

the third must be sanctioned by the Senate. The Government reserves to itself, in addition, the right of prosecuting the delinquents before the ordinary tribunals, and they will in that case have to submit to the verdict of the jury.

4. BRITISH PERIODICAL LITERATURE.

The general characteristics of these Reviews are well known, and their literary standard is very high—far beyond any publication of the kind we have ever had in America. Many have been the attempts to rival them in this country, and as many the failures; hence the large circulation enjoyed by the American reprints of the Messrs. Leonard Scott & Co.

Of the Reviews, the *Edinburgh* is the oldest. It was established in the beginning of the present century, by the leaders of the Whig party. Brougham, Jeffrey, Sydney Smith, Lord Holland, and others of world-wide reputation, enriched its pages with their racy wit, pungent satire, and judicious critiques. History, Philosophy, Politics, Science, Art, Belles-Lettres—all were here discussed, *ex cathedra*, by master minds, and in the choicest English. A few years later, Macaulay commenced his long series of brilliant essays, shedding additional lustre on it by his unrivalled periods. Stephens published his masterly papers on the Philosophy of History, and the elegant Talfourd became a regular contributor. Still later, Sir William Hamilton, from his comprehensive mind and vast storehouse of learning, showered forth his able discussions on a great variety of topics. Many of the best known works of Whately, Arnold, Whewell, and a host of other luminaries, were first given to the world in the pages of the *Edinburgh*. Lord Brougham, now nearly ninety, if we mistake not, is the only survivor of the original founders of this Review.

The *London Quarterly* was set on foot, by the Conservative or Tory party, a few years after the establishment of the *Edinburgh*; it took up the gauntlet the latter had so defiantly thrown down. Gifford, Southey, and Sir Walter Scott were among its founders, and for years contributed to its success.

The *Westminster Review* was commenced some forty years since by the Liberals. In politics, judiciously liberal; but in religion, the advocate of the most ultra-Rationalism. A most enthusiastic admirer of anything German, it imports its science, a great deal of its literature, and all its philosophy and theology from that cloudy *Doubtland*. One feature particularly attractive to us, at present, is the Review of Contemporary Literature, where we find judicious notices of all the new books published in England, France, Germany, and America, during the previous quarter.

The *North British Review*, established some twenty years ago, as the organ of the Free Church of Scotland, has, from the first, occupied a very high position in British periodical literature. It is not a "religious" journal—as this term is generally understood—perhaps not more so than the *Edinburgh* or the *London*, though it is designed to fill the want so often felt and expressed by Dr. Arnold for books on general subjects, written from a Christian standpoint.—*Charleston Daily News*.

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