

that we might copy some things from Canada with benefit to ourselves. In particular, he shows the advantages of a responsible ministry, which is the leader of legislation as well as of administration. Mr. Simon N. Patten has a curious paper on "Decay of Local Government in America," in which he contends that our State and local governments have "a mere nominal existence," which we take leave to say is absurd. The next article, by J. B. Clark, is on "The Law of Wages and Interest." It is based on Jevons's theory of final utility, but does not seem to us to shed any new light upon the problem. Mr. F. H. Giddings discusses the province of sociology, but fails to prove even the existence of such a science, or to state any of its principles. Following this paper are some tables by Leo S. Rowe, giving the courses of study in public law and economics in the German universities, and also an account by Jane J. Wetherell of a new kind of railway passenger tariff recently adopted in Hungary. It is impossible for us to describe it here, and its success is still problematical; but railroad managers will doubtless take an interest in reading about it. A variety of notes and book-reviews fill out the number. The *Annals* is published for the academy by A. L. Hummel of Philadelphia at one dollar a number.

—The July number of the *Nineteenth Century*, issued in this country, under authority of the English publishers, by the Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York, begins the twenty-eighth volume, and is a brilliant number. Sir J. Pope Hennessy opens it with a brief paper entitled "The African Bubble," in which he briefly discusses the relative positions of England and Africa on this important question engaging the attention of the world. Professor Huxley takes the new theological book, "Lux Mundi," as a text for the scientific interpretation of Scripture in an article entitled "Lux Mundi and Science." He directs his special attention to the story of the Flood, and his criticisms will doubtless have wide reading. T. W. Russell, M.P., writes on "Compensation or Confiscation," in which he takes up the subject of the political treatment of the temperance question in Parlia-

ment. Mlle. Blaze de Bury has an article on "The French Opera," in which she traces its history from its beginnings to the present time. The editor, Mr. Knowles, raises the question of memorials in Westminster Abbey, and explains, with the aid of two plans, how much room there is still unoccupied. The King of Sweden concludes his memoir of Charles XII., dealing with the later years of the hero's life. Henry Snow discusses one of the most important questions of the day in a paper on "The Increase of Cancer: its Probable Cause." An article on "Official Polytheism in China," by A. C. Lyall, treats of the official religion of China, and the extent to which it permeates official society. Frederick Greenwood, the late editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, and one of the foremost of English journalists, writes on "The Press and Government," and shows how intimate the connection between the two sometimes is. Oscar Wilde contributes the first part of a dialogue entitled "The True Function and Value of Criticism, with Some Remarks on the Importance of doing Nothing." Mr. Wilde expounds the nature of criticism as he understands it, in a thoroughly characteristic manner. Sergeant Arthur V. Palmer tells what he saw at Tel-el-Kebir, which is interesting as being the testimony of an eye-witness. Earl Grey discusses the Irish Purchase Bill. J. L. Mahon writes on "The Crisis in the Post-Office," treating of conditions which are not without importance in determining, in the future, the relations of trades-unions to government work.

—*The Chautauquan* for August presents, among other matter, "The Condition of American Agriculture," by Manly Miles, M.D.; "A Sixteenth Century Garden," by Ferdinand Cohn; "Country Life in Ireland," by J. P. Mahaffy, M.A.; "Keeping Well in Summer," by Felix L. Oswald, M.D.; "The Minor Lakes of the Northwest," by Horace B. Hudson; "Women Physicians in Germany," by A. Von Strande; "Economical Grocery Buying," by Christine Terhune Herrick; "Brain-Workers' Recreation in Flowers," by Sarah K. Bolton; "Out-door Life at Wellesley," by Louise Palmer Vincent; and "Children's Wit," by Margaret J. Preston.

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—The fifty-eighth volume of the *Contemporary Review* begins with the July number, issued in this country, under authority of the English publishers, by the Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York. Mr. Bellamy opens the number with an article entitled "What Nationalism means," in which, while answering some of his most recent critics, he redefines his position, and makes his theories clearer than he has done before. Gabriel Monod discusses recent events in France in a paper entitled "On French Affairs," in which he gives large space to the relations of France and Germany. Rev. Dr. Waugh contributes an exhaustive paper on "Child-Life Insurance," dealing with both the practical and theoretical parts of the question. Graham Sandberg has an important paper on "A Journey to the Capital of Thibet," based on the notes of the celebrated Hindoo scholar Chandra Das. This narrative is now made public for the first time, having been suppressed for political reasons. It tells of a part of the world never before described by a European. The article is accompanied with a sketch-map of the city of Lhasa, the capital of Thibet. Dr. Thomas Dolan writes on "M. Pasteur and Hydrophobia," devoting himself to an examination of the practical work of the famous Frenchman in this field. Sidney Webb contributes a thoughtful paper on "The Reform of the Poor Law," treating of the latest attempts to ameliorate the condition of the working-classes. Joseph Pennell, the well-known artist, tells of a new profession wanting professors, in a paper on "The Possibilities of Illustration." Professor John Rae continues

the discussion of a betterment tax, which has lately been prominent in this review. The number closes with two brief papers on "Compensation for Licenses," — one by E. N. Buxton, and the other by Andrew Johnston.

—The forty-eighth volume of the new series of the *Fortnightly Review* begins with the July number, just issued by the Leonard Scott Publication Company, New York, under authority of the English publishers. It opens with a symposium on "The Actor-Managers," by Henry Arthur Jones and Herbert Beerbohm Tree. This subject has recently attracted much attention both here and abroad, and the present papers form an important contribution to the controversy. E. B. Lanin writes on "Russian Prisons: The Simple Truth," and draws a very dark picture of the realities of Russian prison-life. George Moore writes on "Meissonier and the Salon Julian," describing the origin of the Salon and the recent rupture between it and the artists. Edmund Gosse writes on "The Protection of American Literature," basing his paper on the late discussion in Congress on the copyright bill. J. Scott Keltie contributes a *résumé* of Mr. Stanley's expedition, dealing with its conduct and the results as viewed from a scientific standpoint. Madame James Darmesteter writes on "The Workmen of Paris." This paper, of which the first portion is now published, compares the condition of the Parisian workmen in the fourteenth and nineteenth centuries, and aims to portray a picture of actual life. John Addington Symonds presents some passages of Italian travel in an article entitled "Among the Euganean Hills." Three important papers on Germany and England in Africa, presenting as many phases of the subject, close the number. The writers are H. H. Johnston, V. Lovett Cameron, and Ernest W. Beckett. These papers are doubtless the most important contributions yet made to this subject, and are invaluable to those who would correctly understand the momentous events now transpiring in the Dark Continent.

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