

Political Science receives adequate attention in the last number of the quarterly of the faculty of Columbia College. There are six papers dealing respectively with the concentration of wealth, the "economic" state, private claims against the state, Villainage in England, Parliamentary government in Italy and the unseen foundations of society—all able contributions. A number of important works are reviewed, and Professor W. Dunning continues his most serviceable record of current events.

Percy Cross still holds its own in *Macmillan's*—in the December number it reaches the xxiii chapter. Theodore Hook, Barham and Maginn are the subjects of Mr. George Saintsbury's delightful paper entitled "Three Humorists." The remaining articles are all good reading. Especially to a musician is that on "Descriptive music," to a naturalist that on "A Fourfooted Oddity," while the general reader will find comfort in "The New Athens," "Leaves from a Note Book," and more especially from the short story "The Intermediary."

Mr. W. R. Sullivan, under the caption "The Holy Office and Liberal Catholicism," in the *Westminster* for December, presents some thoughts suggested to him by Mr. Mivart's case. Mr. England Howlett has a paper of curious and interesting information on "Marriage Customs." Mr. W. H. Gleadell gives a not at all unfair estimate of Zola and his work. Papers follow dealing with Hospital work, Scotch household economy, property in land, and there is a notice of the literary work of the novelist, Ossip Schubin.

No less a critic than Julius Wellhausen begins the *New World* for December with a scholarly paper on that important subject of historical enquiry "The Babylonian Exile." Between this and Prof. Toy's paper on that well-threshed subject "The Parliament of Religions," will be found some eight important papers dealing with religious, moral and social subjects from the standpoint of thorough and advanced thought and scholarship. The *New World* has come to stay, and we can understand the interest with which thinkers and students of theology and cognate subjects look forward to the advent of each successive number.

The *Cosmopolitan* has almost virtually taken its readers by the hand and led them through the marvels of the Chicago Exhibition. The present number begins with an eloquent "Farewell to the White City," from the pen of Bourget. John J. Ingalls then fills the air with rhetorical pyrotechnics. It is so refreshing to come to earth again and be charmed by F. Hopkinson Smith's unpretentious "White Umbrella at the Fair," and amused by the genial paper of Robert Grant, or Mark Twain's extravaganza. W. D. Howells, Walter Besant, Guy de Maupassant and others, leave not a dull page in this attractive number.

Among our College journals, one of the best is the *Owl*. The students of the University of Ottawa have just cause to feel proud of the Christmas number. In it we find contributions of varied merit, it is true, but none lacking in interest—from poet, prelate—the two happily combined in Archbishop O'Brien's "Legend of Bethlehem"—from student and graduate on subjects of general and special interest: many of them are marked by that fine spirit of devotion and reverence which befit the season and its suggested topics. Sublime thoughts find noble expression in Lampman's impressive poem "Elemental Voices." We observe among other talented contributors the name of Charles Gordon Rogers. There are in addition portraits and biographical sketches of Archbishops Cleary and Walsh.

Governor Russell has the first paper in the December number of the *North American Review* in which he makes a thoughtful enquiry into the political causes of business depression in the United States, and charges the Republican party with "four years of reckless, extravagant legislation (which) had to be paid for by impaired confidence, with the inevitable result of panic and distress." There are a num-

ber of interesting articles in this number: Capt. W. T. Sampson, of U. S. N., attacks Admiral Colomb's Battle-ship of the Future. Dr. Louis Robinson tells us "what (stuff) dreams are made of." Justin McCarthy, M. P., discusses Parliamentary manners, and some thoughts on English Universities of the late Professor Freeman here appear. This is a good number of the *North American*.

We do not know how to approach Mr. Stinson Jarvis's astounding article with which the December *Arena* begins. "The Ascent of Life: or Psychic Laws and Forces in Nature." Surely, this is a tremendous subject for the pen even of a young and popular novelist. Newton, Kant, Laplace and others have proved the power of genius to reveal the mysterious laws of mind and matter—and now comes Mr. Jarvis to lead us up the ascent of life, and lead us he can, so it appears, *volens volens*. This is a full, bright and readable number of the progressive *Arena*. Among the papers may be mentioned those of Professor Sanday on the higher criticism, Dr. G. C. Douglas on Bi-Metallism, Dr. J. R. Cooke on Hypnotism as applied to medicine, and Thomas L. Brown on rent. C. S. Darrow writes of realism in art and literature. There is also a curious paper by Dr. H. Hensholdt on Hindoo Magic, and the editor has an appreciation of Gerald Massey.

LITERARY AND PERSONAL.

Houghton, Mifflin & Co. have published a beautiful new and cheap Portland edition of "Evangeline."

The third volume of the new and complete edition of Pepys' Diary will be published by Macmillan & Co.

In this issue of *The Century* will be printed an article on the Garfield Conkling feud contributed by ex-Senator Dawes.

