

pickings during the season, and continue longer in bearing, than the extreme early and late sorts, hence give a greater total yield. Those varieties of strawberries that produce pollen and berries also, are at a disadvantage as compared with those that produce berries only. Division of labor counts here as elsewhere. Give a plant nothing to do but to grow and bear fruit, and the work will be better done than if an additional task is imposed. To produce pollen taxes the energies of the plant much more than is commonly supposed. Many growers think it would be desirable to have varieties with perfect blossoms only to save the trouble of planting the two classes. Theory disproves this plan; and careful observations show, that, in general, the most prolific sorts are those that have imperfect flowers. It should be understood that these statements refer to the leading varieties that are most generally grown. There are some apparent exceptions even with these, and still more if all known varieties are included.

—The November number of *The Sanitarian*, forthcoming, will begin the publication of the "Transactions of the American Climatological Association," held at Denver, Col., Sept. 2, 3, and 4, 1890. All new subscribers for *The Sanitarian* for 1891, sending their subscriptions before the 15th of November, will be supplied with the November and December numbers gratis. All correspondence should be addressed to the editor, A. N. Bell, M.D., 113a Second Place, Brooklyn, N.Y.

—Mr. Edward L. Wilson, who has travelled extensively through the Holy Land with notebook and camera, is about to publish the results of his wanderings in a work entitled "In Scripture Lands." It is to be issued at an early date by the Scribners. A new work of practical value, entitled "Electricity in Daily Life," is also about to be published by them. It is a popular account of the application of electricity to every-day uses. The various branches of the work have been intrusted to writers selected for their expert acquaintance with the subject. A life of John Ericsson will

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—The recent death of Canon Liddon will furnish the theme of many an article *in memoriam*, and the *Reviews* are already printing tributes to the memory of the great English preacher. Canon Scott Holland opens the *Contemporary Review* for October with a brief but sympathetic notice of the life and work of his friend; Sir Morell Mackenzie writes at some length on "The Use and Abuse of Hospitals," and makes many suggestions that are of value; Sir Dr. William Wright takes up the forward movement in China, giving his attention to the progress of missions and the conditions they have to contend with; Sir T. H. Farrer discusses imperial finance of the last four years in the first of a series of papers on recent English financial methods; A. Taylor Innes writes on "Standpoint of the English Law;" Michael G. Mulhall points out the possibilities of naval warfare; Mr. Justice O'Hagan tells the story of the life of Thomas Davis as an illustration of Irish patriotism; and Dr. F. H. Geffcken contributes a thoughtful paper on "The Economic Condition of Italy." The more strictly literary portion of the number is to be found in the first part of a story by Vernon Lee, entitled "A Worldly Woman."

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Mr. Bathurst, whose disappearance in the early part of the century has never been accounted for; Alice Bodington writes on "The Importance of Race and its Bearing on the Negro Question;" and the number concludes with the usual review of the English politics, and the department of "Contemporary Literature," reviews of the latest books,—a feature of the *Westminster* which has just been revived, and which was once its strongest part.

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—The October number of the *Fortnightly Review* contains the first parts of two new novels,—one by Count Leo Tolstoi, entitled "Work while You have Light," a tale of the early Christians; the other by George Meredith, entitled "One of Our Conquerors." Both these novels are highly characteristic of their authors, and are destined to attract wide attention. The general articles of the *Review* suffer no diminution through the introduction of the new element and its development from the standpoint of a resident. The series of papers on "Modern Russia," by E. B. Lanin,

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