

for magnitude and interest has never been equalled in this country, is being gradually and quietly worked out by Prof. Richmond in the choir of St. Paul's Cathedral. For centuries the true artistic value of glass mosaic was lost, and all English experiments were confined to imitations of the modern and poor systems adopted in Rome and Venice. "The right treatment of gold, the right setting of tesserae;" these and many other puzzles of technique have been investigated, and Professor Richmond has formed the nucleus of a school on English Mosaicists. A great experiment has been made, and it rests with the public to determine whether the exotic craft of Mosaic shall or shall not be naturalized."

In the Nineteenth Century, the Marquis of Lorne writes one of those articles that he seems to evolve, as the women of the last generation did fancy work, as an outlet for a mild, harmless, and inconsequent activity. In this instance he gives us chartered companies, and he writes in his usual manner. The March number might almost be called a "war number." There are four articles bearing on the subject. "An Army without Leaders," "Our Invasion Scars and Panics," "The Naval Teachings of the Crisis," and "Australia as a Strategic Base," are all timely and important papers. Frederic Harrison gives us in his article on "Matthew Arnold" the one bit of writing that is literature in the number. He writes on Arnold as a poet, a critic, a philosopher, and a theologian. Speaking of his position as a poet he uses wise words: "The full acceptance of Arnold's poetry has yet to come. His peculiar distinction is his unflinching level of thoughtfulness, of culture, and of balance. Almost alone amongst our poets since Milton, Arnold is never incoherent, washy, or banal. . . . He has more general insight into the intellectual world of our age, and he sees into it more deeply and more surely than any contemporary poet."

Prince Kropotkin writes on the Roentgen Rays, and Purcell defends himself against the storm of indignation the publication of his "Life of Manning" has brought down on his head in an article entitled "Poisoning the Wells of Catholic Criticism." Since Froude's day, no biography has, we suppose, evoked such lively discussion and warm indignation as the "Life," but Mr. Purcell can comfort himself with Gladstone's words: "Meantime you will sell like wildfire, and the position of the book as the biography of a remarkable, a very remarkable man, will be more and more confirmed."

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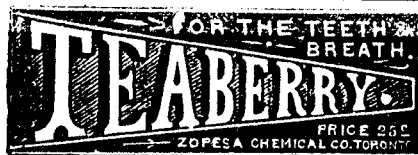
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