

THE opening article of the latest *Overland* is on "The Eucalyptus Tree." Among other important contributions we notice one on "The Ramabal Movement," and another on "Women on School Boards."

Captain King's new novel, "Dunraven Ranch," is printed in the December number of *Lippincott's*, and a biographical sketch of this American military man and author, with a portrait, also appears. Three short poems, one of them—"To all Women" (by Amélie Rives), John Habberton's humorous "Six days in the Life of an ex-Teacher," and an article on "Trust Companies" help to make up a good number.

The Popular Science Monthly for December is an important number. Some fourteen articles are presented to the reader, among which the opening one, on "The Psychology of Deception," one by Grant Allen, on "Evolving the Camel," and another, on "Infant Mortality," by Dr. French, may be specially mentioned. Mr. D. D. Daly, Assistant Resident, writes of "Native life in British Borneo." The Editor's Table has an interesting reference to "Work at the Lick Observatory."

A SECOND edition of the November *Book-buyer* has been issued by the publishers, Charles Scribner's Sons. It contains portraits of Mrs. Humphrey Ward, author of "Robert Elsmere," and of Margaret Deland, author of "John Ward, Preacher," both accompanied by biographical sketches. Some thirty pages of literary news make up the rest of the magazine. The publishers will shortly issue a beautiful Christmas number of 144 pages.

A RECENT issue of the *Illustrated London News* contains sketches of scenes at the "Parnell Enquiry Commission," and other things of interest in England. Other pictures are of the journeys of the German Emperor in Europe, the British Administrator in Bechuanaland, etc. There are also articles and illustrations in connection with the Bi-centenary of the Revolution of 1688. The department entitled "Our Note Book," by James Payn, is always readable.

THE *December Quiver* is an excellent number, furnishing many attractive articles of permanent value. A coloured frontispiece brightens the opening page. An article on the public work and private life of the Rev. C. H. Spurgeon will have no lack of readers, and another on a "New York Philanthropist"—(Henry Bergh), is also well worth reading. We are glad that the circulation of the *Quiver* is rapidly increasing.

THE *Missionary Review of the World*, edited by Dr. Pierson, of Philadelphia, and Dr. Sherwood, of New York, has just completed its first volume, and enjoys already a large measure of sympathy and support. Its pages are full of information about the mission fields of the world, and few people who are interested in missions would be willing to part with it. Under the heading, "Literature of Missions," the December number gives nine articles, one of them on "Miracles of Missions" being from Dr. Pierson's pen. Twenty one societies are represented in the next department, which is entitled "Organized Missionary Effort." The remaining departments are also well sustained.

Lippincott's Science Series. Botany. By Annie Chambers-Ketchum, A.M., 192 pp., \$1. (Philadelphia: The J. B. Lippincott, Company.) School books now are growing attractive in style and binding—a good example is this Botany with its numerous illustrations and fine letter-press. The author follows the inductive method of M. Antoine de Jussieu, and has succeeded in preparing a botanical text-book which, though almost too brief in the treatment of some parts of the subject, is nevertheless well fitted for use in schools and colleges.

Natural History Readers. No. V. By the Rev. J. G. Whod, M.A. (Boston: The School Supply Company.)

The Riverside Literature Series. No. 37. A-Hunting of the Deer, and other essays. By Charles Dudley Warner. *No. 38. The Building of the Ship, and other poems.* By H. W. Longfellow. *Extra No. Literature in School.* By H. E. Scudder. (Boston: Houghton, Mifflin & Co.)