

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

The first number of *The Monthly Review*, John Murray, has been well received by its English contemporaries. The editor, Mr. Henry Newbolt, contributes an ode on The Nile. The two serials by the Amir of Afghanistan and Anthony Hope open well.

Scribner's Magazine for September contains an article on British Columbia, entitled "The Gameland Our Fathers Lost." The author, Mr. Frederick Ireland, is to be congratulated on a taking title, but it assumes a good deal in a quiet way. One might remind Mr. Ireland that by this time in the world's history that which belongs to one country is not entirely useless to another. But at the same time a thing must have been possessed before it can be lost. Mr. W. D. Howells contributes to the same number "A Personal Retrospect of James Russell Lowell." The paper is both interesting and charming in its own way, but Mr. Howells does rub a little of the bloom off other people's imagination when he records his memories. He is so careful not to leave out the wrinkles that they become over-important. But at the same time his writing gains from the presence of a personality more considerable than almost any other American author of the present day.

The September number of the *Cosmopolitan* contains an article on "The African Boer," by Olive Schreiner. There is also a paper by the Editor on "China and the Powers," supplemented by "What China Really Is," by John Brewster Dane. The prize article on the care of the eye is published in this number. The successful competitor is Dr. H. O. Reik, of Johns Hopkins University. "The Work of a Great

Cartoonist," is an account of the work of F. G. Attwood, who died in April, 1900, and whose drawings frequently appeared in the *Cosmopolitan*.

The *Living Age* has of late contained many articles on China. One of the most striking of these is by Cæsare Lombroso, "Diplomatic Ineptitude and the Chinese War," translated from the *Nuova Antologia*.

One of the most attractive articles that has appeared in the *Ladies' Home Journal* for a long time is to be found in the September number. It is entitled "The Anecdotal Side of Phillips Brooks," and, unlike many articles of the class to which it belongs, it succeeds in capturing some of the greatness and beauty of the character which it is intended to portray. There are a number of other contributions, but, as this is the special autumn fashion number, these are overshadowed by the descriptions of gowns and hats.

"Plane Trigonometry," with five-place computation tables by Elmer A. Lyman and Edwin C. Goddard. Allyn & Bacon, Boston, New York, Chicago.

In writing this book the aim has been to present a rigid and general, and at the same time simple, treatment of the principles of the subject, and to illustrate and impress their use by a copious list of problems, especially in that portion of the work dealing with the analytical relations of the trigonometric functions.

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