

*The London Quarterly Review*, July.  
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New York.

ART. I. The First Stuart in England, is an effort characteristic of the criticism of the times to reverse the verdict of history as to the character of James I.—not altogether successful, we judge. Art. II. gives an interesting account of Jamaica since emancipation. Some gratuitous flings at the missionaries and at Exeter Hall do not enhance its value. Art. III. records the singular literary influence of Virgil during the middle ages. His chief reputation was as an arch-necromancer. Art. IV. On Balloons, we shall condense into a brief paper for the December number. Art. V. The Theatre Francaise. Art. VI. Falconry in the British Isles—a dissertation on an obsolete field sport. Art. VII. Memoirs of Count de Legur, gives a close-at-hand view of the character of Napoleon, by a personal friend and admirer and member of his staff. More intimate acquaintance only increases our detestation of this scourge of the human race. Falsehood and treachery lurked beneath his smile, and an insatiable ambition and stoical indifference to human suffering led him through seas of slaughter to a gory throne. Art. VIII. is a discriminative Review of Tennyson's Queen Mary. Art. IX. Church Law and Church Prospects.

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THIS Standard Quarterly opens with an appreciative review of Motley's "John of Barneveld," by the Rev. R. H. Howard, M.A. Professor Moses contributes an interesting paper on Georg Stjernhjelm, the father of Swedish poetry. Dr. Brunson discusses Mr. Wesley's ordination of Dr. Coke, vindicating on Scriptural grounds Wesley's right to ordain. Dr. George, whose ministrations at the Hamilton Conference will be remembered with such pleasure, reviews the Bampton Lectures

of 1874. The subject is the interesting one of the historical and literary development of the Christian Religion considered as an evidence of its origin. "A Statesman of the Period" is a critical estimate of the political career of Fernando Wood, late Democratic Mayor of New York. With his politics we have no sympathy, but his civil administration was a remarkable success in the interests of morality and honesty. The most readable article is a review of Bishop Haven's, "Our Next Door Neighbour," by Dr. Carter, himself for some time a resident in Mexico. Methodism has a noble mission to accomplish for that beautiful but misgoverned land. The Editor's book notices are especially valuable. The fourth volume of his Commentary—I. Corinthians to II. Timothy—is announced for November.

This Quarterly will be increased in size 16 pages, or 64 pages in the year, without increasing the price, \$2.50. The Editor of this Magazine continues to act as agent.

*The Lesser Hymnal*. A collection of Hymns, selected chiefly from the Standard Hymn-Book of the Methodist Episcopal Church. New York: Nelson & Phillips. Toronto: S. Rose.

THE conception of this book is a very happy one. It is designed to give unity to the Church, social meeting and Sunday School, by offering in compendious form an ample and varied selection of hymns, suitable for each. It is highly desirable that the "glorious old hymns of the ages" should displace the trivial and flimsy hymns and melodies which often disgrace our Sunday School collections. At the same time, the "vivid and vital hymns of faith that have been born of latter day Pentecosts," should be brought together and made easily accessible for social use, in the love-feast and prayer-meeting. The Editors, Drs. Warren and Eben Tourjee, and the