

**THE SEXUAL QUESTION.** By AUGUST FOREL, M.D., formerly Professor of Psychiatry, Zurich. English adaptation by C. F. MARSHALL, M.D., London. New York: The Rebman Company, 1123 Broadway.

This book comes perilously near being obscene. Publications which are quite as useful and much less offensive have been forbidden the use of the mails. Possibly there are persons who are compelled to read the book,—printers and proof-readers, who are paid by the week. The present reviewer is under no such obligation, and the opinion expressed is based upon the most cursory examination. It must be admitted that there are some fresh obscenities in the book which will interest a perverted mind. Much of the teaching is false and the references to religion are revolting. The comment upon "old bachelors" is particularly cruel. The book is a fine example of that form of exercise which is known as "writing for the fire." O, Science, what indecencies are committed in thy name. The author was formerly Director of the Insane Asylum in Zurich. Possibly there are some of his patients who might be diverted by reading the book.

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