

*Littell's Living Age*, for November 17th, contains an interesting article on "Francis Thompson," from the *London Quarterly Review*. "An Unresolved Discord" is a short story, by W. C. Norris, from *Longman's*.

Two new serials begin in the December number of *The Quiver*. A pretty and humorous short story is "Miss Hannah's Love-Letter," by Albert E. Hooper. There are the usual excellent articles, by such men as Rev. Hugh MacMillan and the Lord Bishop of Ripon.

Delightfully natural and funny is John Kendrick Bang's Paradise Club on "Woman's Suffrage" in the Christmas numbers of the *Ladies' Home Journal*. A new ballad by Sir Arthur Sullivan, gives an air of luxury to the number. The Christmas article, by Robert J. Burdette, is one of the wisest that has been penned for many a day.

The *Youth's Companion* has recently issued a dainty calendar for 1895. The special attractions for next year are wonderfully good. One of the greatest merits of this admirable paper is the entire reliance that may be placed on whatever is found in its pages.

The December *Cosmopolitan* is a particularly good number. There are short stories by Rudyard Kipling, W. D. Howells, and Mrs. Burton Harrison, besides others of interest. Sir Edwin Arnold, Clarence Stedman and James Whitcomb Riley contribute poems. The illustrations are exceedingly good.

We have just received from the publishers, Messrs. Copp, Clark & Co., Toronto, *The Canadian Almanac* for 1895, (48th year of issue); and, although this almanac is always good, the present issue is distinctly in advance of any previous one. An article by Dr. Bourinot on "Canadian Parliamentary Procedure," a series of articles on the "Defences of

Canada," and an excellent account of the Sault St. Marie Canal are among the new features of this excellent almanac.

*An Elementary Chemistry*. By G. R. White, A.M., Phillips Exter Academy. Boston: Ginn & Co. This book is the outcome of the author's experience in teaching chemistry and is primarily intended for students, who, for any reason, must study chemistry without much assistance from a teacher. The experiments are most carefully detailed, and the chief aim is to make the student think for himself.

*Le Monde ou l'on s'ennuie*. By Pailleron, with notes and introduction by A. C. Pendleton, D. C. Heath & Co., Boston. One of the Heath modern language series, this is a bright, witty, entertaining, modern French comedy, the "Hôtel Rambouillet" up to date. The language is, of course, of the most modern type; the sentences short, crisp and idiomatic. The notes are copious enough for the fairly advanced reader, and deal mostly with difficult idiomatic turns. The book would be very useful for supplementary reading in our High School French classes.

*A Scientific French Reader*. Edited by Prof. Herdler, of Princeton, with introduction, notes and vocabulary. Boston: Ginn & Co. This reader is intended as an introduction to French Scientific literature, and therefore special attention is paid to technical terms, etc. It will be useful, chiefly, to students of Science.

*Colomba*. By Prosper Mérimée, with introduction and notes by G. Eugène Fasnacht. London and New York: Macmillan & Co.; Toronto: Copp, Clark & Co. Mérimée's *Colomba* has long been an acknowledged masterpiece. It is a story of Corsican *Vendetta* of fifty years ago, abounding in local color and thrilling adventure, with admirable delineation of Corsican