

for him. There is no boy who will not listen with all the ardour of his soul to strong tales of adventure, and conquest, and exploration. Lastly, if he is a bright boy and at school, guard against his becoming too fond of reading and too neglectful of the vigor which comes from contact with the keen air of every-day life.

The "Ave Maria" sets forth some very striking opinions on the purpose of the world, in its issue of this present month. It says that the antagonism between religion and science, which we used to hear so much about, is apparently almost at an end. It mentions in support of this statement the names of two gentlemen highly placed in the scientific world — Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace and Sir Oliver Lodge. The former in his new book, "The World of Life," expresses the belief that the purpose of the universe is "the education and development of mankind for an enduring spiritual existence." The writer, it is worthy of note, after a long siege of deep science, is ready to retire from life holding out to religion not a venomous missile but a quiet olive branch. The example of two such men as Dr. Wallace and Sir Oliver Lodge ought to be a confirmation the most strengthening to many souls weakening in their fidelity to religion.

In the "Chronicle" of the "America" we notice that some space is given to the recent occurrences which have disturbed a portion of the English London. Towards the end of December, the police learned that a gang in a Houndsditch house was piercing the wall of a jeweller's shop. Four men were shot in interfering with them. In January two of the gang were rounded up in a house at Stepney. They resisted arrest with a hail of bullets. A call for aid brought 1,500 police, the Scots Guards, Field Artillery, and the Home Secretary. A constant fire for six hours — almost as long as the battle of Waterloo — between besiegers and besieged, constituted the new famous "Battle of Stepney." Finally, straw kindled to smoke them out, resulted in the burning of the "fortress" and its inmates; while seven persons among the police and bystanders met their deaths. The pertinent question of the "America" with relation to all this is: "Why does England shoot down these Anarchists when she protects them so long as they wish to operate against other countries only?" A very pertinent question indeed. Why does she? Because, perhaps, they never troubled her before; though hatching all the while infamous designs against the heads of Continental rule.