

containing much interesting information concerning the rise and growth of a very prosperous and deserving institution.

"STOPS; or How to Punctuate," by Paul Allardyce (Thos. Whittaker & Co., London), is gradually finding its way into this country.

NEW announcements in the English "Men of Letters" series are a volume on John Stuart Mill by John Morley, and another on Carlyle by Sir James Fitz-James Stephen.

DR. EDWARD A. FREEMAN has been appointed Professor of Modern History at Oxford in the room of the Right Reverend William Stubbs, D.D., Bishop of Chester, resigned.

THE Christmas Number of *Harper's Magazine* promises to be a marvel of artistic beauty and literary excellence and variety. The old favourite seems to have discovered the perennial fountain of youth and beauty.

*Latine* (D. Appleton & Co., New York,) again appears after the holiday season, unique, bright and useful as ever. It furnishes a whole battery of arguments in favour of the ancient classics as an instrument of education.

THE November *Popular Science Monthly* contains "German Testimony on the Classics Question," by J. F. Fernald; "Origin of the Synthetic Philosophy," by Herbert Spencer, and "Pending Problems of Astronomy," by Professor C. A. Young.

"THE Ancient Empires of the East," by A. H. Sayce (Chas. Scribner's Sons, New York), is likely to supersede everything that has been written on the history of the ancient empires of the east as regards accuracy and the embodiment of the most recent facts.

MESSRS. SCRIBNER are about to publish a new volume by Canon Rawlinson, entitled, "Egypt and Babylon," and an important new work by Dr. Schliemann describing his researches which led to his discovery of the prehistoric palace of the Kings of Tiryns.

MESSRS. G. P. PUTNAM'S SONS announce—"How Should I Pronounce? or the Art of Correct Pronunciation," by W. H. P. Phyfe. Mr. Ayres will not have all the field to himself, and the critics have long since decided that he is too inaccurate to have that distinction.

TEN thousand extra copies of the November *Century*, containing General Beauregard's article on "Bull Run," were called for by the public. Of the December number, containing General Leo Wallace's paper on "Fort Donelson," 150,000 copies are printed.

THE *Atlantic* for November contains a great variety of interesting papers among which may be mentioned "Bichbrook Mill"

by John Greenleaf Whittier; "Stephen Dewhurst's Autobiography" by Henry James, and "The Song of the Silenus," by Samuel V. Cole. Again we mention an admirable feature in this magazine, "The Books of the Month."

UNDER the title *The Book Worm*, John B. Alden, New York, sends out for 25 cents a year a little magazine containing tid-bits from his published works so daintily served that the reader will be tempted to buy the whole volume. We have already spoken of the literary revolution which Mr. Alden has accomplished in producing the best works at an insignificant price.

WE can hardly commend to those of our readers wishing something new to read the love letters of Bulwer. From the specimens going the rounds of the newspapers it will be easy to see that they are disgusting, inane and silly. The executrix of the dowager Lady Lytton who has inflicted these letters upon the world in order to retaliate for the unkind things related in the Bulwer Biography of that unhappy lady has mercifully withheld the answers to the hundreds of amatory epistles. They must all have been of a piece.

FAR different is the volume, "Carlyle in London," recently given to the world by Mr. Froude. We now know the worst that can be said of Carlyle and that worst is not very bad after all. Carlyle is a great favourite with teachers, and they will gladly read the concluding volume of the memoirs of a man, of whom his biographer says: "In no instance did he ever deviate even for a moment from the strictest lines of integrity." The work is of absorbing interest and gives us a rare opportunity to see the world of politics and literature through the eye of genius.

THE *Eclectic*, for November, contains its usual rich variety. Eighteen selected articles from the British reviews and magazines; the literary notices, foreign literary notes and miscellany make up a capital number. "What Dreams are Made of," by Dr. Andrew Wilson, we have from the *Gentleman's*; from the *Contemporary*, "The Conflict with the Lords," by Prof. Goldwin Smith; "Sea Stories," by W. Clark Russell, the latter a sharp critique on "Land Lubber" writers, who venture on nautical "yarns," and an earnest plea for poor Jack, whose condition, despite palace stean hips and philanthropic Plimsolls, is still anything but a desirable one; in the *National Review*, Wm. J. Harris makes a strong plea for "Protection, from the Workman's Point of View."