

were expecting a good deal. We have pleasure in stating that we have not only not been disappointed but the vast work far exceeds our expectations. Any one about to purchase a first class dictionary should by all means first see this or send to the publisher for specimen pages, descriptive circular, &c. In every respect it is a very great improvement on Webster's Unabridged, formerly issued by the same publishers. We have not space to write nearly all we should like to in praise of this vast structure of over two thousand pages, handsomely bound.

THE Memoirs of Talleyrand, the first installment of which is to appear in the January Century, will contain a sketch of the author's strange and lonely childhood, an account of his entry into Parisian society, his estimate of LaFayette, some account of the beginnings of the French Revolution, a striking passage concerning the Duke of Orleans, an account of Talleyrand's residence in England and America, and of a most interesting conversation between Talleyrand and Hamilton on the subject of Free Trade and Protection.

THE "Storage of Electricity," which is just now being considerably discussed in this country, will be explained in a fully illustrated article by Prof. Samuel Sheldon, of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, in the January Popular Science Monthly.

THE DECEMBER ST. NICHOLAS has for a frontispiece Rembrandt's wonderful portrait of himself, referred to in Mrs. Dodge's account of Holland and its strange features. There are to be two of these papers, and it is the first which here appears under the name "The Land of Pluck," fully illustrated. New and old readers of "Hans Brinker" will welcome these sketches. Another important contribution is "The Story of the Golden Fleece," retold for American boys and girls by Andrew Lang, with illustrations—the introduction only. The number is an excellent one.

THE YOUTH'S COMPANION presents its two and a half million readers with a Double Christmas Number. Picture, story, poem and anecdote are all appropriate to the season. To be always good and on special occasions to be ever so much better, seems to be a characteristic of The Youth's Companion.

THE Physicians' Visiting List for 1891, published by P. Blakiston, Son & Co., of Philadelphia, now in its fortieth year of publication, is an elegant little volume. The leading medical journals are almost unanimous in recommending this as the very best Visiting List published. It is simple in arrangement, compact and complete.

THE ILLUSTRATED LONDON NEWS, Christmas number (American edition, World Building, New York), but just received as the JOURNAL, is about going to press, is a superb number. "Perfectly charming," "Just splendid," the ladies say of it. The illustrations are numerous, in great variety and very fine, some beautifully colored: with a large amount of the lighter Christmas reading matter, including a long Christmas story, "Only a Shadow."

FATHER CHRISTMAS, the Children's number of the Illustrated London News, is truly a charming number, for either young or old; with beautiful illustrations and pretty rhymes on every page. This is equal to the Illustrated News in size. With it is given a large four-page, handsomely colored picture, "Happy Days," worth the price of the number, 50c.

THE METHODIST MAGAZINE for 1891 will be enlarged by 100 pages to make room for a new department on "Popular Science." It will also have more and better illustrations than ever of Bible lands, on tourist travel in Eastern Europe—Hungary, Transylvania, etc. A strong feature will be a series of papers on "The Poets of Canada," by the Rev. M.R. Knight, of New Brunswick, himself one of our "sweet singers."

"ONWARD" is the progressive name of an eight-page, well illustrated weekly paper for young people issued at the low price of 60 cents a year, singly—over 50 copies 50 cents a year. It is edited by Rev. Dr. Withrow, whose management of the Methodist Magazine and Sunday School periodicals of the Methodist Church have been so successful. (Toronto: Rev. Wm. Briggs, Pub.)

THE COSMOPOLITAN for December is an exceptionally handsome number. The Frontispiece, "Away on the mountain wild and bare," is very touching. We find a highly interesting paper, with a dozen fine illustrations, on "The Passion Play at Oberammergau"; "Literary Boston," with fine portraits of Elizabeth Stuart Phelps, Louise Chandler Moulton, Rev. Dr. Edward Everett Hall, W. D. Howells and about a dozen others of the literati of that city; Field Marshall Von Moltke, with six of his portraits taken at different periods of his life between his 16th and 90th years; and a number of other good articles and lighter literature abundantly illustrated, with "current events" &c. (\$2.40 a year: New York, 5th Ave. and B'dway).

THE HOME MAKER is an excellent two-dollar domestic magazine (44 E. 14th St. New York,) with an article on the Higher Education of Women, one on Typical Homes, and another, illustrated "Among the Venezuelans."