

NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS has given the usual amount of good things during the month. Notably among many others are some excellent sketches of views on the Canadian Pacific Railway; Hunting and other scenes in Morocco; and of the black Mountain Expedition. There is a lively double page scene, "Hereditary Sportsmen: Three generations;" and a good copy of Mr. A. J. Carter's lovely picture, "His first visit to the Flock." The "Illustrated" contains a vast amount of interesting and profitable reading on current topics—Music, the Drama, Art Notes, the Societies, Book Reviews, The Court, Chess, and other subjects, besides "Our Note Book," and full accounts of the illustrations.

THE CENTURY for December contains a notable article on "The Reorganization of the British Empire;" which all who feel a deep interest in the Empire should read. "From Sinai to Shechem" is another highly interesting paper. "Life on the Great Siberian Road" is of thrilling interest. "London," by Henry James, profusely illustrated, almost conveys one personally into that vast city. "The Romance of Dollard," a highly interesting Canadian story, of 1660, with scenes in Quebec and Montreal, is continued.

HARPER'S WEEKLY for the month has been as full of interest as usual. Editorials on "Christmas," "The President's Message," "Lord Salisbury and the Suffrage," "John Bright," "Boodle and the Cabinet," "Silence at Indianapolis," "The Panama Canal" and "Women at the Polls," we have read with much interest. There have been many excellent illustrations, including a page portrait of Henry M. Stanley, with numerous other portraits of men of note. "Their pride," is as natural as life. "Christmas in Germany," "Old Santa Claus" and "Santa Clause Captured" are all highly attractive.

IN HARPER'S BAZAAR, THE ladies weekly, we find, regularly, most excellent articles bearing upon health and subjects of domestic life. Under the standing head of "Women and Men" are "The Athletic Girl," "Guest and Hostess," and the "First Snow," all of a most instructive character as well as interesting. In the "Cradle and Nursery" columns too are articles invaluable to the mother. In illustration, "In the Australian Bush—Dead for want of Water," double

page, from a drawing by W. Small, is as pathetic as "Type of Beauty," double page, is attractive. One wants to look at and study both for a long time. Thanksgiving number is a delight. The Christmas number contains two double page illustrations: "Christ and the Fishermen" and "Ecce Agnus Dei—for unto you is born this day," etc.

IN THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY for January, just to hand, so well distributed is the space among the several departments, that the number can not be said to have a special feature. There are four illustrated articles this month, one of which, "The Guiding-Needle on an Iron Ship," opens the number. "House-Drainage from Various Points of View" is the title under which Dr. John S. Billings, U.S.A., an authority on this subject, describes, with illustrations, the present condition of this complex problem. Very timely and interesting is Mr. W. H. Larrabee's copiously illustrated paper on "Sea-Lions and Fur-Seals." Two articles that will interest teachers and parents are "The Sacrifice of Education," a protest against the abuse of examinations, and "Inventive Geometry" by E. R. Shaw, which tells how geometry has been made a pleasure to pupils using the book prepared by Herbert Spencer's father. Eighteen drawings made by boys and girls in working out the problems are inserted. "Town-Life as a Cause of Degeneracy" is the subject of an instructive paper by G. B. Barron, M.D. The real nature of "Genius and Talent" is described by Grant Allen in his peculiarly happy vein.

AN ENLARGED reproduction of the map of Siberia published in the May Century, showing the route taken by Mr. George Kennan, has been issued by the Century Company. Copies are mailed, in a roiler, to any address for 10 cents in stamps.

A CORRECTION.—The article on "Corsets and Dress Reform," by Mrs. Lydia Becker, in the November number of the JOURNAL, was not the paper she read at the meeting of the British Association, as implied in the heading, but one written by her expressly for the Sanitary Record.

MANY OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS are behind for this year's subscription. Will they kindly remit now for both 1888 and 1889? Many others are two and three years behind, we believe chiefly through "putting off" so small a matter. We hope they will not, now that another year is about past, require us to send accounts again, after the many already sent.