

*The London Quarterly Review* (Wesleyan) for July. The contents are: I. Marcella. II. The Naturalist in La Plata and Patagonia. III. The Catacombs and the Lord's Supper. IV. The Ethics of Sir Walter Scott. V. The Census Report. VI. St. Theresa. VII. Water Supply. VIII. The Christian Religion and the Life of To-day. IX. The English Church in the Nineteenth Century. X. Short Reviews and Book Notices. XI. Summaries of Foreign Periodicals. Articles I. and VIII. are valuable contributions to the great social problems of to-day. The first is an appreciative and discriminating review of Mrs. Humphrey Ward's latest work, which, while arguing mainly with the gifted authoress as to the need of social reforms, wisely doubts the value of the remedy which she has to propose. We join in the doubt, for to Mrs. Ward it seems to make little difference whether Jesus Christ is divine or human. Her own words are, "What matter what we think about Him, so long as we think of Him." The article closes with this just remark: "Those who would move the world must have firmer ground to stand on than any that Marcella supplies."

The other article referred to, dealing more directly with the remedy for all social disorders, shows that the full meaning of Christianity has as yet been only imperfectly realized by Christians in general, and that "no apologetic can approach in cogency the spectacle of a united body of Christians to whom the belief in God having become man that man might become like God is so real and overmastering that their whole social and political action is dominated and transfigured by it."

This is an excellent number of an excellent review.

*The Century* for September contains two entertaining papers adapted to the season for the re-opening of the schools, the first being an account of "School Excursions in Germany," by Dr. J. M. Rice, author of the volume, "The Public School System of the United States." This paper includes a record of an excursion of this kind in which Dr. Rice participated, and has the advantage of being the first article on the subject printed in America, where the idea of school excursions has already taken root, and promises to spread. The article is fully illustrated by Werner Zehme, whose pictures of the German tramp, published in *The Century* some months ago, will be remembered. The other paper is on "Playgrounds for City Schools," and is written by Jacob A. Riis, whose studies in New York tenement-house life are well known. An important paper, which will be in the nature of a revelation to many readers, is the article by Joseph B. Bishop, entitled "The Price of Peace," in which is set forth the wide-spread system of blackmail practised by legislative strikers upon the New York business community.

One of the most interesting articles in the September *St. Nicholas* is "Guarding the Sacred Cows," from which we extract: "You will understand the despotic character of the government of Nepaul, when I tell you that the maiming or wounding of a cow is punished by imprisonment for life, and that it is death by the sword to kill a cow, even by mischance, because the animal is sacred. The old savage law which prescribed torture to compel confession, and mutilation as a part of punishment, was in full force until after the return from England in 1851 of the enlightened prime minister, Sir Jung Bahadur, who then abolished the barbarous code."

The leading articles in the *Review of Reviews* for September are "Japan and her National Leaders," "Recent American Legislation, with the New Tariff Schedules," "Report of the German Bimetallists," "The Hawaiian Constitution," and "Australian Tax Reforms," "Leading Articles of the Month" are as usual very comprehensive, which with the reviews of books and periodicals keeps one quite in touch with the literary and thinking world.