

*Flights of birds.*—These seem to be arranged according to the respective passions for which they stand, thus Envy is represented by the vultures, Avarice by harpies, Superstition by ravens, etc.

*Winged boys.*—Cupids.

*Spreading forth into an immense ocean.*—Time leading to eternity.

*Innumerable islands, etc.* Notice that it is a Mohammedan idea of a paradise, entirely different from the Christian ideal.

*Seats.*—Situations or places.

*Relishes.*—Tastes.

WE are requested by the Education Department to announce that the following selections from the literature prescribed for

Third Class Teachers' non-professional examinations will be repeated for 1887-8:—

PROSE.

No. XV., Addison, "The Golden Scales," pp. 88-92; No. XXII., Goldsmith, "From the Vicar of Wakefield," pp. 127-133; No. LXIII., Thackeray, "The Reconciliation," pp. 308-315; No. LXX., George Eliot, "From the Mill on the Floss," pp. 356-359;

POETRY.

No. LXVII., Longfellow, "The Hanging of the Crane," pp. 336-342; No. LXXIX., Tennyson, "The Lords of Burleigh," pp. 370-372; No. LXXXI., Tennyson, "The Revenge," pp. 373-377; No. CV., E. W. Goss, "The Return of the Swallows," pp. 437-438.

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

THE November number of the pretty children's magazine, *Our Little Ones*, is early to hand and is more than an average number.

THE November number of *Education* contains articles of great value, on various important subjects. Among these are "Manual Training," "Romans in England," etc.

INTERESTING travel-papers form an attractive feature of recent numbers of the *English Illustrated*, a magazine which, as the "Thunderer" lately remarked, "has no rival in England."

THE *Overland Monthly*, in common with other magazines, devotes considerable space to the discussion of new astronomical methods. The article is entitled "Photography, the Servant of Astronomy."

THE *Atlantic Monthly* for December contains the address delivered by Mr. Lowell, at the 250th anniversary of Harvard University; Dr. Holmes' poem, written for the same occasion, but even without these it is a good number.

TWO noteworthy articles in the November *Eclectic* are "Prospects of Home Rule," by E. A. Freeman, and "The Future Supremacy of Women," by E. Lynn Linton, the former being taken from the *Fortnightly* and the latter from the *National Review*.

THE *Youth's Companion* celebrates this year its sixtieth anniversary. Among its contributors are W. D. Howells, J. T. Trowbridge, Prof. Huxley, The Duke of Argyle, The Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, and Archdeacon Farrar. The *Companion* has nearly 400,000 subscribers.

THE November Brooklyn magazine is an entertaining number, containing several short poems of merit and instalments of serials, besides the sermons of Rev. H. W. Beecher and Dr. Talmage, here published as revised by the writers, and occupying a considerable portion of this valuable magazine.

WE congratulate the readers of *Harper's Monthly* on the beautiful Christmas number which will shortly be in their hands. For nearly forty Christmastides the holiday *Harper's* has been issued, and a glance at