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### SOME SEPTEMBER MAGAZINES.

The September American magazines crowd our tables. The "North American," "The Forum," "The Atlantic," "The Arena," "Harper's," "The Century," "Scribner's," "Lippincott's," "The Cosmopolitan," "The Review of Reviews," "The Popular Science Monthly," "The Educational Review," "The Social Economist," "The Journal of Hygiene," "The Bibelot," "The Ladies' Home Journal,"—all are here demanding attention, and the English ones are yet to come. Scribner's we have already noticed. The North American Review is quoted from largely in another place. It presents as usual an excellent array of articles, prominent among which are "Why Women do not want the Ballot," by the Bishop of Albany; "Crop Conditions and Prospects," by the assistant statistician of the Agricultural Department; and "The Outlook for Ireland," by the Earl of Crewe, late Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. From Sir William Flower's charming "Reminiscences of Professor Huxley, we quote the following:—

"It is very singular that, although, as admitted by all who heard him, he was one of the clearest and most eloquent of scientific lecturers of his time, he always disliked lecturing, and the nervousness from which he suffered in his early days was never entirely overcome, however little apparent it might be to his audience. After his first public lecture at the Royal Institution he received an anonymous letter, telling him he had better not try anything of the kind again, as whatever he was fit for, it was certainly not giving lectures! Instead of being discouraged, he characteristically set to work to mend whatever faults he had of style and manner, with what success is well known. Nevertheless he often told me of the awful feeling of alarm which always came over him on entering the door of the lecture room of the Royal Institution, or even the College of Surgeons, where the subject was most familiar and the audience entirely sympathetic. He had a feeling that he must break down before the lecture was over, and it was only by recalling to his memory the number of times he had lectured without anything of the kind happening, and then drawing conclusions as to the improbability of its occurring now, that he was able to brace himself up to the effort of beginning his discourse. When once fairly away on his subject all such apprehensions were at an end. Such experiences are, of course, very common, but they were probably aggravated greatly in Huxley's case by the ill health, that miserable, hypochondriacal dyspepsia which, as he says himself, was his constant companion for the last half century of his life. Bearing in mind the serious inroad this made in the amount of time available for active employment, it is marvellous to think of the quantity he was able to accomplish. When the time comes for forming a just estimate of the value of his scientific work, and if quality as well as quantity be fairly taken into account, it will without doubt bear comparison with, if it will not exceed, that of any of his contemporaries."

In The Popular Science Monthly ex-President Andrew Dickson White reviews The Closing Struggle of the theologians and the higher criticism; relating the stories of Bishop Colenso, Prof. Robertson Smith, Renan, the work of the Italian critics, and Pope Leo's Encyclical on the Study of the Scriptures, and expresses the belief that there is now reason to hope that "the path has been paved over which the Church may gracefully recede from the old system of interpretation and quietly accept and appropriate the main results of the higher criticism." In his fifth paper on "Professional Institutions," Herbert Spencer shows how history and fiction have been evolved from biography, and literature has been ultimately derived from it. Mr. Morse's article on "Apparatus for Extinguishing Fires" is concluded, with accounts of the latest improvements and the methods now in use. In "Trades and Faces," Dr. Louis Robinson discusses the influence of occupation on expression. Mr. James Scully studies the Material of Morality in childhood. Mr. Alexander McAdie treats of the clouds as "Natural Rain-Makers." Articles are given on "Ancestor-Worship among the Fijians," by Basil H. Thompson, and "Fruit as a Food and Medicine," by Dr. Harry Benjafield. A biographical sketch of Edward Hitchcock, and a short notice of Dr. Hack Tuke are accompanied by portraits.

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