

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

The September number of the *Atlantic Monthly* is especially strong in fiction. The serial "A Singular Life," by Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, is remarkable not less for its purity than for its truth, while "The Seats of the Mighty" continues to be easily the best thing that Gilbert Parker has written. A new serial by Miss Murrefree is begun in this number. Among the verse will be found a fine poem by Bliss Carman. Michael Field, the English writer, appears for the first time in an American publication contributing "Tiger-Lilies." "Guides: a Protest," is an amusing paper by Agnes Repplier.

Of special interest to educationists, in the *Popular Science Monthly* for September, is the paper on "Material of Morality," by Mr. James Sully, and the note in the *Editor's Table* on "Sham Education." Natural History is well represented by "Variation in the Habits of Animals," and "The Study of Birds Out of Doors." Among other papers of interest may be mentioned "Trades and Faces," by Dr. Robinson, "Natural Rain-Makers," by Mr. McAdie, and "Fruit, as a Food and Medicine," by Dr. Benjafield.

Conan Doyle, H. H. Boyesen, and Clark Russel are among the storytellers in September *Cosmopolitan*. There is also a delightful sketch of "An English Country House-Party," by Nina Smith, the house at which she visited being the historic Abbotsford. The illustrations of the number are specially fine.

Mr. Stockton's delightful story "Love Before Breakfast" is concluded in this number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*. All the various departments are full and interesting,

while the continued stories sustain their promise. The cover, which is designed by C. D. Gibson, is extremely attractive. Grace Greenwood tells in this number who the man was who most influenced her. Graceful in theme and melodious in construction is Mr. Robert Coverley's song "Love's Reflections," written exclusively for the *Journal*.

"Medical Work in Missions" receives special attention in the September number of the *Missionary Review of the World*. R. H. Graves contributes a paper on "Their Basis and Results." Dr. Maria White gives her experience in "Medical Work Among Women and Children." There is also a note on "The Death of Dr. Phillips." "Japan and Korea" are the countries written of by Dr. Piereson in the "Monthly Survey."

"The Third Time of Asking" is a delightful little Scotch story in *Littell's Living Age* for Sept. 14.

Julien Gordon has a characteristic short story in the September *Lippincott's*, entitled "Morning Mists." The complete novel is by Francis Lynde and is called "A Case in Equity." Ella Wheeler Wilcox has an amusing sketch entitled "The Literary Woman at a Pic-nic." Charles G. D. Roberts contributes a poem called, "The Weaver."

"Teddy and Carrots," a serial which is running in the *St Nicholas* at the present time, is of more than usual excellence. There are two other serials besides this, both very good. "Our Moose, Elk and Deer" is the title of a paper by W. T. Hornaday which is of great interest to its readers. Jeanette Gilder contributes a paper on "Antwerp and Old Ant-