

sinner; no soul capable of committing sin or incurring moral responsibility." Nirvana, the highest aim, the *summum bonum* of Buddhism, is the absolute nothing. "Buddhism, as a system, is understood to deny the possibility of immortality."

The article joins issue with a contention set up by Prof. Max Müller, that Buddha himself taught the immortality of the soul, though later developments of the system had displaced that important truth. The author establishes his view of the case by appealing (1) to the Buddhist doctrines of the non-existence of the soul; (2) by the fact which Prof. Müller mentions, that Buddha, after attaining Nirvana, or the highest good, lived for a time and presently died; (3) by passages quoted by Prof. Müller, from other sacred writings, which show that in reality there is no contradiction on this subject between the writings of Buddha and the teachings of Buddhism.

This system of religion has been made fashionable among people of great sentimentality, but with little discrimination, through the poem, "The Light of Asia," published a few years since; and that is a real service to truth and to humanity, which exhibits this system in its barren and fruitless character, as destitute of that inspiration to all noble achievements which comes from a mighty conviction of the immortality of the soul.

The articles in the successive numbers of this valuable magazine are an important contingent in the great army fighting the battle of truth and righteousness in the earth.

*The Christian Quarterly Review.* January. Columbia, Mo.—A body of Christian people numbering in the United States, about 600,000, with no distinctive name as a Church, but known individually as "Christians," "Disciples," "Saints," "Brethren," are represented by this Review. They scorn all ecclesiasticism, formal creeds, and distinctions between clergy and laity; but, judging by the contents of this number, while professing to receive both the teaching and the silence of the New Testament, no people have a narrower and, in their opinion, a more invincible creed. Immersion alone is baptism; regeneration is received in baptism; faith and repentance are one. Such are some of the most positively enunciated tenets of this unwritten but sternly formulated creed.

The value of more than half the contents is seriously discounted by the fact that they are devoted to the work of stretching the texts of the New Testament so as to fit upon the narrow framework of a preconceived notion of what they