

an article with the remarkable title, "The Renaissance of Barbarism," George R. Stetson discusses the increase of crime in the United States. This, and the one which follows on the Education of the Muses, by James P. