

the volume closes with what is always desirable, but too frequently omitted—a good index. Noticeable features are the brevity and clearness of the summaries at the close of each chapter, and the admirable classification of “Motives,” “Theories of Volition,” “Origin of Conscience,” “Theories of Ethics,” and the “Tabular View of Rights and Duties.”

The book lacks somewhat of the literary charm that characterizes Seth's recent work, “A Study of Ethical Principles.” The fresh morning breeze that one feels in reading Bowne's “Principles of Ethics” is also not quite so much felt here; but the work has merits of its own that can well afford an absence of the charm of the one and the freshness and originality of the other. All students in ethics owe a debt of gratitude to the scholarly author and to the enterprising publishers for this timely and able production.

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PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

The American Catholic Quarterly Review. Philadelphia: C. A. Hardy. \$5.00. The articles in this review on “The Newest Darwinism,” by St. George Mivart; “Criticism of Recent Pantheistic Evolution,” and on “Psychology, Physiology and Pedagogies,” as well as the “Scientific Chronicle,” show that our Roman Catholic brethren are not disposed to ignore the modern movements of thought. The article on “Testimony of the Greek Church to Roman Supremacy” is, we think, deficient in its laying of historic foundations for its argument in the earlier centuries. The most important articles are, of course, the Pope's Encyclical, with introduction by Cardinal Gibbons. The main features of the Encyclical are invitations to the Greek Church and the Protestants to return to unity with Rome, warning against Freemasonry as nature worship, and a presentation of the relation of the Church to the civil power. The fundamental principles, the independence of the State and the independence of the Church, each in its own sphere are sound. The difficulties arise when we attempt to define these spheres and draw the boundary line between them.”

The Atlantic Monthly. Boston: Houghton & Mifflin. The December, January and February numbers are before us. Besides the usual amount of literature, among which we notice a poem by Lampman, we have a large amount of excellent literary criticism. A tribute to the memory and a review of the work of the genial Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes was, of course, to be expected. It may not be generally known that to his contributions to its first number the *Atlantic* owes the inauguration of the enviable literary reputation which it has since maintained.

The Methodist Review. The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Nashville, Tenn. \$2.00 per annum. We are very much pleased with this number of our southern contemporary. The first article by Dr. Alexander, of Vanderbilt University, would do credit to any Review on either side of the Atlantic. The article on “Evolution as a Method of Creation” comes as a surprise to those who remember the words of one of the senior bishops at the Ecumenical Conference at Washington, and the retirement of Dr. Winchell from Vanderbilt. The modern spirit which accepts all truth from whatever quarter without fear of any injury to that religion which is founded in truth is evidently prevailing.