

Roosevelt's Life of Oliver Cromwell is also begun in the January number. The Coming of the Snow is a most charming article on a winter's day in Canada, the more particular location being New Brunswick. So far as Canadians are concerned it is an agreeable contrast to A Cold Day in Mid Canada, published in the January *Blackwood's*.

The cover of the January *St. Nicholas* is a most attractive one: three children sitting on an old-fashioned settle before a fire, a large cat benevolently gazing from the cushioned top above them. The Little Boy and the Elephant is an unusual story, by Gustavus Frankenstein, unusual in character and in attractiveness. The Doubtful Member is a story for girls, by Mary E. Bradley. Elizabethan Boys is an article of considerable historical value and insight, by L. H. Sturdevant.

W. A. Fraser has a short Indian story, entitled The Home-Coming of the Nakannies, in the January number of the *Ladies' Home Journal*. This writer, whose popularity is growing, is reported to be in the habit of dictating his stories. This may not interfere with his popularity, but the writer himself would almost certainly be better satisfied if he worked over his material a little more. To each man his own method, however, and that might interfere with his spontaneity. A selection from the letters of Gail Hamilton to the poet Whittier is published in this number. The "Mother of the Stars" seems rather an odd name to give to an astronomer, even such a celebrated one as Miss Maria Mitchell.

The first story in *The Youth's Companion* for the issue of January 18th is written by Edith Wharton, the lady whose book of short stories has recently been so favorably received. April Showers is the name

of the story in *The Youth's Companion*, it deals with the ambitions of a young woman who wanted to write, and who, strange to say in a story, did not succeed, and gave up her ambitions. Among the many valuable departments in *The Youth's Companion* Current Events should be mentioned for its preciseness and almost invariable fairness of tone.

In the *Sunday School Times* for January 20th there is published an interesting article by M. N. R. Stomont on Boys and Girls in South-east Africa. This will be read with particular attention under present circumstances. Another article of immediate interest is What Moody Owed to his Pastor, by Rev. Carlos T. Chester.

The Delights of Trying to Be Somebody Else is an article on theatrical entertainments in English country houses, written by Edgar Saltus, and profusely illustrated by photographs of well-known personages, made up to go on the private stage. Home Care of the Sick is a valuable article on nursing, by J. S. Fulton. The English writer, A. J. Quiller-Couch, whose story, The Ship of Stars, has lately been the subject of much favorable comment, contributes a short story entitled The Lady of the Ship. Another entertaining short story is called Motorman Cupid; it is written by Melville Chater.

The following publications have been received:

W. C. Heath & Co., Boston: Pope's The Iliad of Homer, Books 1, 6, 22 and 24, edited by Paul Shorey; Publishing a Book, by Charles Welsh; Alice and Tom, by Kate Louise Brown

Longmans, Green & Co., London and New York: Plane Trigonometry, by Daniel A. Murray.

George Bell & Sons, London: The Age of Johnson (1748-1798), by Thomas Seccombe.