We look forward to the publication of the second volume with great interest; in the period with which it deals, we find political questions gradually becoming secondary, while their place is taken by economic problems. The decline of the Roman Empire, which we are accustomed to associate with inroads of the Barbarians, is in a much larger degree due to economic decay within. Here also we shall find lessons for the present day. We venture to express the hope that the second volume will be edited with more care than the first.

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