

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

"MAIDENS Choosing" is the latest novel in the *Lippincott*, absorbing almost all the available space. The other articles though by necessity extremely short are interesting. The books are fairly and skilfully reviewed at the end.

THE *Overland Magazine* for April received. The illustrated article on "Dairying in California" appears in this number. "The Sherman of Early Days" and "Patriotism and School Education" are two of the more important articles.

THE author whose picture appears in the last issue of the *Book-buyer* is Miss Mary E. Wilkins. Her success in literature has been marked. A short sketch of her life is given. Among the books noticed are Black's "Stand Fast, Craig Royston!" The letters are, as always, interesting.

THE great sea novelist Clark Russel has a story appearing in the *London Illustrated News*. It is announced that J. M. Barrie will contribute a serial towards the end of the year. Grant Allen discourses in a characteristic way on spring. Grasse is made familiar to English people by numerous illustrations.

"MORAL Education" by Larkin Dunton is the opening article in the *March Education*. It is of the greatest importance to teachers. "The Relation of the College and University to the Community" is ably discussed by Pres. Thwing. The second historical paper on "Pestalozzi" and "Manual Training" are included in the issue.

"HARROW School," by Dr. Butler, appears in the April *English Illustrated Magazine*. It is a great pleasure to those on our side of the sea to be able to visit thus historical places. Italian girlhood is discussed in the present number. Crawford's story "The Witch of Prague" is continued. We cannot but regret the style in which the page is printed. The long line makes toilsome reading.

"LING Ching Ting," the opium eater, an extract from a tract by Dr. Baldwin is printed in the April *Missionary Review of the World*. "London papers and India's women" is an able article on the question at present agitating England. Other interesting papers are "A Jesuit Mission in India" and "Why Missions are Modern."

An Historical Geography of the British Colonies. Vol. II. By C. P. Lucas, of Balliol College. and the Colonial Office. 7s. 6d. (Oxford: At the Clarendon Press.) We have no unfavourable criticism to make of this work. Our only wish is Oliver Twist's—"More,"—and it is ungracious to express it now, with a new volume of no inconsiderable bulk, just issued, before us, which is really the third of the series (the first being termed an introductory volume). Mr. Lucas shows a great knowledge of his subject and an industry and skill which modesty alone makes us to hesitate to praise. He has availed himself of the special local knowledge of other gentlemen. The present volume is devoted to the West Indies and maps, tables, an index, etc., add to its value.

A New History of England and Great Britain. By Prof. Meiklejohn. (St. Andrew's: A. M. Holden.) We have long desired to find a history suitable for use in the upper forms of Public Schools, and in High Schools and Collegiate Institutes, that really might, with propriety, be termed a history and not an apology for one. This is something like a history. There are a dozen features of interest and value which characterize it, and we can unhesitatingly say that it is, on the whole, the best we have yet read. We hope to see it some day in our schools. Social history, genealogy, dates, great persons, historical terms, great events in other countries, etc., receive a share of attention, in fact, one is struck with the completeness of the work and with its admirable tone. It has already reached a third edition.