

jaws and pours it down in showers over the earth. Every mountain has its spirit or genius, every valley its nymph, every spring its naiad. Hence mountains and rivers, old trees and curious rocks, become objects of worship.—*Nature*.

Beautiful are the heralds
That stand at Nature's door,
Crying, "O traveller, enter in,
And taste the Master's store!"
Littlewood.

Literary Notices.

The current issue of the *Princeton Review* is at hand, and proves to be of unusual interest. The leading article is by Julian Hawthorne on "Agnosticism in American Fiction," in which it is stated that the influence of agnosticism has appeared on the surface of a great deal of recent art work, and that artists and novelists have begun to doubt whether the old conceptions of beauty are not fanciful, and the tendency of this is seen in a greater confinement by novelists to matters of fact. Referring to the inspiration drawn from Tourgenoff by Howells and James and its effect upon their work, the writer says that such productions as these authors have given us are not the great American Novel, because they take life and humanity not in their loftier but in their lesser manifestations.

"On the Education of Statesmen" is an interesting paper by Prof. Henry C. Adams, of Cornell University.

A bright, spicy paper, by R. R. Bowker, is "The College of To-day," which the explanatory note that precedes says is "a supposed address before citizens of the city of Hygeia proposing to found a college. This paper gives some advanced views on education in general and college management and curriculums in particular.

Canon George Rawlinson, of the University of Oxford, contributes a very readable paper on "The Morrow of the Gladstone Administration," in which after paying due homage to Mr. Gladstone for the valuable services rendered by him to England, he says that his retirement is imminent, and regards

it as quite inevitable that the Marquis of Hartington will be chosen to succeed him as Premier and leader of the Conservative party in Parliament. Other articles in the number are "A Study of the Mind's Chambers of Imagery," by President McCosh and Prof. Henry F. Osborn, of Princeton College, and "The Railway Problem," by C. Stuart Patterson.

Lippincott's Magazine for January contains an amount of varied and entertaining reading, which gives the best assurance of the good things to be expected during the coming year. It opens with a description of the new Public Buildings of Philadelphia, written with marked ability, and copiously illustrated. "Notes of Conversations with Emerson," by Pendleton King, bring up very vividly the figure of the great New England thinker in the simplicity of his Concord home. "Matthew Arnold in America," by L. J. Swinburne, is an appreciative criticism, treating mainly of those points in Mr. Arnold's teachings which have a special application to American social life. "Hawaii Pono," by Belle Osburne, is an amusing account of the recent coronation of King Kalakaua, with many capital illustrations from sketches by the writer. "Undergraduate Life at Oxford," by Norman Pearson, an account of the great flour mills of Minneapolis, by F. G. Curtis, and the first of a series of papers on "Healthy Homes," by Felix L. Oswald, are all interesting and instructive articles. The opening chapters of "Sebba's Tangled Web," a short serial story, by Lizzie W. Champney, "Christmas Eve at Tuckeyho," by Sherwood Bonner, and "Whither Curiosity Led," by Charles Danning, constitute the fiction in this number and will be found very attractive. There is the usual variety of short papers in the "Gossip," and the notices of new publications, principally holiday books, are numerous and discriminative.

The *North American Review* for January presents a table of contents possessing in the highest degree the character of contemporary human interest. First, the opposite sides of the question of "Ecclesiastical Control in Utah" are set forth by two representative men, whose competence for the performance of the task undertaken by them respectively admits of no doubt, viz.: President John Taylor, the official head of the Mormon Church, and the Hon. Eli H. Murray, Governor of the Territory of Utah. Senator John I. Mitchell writes of the "Tribulations