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The September Reviews.

Mr. Louis Garvin, the Socialist, opens The Fortnightly with an article on "A Party with a Future." The party with a future is the Independent Labour Party. It is possessed of "a creed competing with the parties which have only policies." It is a party which unquestionably commands the emotional force of its adherents as no political movement in Great Britain has done since Chartism, and which, in the opinion of experienced observers who think its aims illusory and its methods pernicious, may ultimately play all that part which Chartism would unquestionably have played in politics under a democratic franchise." Mr. Garvin concludes by asserting that "the Labourists will do better in the General Election of 1900; and the appearance with the opening century is more than a possibility of a perhaps small but a compact party, exchanging fraternal greetings with their confreres in the German Reichstag and the French Chamber from the Socialist benches of the House of Commons." We venture to think that Mr. Garvin's prophesying will not come true. "Lord Salisbury's Triumph," by Mr. H. D. Traill, is interesting but inconclusive. He predicts that the unprecedented composition of the present Parliament will be found at the close of its career to have been the most remarkable thing about it, and that its legislative record will prove to have been much more marvellous than that of any of its predecessors. "Tudor Translations," by Professor Raleigh, is a very pleasant paper. By comparing North with Langhorne he shows how great an artist in words was North. Amongst other interesting articles may be mentioned "Thomas Huxley and Karl Vogt," by Prof. Ernst Haeckel, "Coleridge and his Critics," by N. C. Smith, and "Stamboulloff's Fall," by Edward Dicey. C.B.

The Political Science Quarterly (Ginn & Co., Boston) contains some good articles. "The Gold Standard in Recent Theory," by Prof. J. B. Clark, will well repay reading. Prof. Burgess discusses the "Ideal of the American Commonwealth." He maintains that the American commonwealth is already "based upon ideal principles and has advanced many stages in an ideal development; that it has only to be freed from some crudities and excrescences, and to pursue steadily the general course towards which its history points, in order to reach the perfection of its ideal; that therefore we need no revolution of our system, which would, in fact, drive us from the line which leads to the attainment of our ideal; and that we are compelled to regard those who should favour and advise such a revolution as the enemies in principle of the American republic and of the political civilization of the world." Professor James Mavor, of Toronto University, contributes an able article on "Labour and Politics in England," which we reserve for fuller notice in our next issue, merely adding that the distinguished writer remarks that the labour movement in England is ineffectual, and that the working class does not trust its leaders and the leaders do not trust each other. They have not shown themselves possessed of any skill in parliamentary debate or in electioneering tactics. "The Study of Statistics," by Professor Mayo-Smith, is worth careful examination. The reviews in this number are very good indeed, and embrace a large number of the latest works.

From the Westminster for this month we have already made copious selections at this number contains Colonel Denison's able article on "Canada and her Relations to the Empire." Other articles are "The Cause of the Collapse," by Arthur Withy; "Thomas Henry Huxley," by Mrs. Simpson; "A Commonsense View of Agnosticism," by E. M. S.; "Democratic Ideals," by J. W. Kennedy, and "The New Minister of Education," by J. J. Davies. This Review, as well as the Nineteenth Century, Contemporary, and Fortnightly are republished in the United States by the Leonard Scott Publication Co., 231 Broadway, New York. The price of each is \$4.50 per annum.

Mr. John Morley is said to be at present busily engaged on a history of the present century. It is intended to be a very big effort, and is expected to engage his attention for several years.

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