

CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

THE holiday issue of the *Overland* contains a number of illustrations, and is a good average number. The verse is especially good.

A SONNET by one of our Canadian poets, Prof. Charles G. D. Roberts, of King's College University, is to appear in the January *Century*.

AMONG the Christmas numbers we have received, none has been more pleasing than the *Saturday Night*. The contents are truly Canadian, the illustrations admirable, and the matter well chosen.

WE are glad to see that the *Canadian Advance* promises its readers good things for 1890. Among others, articles on "The Jews in Canada," "The Growth of the Provinces," "Open Letters to Editors," etc., will appear.

The Nursing Record, we are glad to see, is already enjoying the success which THE MONTHLY predicted for it. An American edition is now issued and the general contents, with some trifling exceptions, must be exceedingly valuable to its professional readers.

THE November *Classical Review* (American edition: Ginn & Co.) is contributed to by Mr. A. Sidgwick, Mr. H. F. Tozer, and other well-known classical teachers. Among the articles may be mentioned one on "The Early History of the Delian League," and another entitled "Grammatical Gender." The book reviews (signed) are an important part of the magazine. Mr. Lewis Campbell contributes "Greek verses."

RECENT numbers of the *London Illustrated News* contain numerous pictures relative to the Stanley expeditions. In the issue of Dec. 21 we find a full page portrait of Tippoo Tib. There is a portrait and sketch of the special artist in America, Mr. Wright, also a map showing the claims of Portugal in Africa. Amusing sketches are given of people who read wills. Brazil is not forgotten, and the usual departments are well maintained.

The Dominion Illustrated has recently given views in Brantford, St. Thomas, and

St. John, N.B. The series of "Canadian Industries" is continued, also a story of 1837, by Mrs. Curzon. A credit to the Dominion, and a paper which every patriotic Canadian should support, we have pleasure in recommending it to the attention of our readers. There are few teachers who could not often use portraits of public men and other pictures with advantage, in their classes.

Science continues to give every week the latest notes and news of scientific matters. During the past year a great deal of attention has, very properly, been devoted to electricity. The value of this paper lies chiefly in its carefully-written, brief editorial and other notes on matters of health, scientific interest and discovery. For instance, the number for December 13th contains some fifty different items of this kind, almost all of which are worth reading.

THE December *Forum* is a strong number. It contains ten essays: the first on a social question, the next political, then an educational one, in which a Catholic Bishop explains why the Catholics consider the public school system of the States unjust, then a very interesting scientific article on electricity. The others may be classified as medical, scientific, religious, and industrial. The *Forum* is a magazine, or, more properly, a review, of great importance. One who wishes to know what educated and intelligent people think can hardly do without it.

THE December *Atlantic* is an especially good number. Besides the fiction by Henry James and others, we have two lyrics by T. B. Aldrich, and a poem by Edith Wharton. There are several important articles, e.g., "December Out of Doors," "Latin and Saxon America," and (most nearly concerning our readers) "School Vacations," by Prof. Shaler. The Professor's remarks upon the necessity of these, and on the difference between intellectual and physical activity are excellent. We do not quite agree with his ideas about vacation schools.