

BOOKS AND MAGAZINES.

THE first article in *Scribner's Magazine* for March is on The Fighting with Methuen's Division, by H. J. Whigham. The account ends with the crossing of the Modder River, the management of the expedition being somewhat severely criticized. The instalment in the April number ought to be particularly interesting. Mrs. Wharton, who has recently published a book of short stories, contributes the first part of a short novel, *The Touchstone*, in which some of the characters of one of her most striking short stories appear. *The Eye of the Harem* is an amusing short story, by Arthur Cosslett Smith. *The Renaissance of Landscape Architecture* is a picturesque article by George F. Pentecost, jr. Tommy and Grizel are still in difficulties about Tommy's sprained ankle, which turns out to be dislocated after all.

The Shadow of a Man is the name of the complete novel in the March *Lippincott*. It is written by E. W. Hornung, and is an agreeable contrast to that author's earlier work, *The Amateur Cracksman*. *The Shadow of a Man* is an interesting and well told Australian story. The Canadian Tommy Atkins is an article by Percie U. Hart on the North-West Mounted Police, who receive much well-merited praise from Mr. Hart. Mr. Stephen Crane begins his series, *Great Battles of the World*, by a paper on *The Brief Campaign Against New Orleans*. Why New Orleans should be considered one of the great battles of the world does not precisely appear.

The March number of *St. Nicholas* contains more than the usual number of contributions above the average in merit. Charles G. D.

Roberts has a Canadian story called *In the Rapids of the Ashberish*. There are no less than six historical sketches. One of the most interesting of these to Canadian children would be *The Royal Champion of England*, by Jennie Day Haines. In the department Books and Reading a list of the best one hundred books for a young people's library is given. The new departments on nature, science, drawing, writing and photographing are developing into a most interesting experiment.

Heroes in the Nursery is the title of an article which is reprinted in *The Living Age* from *The Speaker* that would be read with interest and profit by many of the teachers of primary classes.

The Need of Stopping to Think is one of these excellent articles, so characteristic of the *Sunday School Times*, which may be found on the first page of the issue for the tenth of March. Mr. Harris, the author of a biography of Robert Raikes, which was published last year, contributes to this number of the *Sunday School Times* an article on "The Respectable Mr. Raikes." The departments for assisting the work of a Sunday-school are conducted as usual.

"Cupid, the Freshman Manager," a short story that appears in the *Youth's Companion* for March 15th, is concerned with the purity of college athletics, and should be read with much interest by the many subscribers to the *Youth's Companion* who are interested in this question. *The Yielding of a Blinn* is a story for girls of quite as excellent a character. More than the usual allowance of verse appears in this number, one of the most attractive con-