

## NOTES ON CURRENT LITERATURE.

**MOTHER'S HELP AND CHILD'S FRIEND** is the title of one of the best books for practical use in the household or for mothers which we have seen or probably which has yet come from the press. It is published by the author, Mrs. LeFavre, of Chicago (P.O. Box 555), who takes a most active and leading part in many social reforms in that city, and in Illinois. The volume is an attractive one of nearly 200 pages, and contains sections under such heads as "The Advent of a New Soul," "Moral Education," "Parental Authority," "The Art of Living," "Speak Gently," "Beauty," "Physical Culture," "Food," "Water," "Sunshine," and many other such. It is written in an easy, familiar and simple style, and is dedicated to the "Children of America." Price: In cloth, \$1; leatherette, 75c.

**THE ILLUSTRATED NEWS OF THE WORLD**, besides the excellent illustrations, gives most valuable information, historical and other, and on current topics. "Armored of Lyonesse," by Walter Besant, is now completed, and in the number for July 19th will be given the first instalment of the "Wonderful Adventures of Pharo the Phœnician," retold by Edwin Lester Arnold, with an introduction by Sir Edwin Arnold, and illustrated by Mr. H. M. Paget.

**THE POPULAR SCIENCE MONTHLY** for July opens with an article by Dr. Andrew D. White on the Antiquity of Man and Prehistoric Archaeology, telling how science has thrown light on the question of the length of time that man has lived on the earth.

**IN THE JULY CENTURY** is the first of two papers on "Provence," which describes and brilliantly illustrates an unhackneyed region of the Old World: that part of France which is like Italy—with its splendid Roman remains, its palace of the Popes, and its associations with Petrarch and Laura. Miss Preston, who wrote the article, is the well-known translator of "Mireio," by the great Provençal poet Mistral.

**THE "ANNALS OF SURGERY"** has now entered upon its sixth year of publication. Much praise is due both to the home and foreign editors for the high literary standard sustained. It is the only journal published in the English language devoted exclusively to science surgery and which does not seek popularity by giving

minor surgery, but rather bringing the reader up to the highest literary and practical attainments, nor does it in the least degree cater to advertisers. The numbers are well illustrated with fine engravings and diagrams, elucidating the text. (\$5 00 per year. Sample copies 50 cents. J. H. Chambers & Co., St. Louis, Mo.).

**SIX YEARS IN CENTRAL AFRICA**, a stirring narrative of personal adventure in the wilds of that great lone land, by one of Stanley's pioneer officers, began in the April St. Nicholas. Of this delightful magazine Book Notes says: Never before has there been published so excellent a periodical for young people; and it is a positive fact it is just as good for old people (only there are none) as it is for young people; and Critic, N. Y., says: St. Nicholas leads the van among the juvenile magazines on both sides of the Atlantic. The Century Co., 33 E. 17th Street, New York.

**THE GRAPHIC**, Chicago's popular illustrated weekly, is publishing a story of Canadian life, by Mrs. Mary Hartwell Catherwood, author of the somewhat famous "Romance of Dollard," published a few months ago in the Century Magazine, the "Story of Tonty" and other charming chapters of Canadian history and tradition. The Graphic story is entitled "The Children of Ha-Ha Bay," the scene being laid successively near St. Alexis, Chicoutimi and Tadousac. Marie, a fair orphan girl; her grandfather, a hermit, at Chicoutimi; Ignace, a brave young forester, and Justine, his sister, are the well-drawn characters in this one of the best of Mrs. Catherwood's shorter stories. The three issues containing the sketch, well illustrated, may be obtained of most newsdealers, or they will be mailed free by the publishers on receipt of 30 cents.

**THE QUEEN'S ROYAL HOTEL**, Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ont., has recently opened for its twenty-second season. This summer resort is picturesquely located in a private park at the mouth of the Niagara River, on the shore of Lake Ontario. For entertainment there are four lawn tennis courts, with bathing and boating. The famous black bass fishing of Niagara is directly opposite the hotel. The grounds are lighted by electric lights. Families can rely on finding every home comfort at this favorite summer resort.