

(b) In the olden days, in which distance could not be vanquished without toil, but in which the toil was rewarded, there were few moments of which the recollection was more fondly cherished by the traveller than that which brought him within sight of Venice. Not but that the aspect of the city itself was generally the source of some slight disappointment.

We have forgot what we have been,
And what we are we little know ;
We fancy new events begin,
But all has happened long ago.

Full oft my feelings make me start
Like footprints on a desert shore,
As if the chambers of my heart
Had heard their shadowy steps before.

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

THE *Academy* offers in its January number a prize of \$50 for the best paper on "Science Teaching in Secondary Schools."

THE *Illustrated London News* for 1888 will contain "The Strange Adventures of a House-Boat," a new novel, by William Black.

THE leading feature of the *Overland* for 1888 will be illustrated descriptive articles. California, Oregon, Alaska, and the Rocky Mountain region will receive special attention.

IN the January number of *The American Magazine*, Wm. H. Rideing will have the first paper of a series on Boston Artists and their studios, reproducing some of their paintings and showing their distinctive styles of art.

THE *English Illustrated Magazine* provides for its readers a very interesting paper on *Antwerp*, by Katherine S. Macquoid, fully illustrated. Installments of two Serials, Part II. of "Coaching Days and Coaching Ways," and the Editor's Department, help to make up a good number.

EDUCATION is now published monthly, instead of bi-monthly, ten numbers being issued in the year. A recent issue contains several excellent articles, including the address delivered by Dr. White before the Schoolmasters' Club, Boston; and a thoughtful paper on "The Tendency of Technical Training," by Mary Deyo.

THE frontispiece of the last *Wise Awake* is a charming picture engraved from a painting by B. C. Porter, now in the Corcoran Gal-

lery, Washington. Serial stories, poems and rhymes, descriptions of pleasant journeys and other good things, fill up this number. The article on "The Fisheries" is scarcely up to the mark.

IN the January *Popular Science Monthly* the Hon. David A. Wells discusses high and low tariffs. This paper forms the seventh of the "Economic Disturbance Series." "Railroads and Trade Centres," by Mr. Morgan; "Evolution and Religious Thought," by Prof. Joseph Le Conte; and "The Outcome of the Granger Movement," by Mr. Pierson, all repay perusal. In "Science and the Bishops," Prof. Huxley makes some unworthy references to Christianity.

THE second number of *Woman's World* is an improvement on the first, and contains "Mary Anderson in the Winter's Tale," a fine kindly article which will possess a special interest for many readers, inasmuch as it is the very last thing written by Mrs. Craik. Other good articles follow dealing with literary, philanthropic, social and art subjects. *Woman's World* has bright prospects, and we congratulate the publishers on its appearance. Cassell & Co. \$3.50 per year.

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