WE direct the special attention of teachers to the two Latin books authorized by the Minister of Education for use in the schools of Ontario. The Copp, Clark Co. publish the book prepared by Prof. Fletcher and Principal Henderson; and the Methodist Book Room the one prepared by Mr. Carruthers, Classical Master Parkdale Collegiate Institute, and Mr. Robertson, Head Master High School, Toronto Junction, lately of Owen Sound Collegiate Institution.

THE leading article in the September *Overland* is a description of the Farallon Islands by Charles S. Green. There is also an interesting paper on "Quail and Quail-Shooting," by J. A. A. Robinson. The number contains the usual short stories and poems.

THE August *English Illustrated Magazine* has for leading articles, "W. H. Smith & Son," by W. M. Acworth. The number abounds in interesting papers, one being on "Biscuit Town," by Joseph Hatton, and others being on the "North Eastern Railway" and "English Racing Yachts." The fiction is hardly up to the average of the magazine.

THE September *Eclectic* contains an interesting short story from the *National Review*, entitled "The Candidate for West Drum." "Three Essayettes," by Coventry Patmore, is from the *Fortnightly Review*. Other interesting papers are "Midsummer Magic," by Vernon Lee (*Macmillan's*), and the "Russian Crisis," from the *Contemporary Review*.

MARGARET DELAND'S serial, "The Story of a Child," begins well in the September *Atlantic*. Rarely can be found a more interesting reminiscence than that of Edward Everett Hale's, entitled "A New England Boyhood," the third part of which appears in this number. Other valuable articles are "The Primer and Literature," by Horace E. Scudder, and "Cliff-Dwellers in the Cañon," by Olive Thorne Miller. "Don Orsino," by F. Marion Crawford, is continued.

STEVENSON'S story of the South Seas was concluded in the *Illustrated News* of the 20th August. The last issue contains a short story entitled, "In Sight of Death," by George Moore. In a short note Mr. Edward Blake is spoken of as the most conspicuous new member in the House of Commons. Elizabeth Robins Penwell is contributing a series of articles, "Berlin to Budapest on a Bicycle."

A RECENT number of the *Critic* contained an appreciative article on Sir Daniel Wilson. The issue of the 27th August gives besides lengthy reviews, magazine notes, and interesting letters, a short article by Andrew Lang on "Miss Mollie Elliot Seawell," who bids fair to obtain fame by her paper on woman. The "London Letter" by Mrs. Walford, and the "Boston Letter" by Chas. E. Wingate are always of great interest.

SELDOM is history more entertainingly told than by Tudor Jenks in the September *St. Nicholas*, under the title "A King Without a Throne." The two capital serials, "Tom Paulding," and "Two Girls and a Boy," give signs of drawing to a close, a fact which will be regretted by the eager readers. Laura E. Richards finishes her charming series of recollections, "When I was Your Age." Jingles, pictures, and verses make up, with other stories and articles, an excellent issue.

THERE are no less than three articles concerning Walt Whitman in the August *New England Magazine*, one by George D. Black on the poet, followed by "Walt Whitman in Boston," by Sylvester Baxter, and "Walt Whitman's Democracy of W. Blackburn Harte." The short stories are good, particularly the one entitled "Off Monomay Point." The poetry of the number is by Clinton E. Scollard, Julia E. Lippman and Arthur L. Salmon.

A *Compendious German and English Dictionary*, with notation of correspondences and brief etymologies. By W. D. Whitney and A. H. Edgren. (London and New York: Macmillan & Co., 1891.) This is one of the best of the smaller dictionaries for