

BOOK NOTICES.

THE ARENA FOR OCTOBER.

THIS is the last issue but one of the ARENA previous to the elections for President, and contains several important papers on the silver question. Senator Morgan has the opening paper on "Silver—A Money Metal," in which he maintains that "The question whether one coin or one description of money will retire another from circulation is purely a domestic question, and depends solely upon our own laws." Senator Morgan is not a demagogue to flatter the mob; his notion is that "men sometimes, if not always, are dishonest enough to transfer their worst property into the hands of others, even in payment of debts. This is all there is of the celebrated 'Gresham law,' about which so much has been said. Every sovereign government has found it necessary to counteract this tendency of the people to defraud each other, by statutes to regulate the coinage and value of money, and to compel them to accept and use such coined money at a fixed legal value in payment of debts. . . Not one authentic fact can be stated to show that in our whole history full legal-tender silver dollars have ever driven full legal-tender gold coins into retirement." There are articles on connected subjects by Senator J. P. Jones, "What the Remonetization of Silver would do for the Republic," and Prof. Frank Parsons, "Free Silver v. Free Gold." Among the interesting contents of this number are "The Religion of Jesus Christ in its Relation to Christianity and Reforms," by Rev. G. D. Coleman, and "Are our Christian Missionaries in India Frauds?" by Rev. J. R. Mueller. (Boston, 25c.; \$3.00 per ann.)

THE MONIST begins its seventh year with the October number, and in the space of time which has elapsed since its foundation it has succeeded in enlisting the collaboration of the most eminent thinkers and inquirers in the world. It is doubtful if any other philosophical periodical can show a list of contents covering an equal period of time that is comparable to it in originality and weight. The present number is in every respect the peer of its predecessors. The opening article is by Prof. C. Lloyd Morgan, the foremost comparative biologist of England, and discusses "Animal Automatism and Consciousness." Professor Morgan combats Huxley's theory that animals are pure automata, and seeks to reinstate the controlling function of consciousness. Mr. C. S. Pierce, a distinguished American thinker, and creator of several new methods of higher logic, discusses the great logical work of Professor Schroeder of Germany, as also the nature generally of this science. This article is extremely important. Mr. E. Douglas Fawcett depicts in brilliant and rapid strokes the history of philosophy "From Berkeley to Hegel," and attacks the position of the editor of *The Monist*, Dr. Carus, who answers in the following article, "Panlogism," showing the nature of soul, mind, immortality, and discussing the purpose of life. The final article, by Prof. G. Bruce Halsted, of the University of Texas, now delving in the libraries of Russia and Hungary, treats of the new geometry. Concluding the number are the usual letters from foreign countries, besides notes and reviews. (Chicago: Open Court Publishing Co. Single number, 50 cents. Yearly, \$2.00)

The Open Court Publishing Co., Chicago, have just issued in their Religion of Science Library a Cheap Edition of Professor Mach's "Popular Scientific Lectures," which were remarkably well received on their first appearance and pronounced to have "scarcely a rival in the whole realm of popular scientific writing." Professor Mach was formerly Professor of Physics in Prague, but has recently been called to a chair of philosophy in Vienna. The same Company also announce for early publication a novelette by Richard Wagner entitled "A Pilgrimage to Beethoven," a brochure by Count Tolstoi on "Christianity and Patriotism," a "History of English Secularism" by George Jacob Holyoake, "Ancient India: Its Language and Religion," by Prof. H. Oldenburg, and later, Gustav Freytag's "Luther," and a new translation with the original text of Lao-Tsze's "Tao-Teh-King."