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Periodicals.

The current number of The Fortnightly Review contains an interesting article on the late Matthew Arnold by Mr John Bailey. Mr. Bailey is disappointed with the lately published letter of the poet and critic which Mr. G. W. E. Russell has collected and given to the world and which have been published in New York Land May Maryillan and Co. My. world and which have been published in New York by Messrs Macmillan and Co. Mr. Bailey says the letters are mostly very ordinary, but they will be widely read, as the only record which is to be given to the public of the life of a man who was one of the greatest influences of his time. Matthew Arnold is one of the half-dozen great names which the last half century has added to English literature. Madame Van de Velda writes of Alexander Dumas fils and his plays. Madame remarks that the author of "La Dame aux Camelias" must hold as unique a place as the author of "Les Trois Mousquetaires." Major Seaver, F.R.S, contributes the second instalment to his valuable and timely paper on "Boer, Briton, and Afrikander in the Transvaal." He believes that the Transvaal will soon be brought within that the Transvaal will soon be brought within the orbit of the Customs Union, as now existing between the Case Colony, Natal, and the Orange Free State, and that the vast area from Tanganyika on the north to Capetown on the south, and from Delagoa Bay on the east to Damasaland on the west will by and by form a South African Federation under the ægis of a South Arrivan rederation under the legis of Imperial British suzerainty and under one flag. Amongst other articles of interest are "Socialism at Home and Abroad" by Mr. H. G. Keene, C. I. E., and "The Sultan and his Priests" by Nr. Richard Davey.

The January Contemporary Review contains a passionate appeal by Mr. E. J. Dillon for immediate active interference to put an end to the atrocities in Armenia. Hon H. Howard gives a most interesting account of his experience with the insurgents in Cuba. Mr. Macnamara writes ably of Religious Teaching in Schools. Mr. Gosse contributes a eulogistic memoir of the late Lord de Tabley. Sir E. Russell has a cheerful article on the "Liberal New Year." Mr. W. H. Mallock contributes a second article on "Physics and Sociology," and Herbert Spencer discusses "Architects."

The Nineteenth Century for January contains two notable articles on the Venezuelan boundary question which we noticed in our editorial columns. Mr. James Long discusses the important question, "Can the Empire feed its People?" It is obvious that the only answer to this query is a big emphatic Yes. Mr. Leslie Stephen replies to Mr. Gladstone's defense of Bishop Butler; and Professor Salmone's ets forth the views and objects of the "Young Turkey" party. Other contributors are Ouida, Prince Kropotkin, Rev. Dr. Jesopp, Rev. Guinness Rogers, and Sir A. We st. The Nineteenth Century for January con-

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