

are always the most interesting feature of this Review. In addition to these the present number contains a scholarly article, by Dr. Hurst, on Seneca, the last of the stoic philosophers, and one of great interest, by Dr. Strong, illustrated by maps, on the passage of the Red Sea. A severe criticism of the present Sunday-school system is accompanied by a very suggestive paper on Sunday-school literature, by Professor Wells. On both these subjects we shall have something to say at an early date. The question of a new hymn book for the Methodist Episcopal Church abounds in wise suggestions of great interest to us as a Church in view of prospective action in reference to our own hymn book. There are also articles on the Taxation of Church Property, the Disruption of Methodism, and the Election of Presiding Elders.

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THOSE who question the literary ability or scholarship of Methodist writers would do well to make the acquaintance of this learned and vigorous Quarterly, whose articles will not suffer by comparison with those of the foremost writers of the age. The first article of the current number is a review of Vedic literature, which the writer says is better known in Europe than in India. To this result the labours of British missionaries have largely contributed. Several translations of Vedic hymns are given, illustrating the purer ancient faith of which Hinduism is a debased corruption. Valuable exegetical articles discuss the threefold use of the word "crucified" by St. Paul in Galatians ii. 20, v. 24, and vi. 14; and the spiritual conflict before and after regeneration referred to in Romans vii. and Galatians v. The recent Bonn Conference, called by Dr. Dollinger, is regarded as the most

determined protest against Popery since the Reformation, and one of the most important ecclesiastical councils ever held. The recent history of Servia, and a review of the condition of the Christian population of Turkey is made the subject of an able article, in which the vexed problem of the irrepressible Eastern Question is intelligently discussed. An article on Missions, in whose history Methodism has borne so noble a part, reviews their recent progress and marvellous success. An exceedingly sympathetic review eulogizes almost too highly, we think, to judge from the extracts given, a dramatic poem on Joseph and his Brethren, published fifty years ago, and now reissued with an introduction by the poet Swinburne. The awful iniquity and disastrous physical, moral, and social effects of the Opium trade are exposed in a vigorous article which charges upon the Indian Government the guilt of the traffic. Another article gives a summary of George Smith's recent Assyrian discoveries. The Book Notices are remarkably full and valuable, especially those on Kœlling's *Jesus and Mary*, Mansel's *Gnostic Heresies*, Lyttleton's *Future State*, and Dr. Reynold's *Mission of the Baptist*. Either of the above Quarterlies may be ordered through our Book Rooms.

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THE current number of this admirable monthly contains several valuable papers. One by Dr. M'Cosh on the Prepossessions for and against the Supernatural turns the tables very successfully, we think, upon Dr. Carpenter's article on that subject referred to in our last number. Chief Justice Daly gives an interesting *resumé* of recent geographical progress. Herbert Spencer, in an article on Society as an Organism, finds scope for the presentation of his subtle and ingenious analogies. Professor Tyndall con-