

Within the limit allotted to this paper it is impossible to do justice to the greatness of Carlyle's genius. He is the prophet of this century, a veritable Elijah, uttering denunciations against Mammonism, Materialism, against idleness, insincerity and infidelity. And his own life, properly understood, is his best gospel, his own self his best gift to us.

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### South African Colonies.

The British-Boer war has led to a general interest being taken in South African affairs, and although much is said in the daily press about it, the readers of the "Review" may not consider it amiss if such an article as this appears within its pages.

When travelling in Cape Colony there are two very different sections of the country which attract considerable notice because of the superiority of the one over the other. The land to the east of Cape Town is well cultivated, while the higher lands are almost entirely given over to pasturing cattle and sheep. The first hundred miles of country from Cape Town north is very similar to that which may be seen in the south-west corner of Ontario, around the Niagara Peninsula. Well-cultivated grain fields, large vineyards, pineapple groves, and orchards of apples, pears and peaches, are seen all along the line, and many are the pleasant retreats among the hills where all is so calm and beautiful. Small villages dot the country over with their little whitewashed stone houses, while their shady trees and thrifty flower and vegetable gardens, give an air of comfort and coziness that seems to be wanting in the higher lands. Springs and streams abound in this part making the irrigation of field and orchard a very easy matter. The fruit industry was begun by Cecil Rhodes, who imported many varieties of trees and vines; this proved such a success that now it may be counted one of the staple industries of the colony. While speaking to a fruit grower I learned that to bring a single fruit tree to a bearing age requires an expenditure of almost £5 (five pounds), a sum much greater than that required in Canada. Jam factories, which turn out a product equal in quality to that of any British establishment, are also numerous here.