

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE.

MAGAZINES.

A striking feature of the January *Century* is the number of papers on the lives of celebrated people, Franz Hals, the Dutch painter; Robert Schumann, musician; George Sand, Andrew Crany, and Sir James Simpson. There is also an interesting and sportsmanlike paper on "The Vanishing Moose," by Madison Grant. The second installment of "Pudd'nhead Wilson," Mark Twain's story, confirms the impression that this will prove one of the author's most successful efforts.

The extraordinary and interesting experiment made by the editor of the *Cosmopolitan* seems to be turning out an unqualified success, if one can judge by the figures of the December edition, 400,000 copies. The literary, scientific and other departments at the end of the magazine are remarkably good. It is a characteristic of this magazine that the contributors are from no particular class of writers, but cover a wide range of interests.

Alfred Austin's "The Garden that I Love" is concluded in the issue of January 27th of *Littell's Living Age*. There is also an amusing sketch of "A

Humorous Rogue" by Mr. Andrew Crosse, taken from *Temple Bar*. Among the number of short stories in the January *Overland* "The Rich Fool and the Clever Pauper" is specially human and interesting in its treatment.

The *Quiver* has been successful in securing specially interesting serials for the present year. There are several interesting short stories, and a noteworthy paper on the Book of Ruth by the Right Rev. Boyd Carpenter, Bishop of Ripon.

The February number of the *Missionary Review of the World* is chiefly devoted to the work in China. This magazine is of the greatest help and interest to those engaged in Mission work.

"Tiger! Tiger!" is Rudyard Kipling's story this month for the lucky Young Folks of *St. Nicholas*—another chapter in the history of the interesting Mowgli. There is a sketch of Benjamin Franklin, the virtue of whose character has long since been held up to be admired by youth. "Babette" is a charming little tale.

BOOKS RECEIVED.

We have received from Messrs. W. & A. K. Johnston, a number of beautifully executed Natural History Charts (coloured), which would be very suitable for hanging in school-rooms. Accompanying these is a fine coloured plate of the English, Irish and Scotch Ensigs and the Union Jack.

Messrs. Macmillan & Co. (London, Eng., through the Copp, Clark Co. Ltd., Toronto). "The Beauties

of Nature and the Wonders of the World we Live In." By the Rt. Hon. Sir John Lubbock, M.P., F.R.S. "Drawing and Design for Beginners." By Edward R. Taylor. "Elements of Synthetic Solid Geometry." By N. F. Dupuis, M.A., F.R.S.C., of the University of Queen's College, Kingston, Canada.

Sir John Lubbock, in his usual delightful, scientific, scholarly style,