Dr. Thorburn, of Ottawa, heard Hugh Miller, author of "The Old Red Sandstone," deliver his last lecture in Edinburgh.

Of recent addresses on the World's Fair those of Mr. Adam Brown and of Mr. Barlow Cumberland have been very favorably received.

Joaquin Miller has been writing what is described as "poetical romance," and it is to be called "The Building of the City Beautiful."

The January Harper's Magazine, which appeared on the 22nd inst., counts among its attractive features the first part of Mr. George du Maurier's novel, "Trilby," with his own illustrations.

The Atlantic Monthly in the January number begins its 73d volume, and rarely in the thirty-six years of its existence has it contained in a single issue so many interesting and valuable articles.

The heirs of the elder Dumas still have an income of about \$7,000 a year from the sale of his novels. Of his many books the most popular are "The Three Musketeers" and "Monte Cristo."

A biography of Bishop Polk, who was also a general in the Confederate army, has been written by his son, Dr. Wm. Polk, of New York, and will shortly be published here and in London by Longmans, Green, & Co.

George W. Cable's novel, "John March, Southerner," which begins in the January *Scribner*, is a dramatic story of the new South. The novel has been long in preparation by the author, who considers it his best work.

Dr. Daniel Clark, our well known authority on insanity and kindred topics, is a welcome and instructive lecturer; literature is to the learned Doctor a study of special delight. The subject of his last lecture was "The Insane and their Handiwork."

"Grip," we are glad to know, has been revived, and with new plumage and energy, edited by its father and founder Mr. J. W. Bengough, the cartoonist, and managed by Mr.

J. J. Bell, an old contributor to *The Week*, will, if our wishes avail, have a long and prosperous career.

One of the features of *The Popular Science Monthly* for 1894 will be a series of articles on the evolution of ethics, by Prof. E. P. Evans. The first of this series, dealing with The Ethics of Tribal Society, is to open the January number.

McMillan & Co. announce "Mental Development in the Child and the Race," by Professor J. Mark Baldwin, of Princeton, editor of the *Psychological Review*. This book is to be a contribution to genetic and comparative psychology.

The fables of La Fontaine, the greatest of modern fabulists, are just issued by Estes & Lauriat. The translation is that of Elizar Wright, which is, besides being the best, the only complete English version. The illustrations are of superior merit.

My Arctic Journal, a year among ice-fields and Eskimos, by Josephine Diebitsch-Peary with an account of the Great White Journey across Greenland, by Robert E. Peary, Civil Engineer, U. S. Navy, is announced by the Contemporary Publishing Company of New York.

The writings of Professor Max Müller number nearly eighty volumes, beginning with his German translation of the "Hitopadesa" in 1844, and ending with his newly published lectures on "Theosophy, or Practical Religion," in which work the complete catalogue is given.

Among the curiosities of book sales may be noted the fact that there was sold in London the other day for the small sum of \$1.50, David Garrick's copy of Pope's translation of the "Iliad." It was in six volumes, and of the first edition, with the exception of the first volume, and it had Garrick's ex-libris.

In the varied series entitled "Macmillan's Dollar Novels" still a new note is soon to be struck with the publication of "The Delectable Duchy: some tales of East Cornwall" by "Q." author of "Dead Man's Rock," "The Splendid Spur," and other stories of adventure and of the local coast life of southern England.

Estes & Lauriat have just issued a new and superb edition of Hudson's Shakespeare. The text, on fine laid paper, is illustrated by thirty-six full page etchings by L. Monzies, from designs by the celebrated French artist, H. Pille, and printed on Imperial Japan paper. The set is bound in full French parchment, with gold tops and rough edges, and is enclosed in an undressed leather case.

Messrs. Houghton, Mifflin & Co., of Boston, New York, and Chicago, have recently added to their Riverside Literature Series, as Extra Double Number M (30 cents, postpaid), James Russell Lowell's famous poem a Fable for Critics. The book is illustrated with Outline Portraits of the Authors mentioned in the poem, and there is also a facsimile of the rhyming title-page of the first edition.

It is announced that the Right, Hon. Sir John Lubbock, Bart, F.R.S., member of the House of Commons for London University, as president of the city of London branch of the Imperial Federation League, has issued a circular proposing the reconstruction, of the league to promote union in the Empire for defence and commercial union, as nearly as it is practicable on the basis of free trade throughout the Empire, the first aim to be the establishment of periodical conference of the Empire.

Mr. Leslie Stephen has expressed the following astounding opinion of Dryden: "Dryden is a great man, whose greatness could be denied by no one with a proper fear of the critics before his eyes; but we cannot think that he is one of the men of whose posthumous friendship we are ambitious. We cannot shake him by the hand. If his best things were collected into one volume, and the other seventeen perished, the loss would hardly be sensible to any but the professor of literature; and even the one volume would gather dust upon most book shelves."