

county, which has attained to considerable celebrity. The volume is mainly made up of the proceedings and reports of the Society, with communications from individuals and sub-committees in different sections of the State; all which go to prove that the wealth of California does not wholly consist in its gold, and that the earlier impressions respecting the unsuitability of that interesting and important region for agricultural pursuits were altogether fallacious. The late progress of the State in raising stock, field and garden produce, has been amazingly great. The Corresponding Secretary, O. C. Wheeler, Esq., of Sacramento, will please accept our best thanks for his polite attention.

THE EDINBURGH REVIEW AND THE WESTMINSTER REVIEW, BOTH FOR JANUARY, 1860.

We have received, through Mr. Rowsell, of this city, from the American publishers, Leonard Scott & Co., of New York, the American reprint of these world-renowned Reviews. Among the principal contents of the Edinburgh are: Mortality in Trades and Professions, Rogers on the Coal Fields of North America and Great Britain, Lord Elgin's Mission to China and Japan, Alison's History of Europe, Acclimatization of Animals, Progress of Law Reform, British Taxation, Lord Macaulay; with two other articles of a high literary character. The Westminster contains elaborate articles on Government Contracts, the Realities of Paris, Ceylon, The Social Organism, Sicily as it Was and Is, Christian Revivals, Italy and the Designs of Napoleon; with extended criticisms on Contemporary Literature, a department of this Review of much general interest, and usually executed with impartiality and ability.

It may not be known to many of our readers in country places that Messrs. Scott, the enterprising American publishers, issue regularly reprints of the

four leading British Quarterlies, with Blackwood's Magazine, from advanced sheets, and that consequently these rich depositories of literature appear on this continent only a week or two after they are issued in Britain. The Quarterly Review represents in politics the old Conservative party, and has always been distinguished for sound learning and high scholarly character. The Edinburgh Review is an old publication in the interest of the Whigs, and has always had some of the greatest statesmen and scholars in Britain among its staff of contributors. The Westminster Review has been in the field many years, but is much younger than the two preceding, and has from the commencement been identified with Radical views in politics, and with somewhat refined sceptical views in matters of religion. Its contributors, however, are men of great ability, and it always contains articles which no man of average intelligence and public spirit, in the present day, can well afford to let pass without perusing. The North British Review is more recent in respect to origin, and is considered to be the organ of the Free Church party; liberal in its politics, and earnest in advocating the truth and application of Divine Revelation, while it is not behind its older confreres in sound learning and ability. Blackwood's Magazine is too well known throughout the civilized world to need any description here, and has occupied for more than half a century the highest position in the world of letters.

The above four Quarterlies, with Blackwood's Monthly, can be had neatly reprinted for the annual charge of \$10, or about one-fourth of the cost of importing the original editions! Among the Canadian agents are: Rowsell, Thompson & Co., Maclear & Co. Armour & Co., Toronto; Barnes & Co., Hamilton; Watson, Port Sarnia; Taylor & Wilson, London; W. E. Tunis, Clifton, Niagara Falls; Dawson & Son, Montreal; and P. Sinclair, Quebec.