

## CONTEMPORARY LITERATURE

THE *Overland Monthly* for December contains a paper on Californian history of value to its readers. The short stories are interesting and numerous.

No higher compliment can be paid to the *Nursing Record*, than the interest and pleasure that nurses take in it. Timely notes on improvements are always to be found, nothing is small enough to be despised in nursing.

CAPT. KING occupies almost all of the December *Lippincott* with one of his interesting military novels. What is left of the magazine contains not a few good poems, and among articles, one on "Types in Fiction."

CANADIAN Christmas numbers are a decided success this year. The *Dominion Illustrated* holds a high and well merited position. Great care has been given to the reading matter and the illustrations are equally good. Special mention should be made of "Rosalie," which is a work of art.

THE instalment of the House of Martha in the *December Atlantic* shows some of Stockton's best work. The unforgotten Mr. Pepys has surely handed down some of his charm to one of his admirers, Margaret Christine Whiting, who chats pleasantly about the diarist's wife. 1891 will bring in the *Atlantic*, short stories by Rudyard Kipling and papers by Parkman and Lowell.

THE December *Popular Science Monthly* opens with "Early Steps in Iron-making," one of a valuable series on American Industries. Prof. Hertz contributes an article concerning his recent discoveries in electricity. Other interesting papers worthy of mention are the "The Bore of the Amazon," "Prairie Flowers of Late Autumn" and "Animal Life in the Great Desert."

THE Christmas number of the *Illustrated London News* is one of the best issued this year. The pictures are artistic and have a pleasant flavour of Christmas. The reading matter is remarkably good—"Only a Shadow," by Christie Murray and Henry Hermann; and the astonishing Mr. Kipling in

one of his very best humours relates how Mrs. Hankshee sits out.

## BOOKS FOR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS.

From Messrs. Macmillan & Co. (London and New York):

*A System of Sight-singing.* By Sedley Taylor, M.A.

*An Introduction to the History of the Science of Politics.* By Prof. Sir Frederick Pollock, M.A., LL.D.

*Fifty Years of Science.* By Sir John Lubbock, M.P., F.R.S.

*A Class-book of Geology.* By Prof. Archibald Geikie, F.R.S. Second edition. \$1.70.

*Macmillan's School Atlas.* Physical and Political. By J. G. Bartholemew, F.R.S.E., F.R.G.S.

Macmillan's Geographical Series:

*India, Burma and Ceylon.* By H. F. Blanford, F.R.S.

*The Geography of Europe.* By James Sime, M.A.

*English Men of Action. Clive.* By Colonel Sir Charles Wilson. *Sir Charles Napier.* By Colonel Sir William F. Butler.

*The Elements of Solid Geometry.* By R. B. Hayward, M.A., F.R.S.

*Geometrical Conics.* Part I. The Parabola. By the Rev. John J. Milne, M.A., and R. F. Davis, M.A.

*Dove Cottage.* Wordsworth's Home, 1800-1808. By Stopford A. Brooke. 1s.

*Short Studies of Shakespeare's Plots.* By Prof. Cyril Ransome, M.A.

English Classics:

*Shakespeare. The Merchant of Venice. Julius Caesar. Richard III.* Edited by K. Deighton.

*Burke's Reflections on the French Revolution.* Edited by Prof. F. G. Selby, M.A.

*Southey's Life of Nelson.* Edited by Prof. Michael Macmillan, B.A.

*St. Luke: The Greek Text.* Edited by the Rev. John Bond, M.A.

Elementary Classics:

*Livy.* Book XXII. W. W. Capes, M.A., and J. E. Melhuish, M.A.