

LITERARY NOTES.

The current number of the Princeton Review opens with a paper by the Chief Justice Cooley, of Michigan, on "The Abnegation of Self Government, in which he deplors the fact that citizens, have to such a great extent, given over the management of the government to the hands of professional politicians, and says that "Discontent, with the administration of public affairs, has grown in proportion as intelligent and honest citizens have evaded their duty, and given the ignorant and mercenary the opportunity to profit by their evasion." Judge Cooley, hopes that with the reformed National and State civil service, the citizens shall act in concert in overthrowing misgovernment.

Dr. Lenord Woolsey Bacon follows with a stirring article on "Divorce Reform," which will be read with interest at the present time in view of the activity, recently manifested in the effort to reform the iniquitous law of Divorces in the United States.

Tourgeneff, the famous Russian novelist recently deceased, is written upon by Bavard Tuckerman.

"The Foreign Competitive Pauper Labor Argument for Protection" is the title of a paper by Hon. David A. Wells. This article very clearly explains the reasons why the laboring classes of this country should not fear the so-called pauper-labor of foreign countries, but rather should seek its competition. Mr. Wells may be regarded as an authority upon this subject, and his paper is a valuable contribution to the economic literature of the period.

A most interesting, as well as timely topic, is "Currency Problems," which is treated in an able manner by Worthington C. Ford. The various suggestions which have been offered from time to time by eminent financiers in reference to the contraction of the currency, such as an expansion of the legal-tender issue—the substitution of other securities to take the place of the three per cents—the rendering permanent a certain portion of the National debt—are all carefully weighed by Mr. Ford and found wanting. His own panacea is to suspend the coinage of the silver dollar now being minted at the rate of two million of dollars per month, and to reform the tariff.

The number concludes with a scholarly article on "The Critical Study of the Scriptures," by Rev. Francis A. Henry. The *Review* is published at No. 2 Nassau Street, New York. Three dollars a year. Fifty cents a number.

The *North American Review* for November, by the liveliness and the sterling worth of the articles it contains, satisfies the requirements of the most exacting reader. Senator H. B. Anthony writes of "Limited Suffrage in Rhode Island"; Dr. Norvin Green, President of the Western Union Company, in an article entitled, "The Government and the Telegraph", cites the provisions of the Federal Constitution and the determinations of the Supreme Court which appear to debar the General Government from assuming the management of the telegraph lines; and presents statistics designed to prove that the service in this country is both cheaper and more efficient than in any of the countries of Europe where the governments own the lines. The Rev. David N. Utter brings out from oblivion the record of certain alleged atrocious crimes of "John Brown of Osawatimie." There are two scientific articles, namely, "Solar Physics," by Professor Balfour Stewart, and "Modern Explosives," by Gen. John Newton. W. H. Mollock contributes "Conversations with a Solitary", an imaginary passage-at-arms between a Radical and a Conservative, in which the two opposing theories of government and society are advocated with rare spirit and ingenuity of argument. Finally, "Dr. Hammond's Estimate of Woman", is reviewed by Mrs. Lillie Devereux Blake, Miss Nina Morais, Mrs. Sara A. Underwood and Dr. Clemence S. Lozier. Fifty cents a copy; \$5 a year. Published at 30 Lafayette Place, and sold by newsdealers generally.

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The *American Naturalist* of November comes to us replete with interesting articles. Among these we find T. Sterry Hunt on the "Pre-Cambrian Rocks of the Alps," and Edward B. Sanger on the "Geology of Central Australia." Macloskie writes on the "Achnaen Hairs of Townsendia," and Foerste on "The Hibernacula of Herbs." Zoology is represented by Packard on "The number of segments in the head of Winged Insects," and Ramsay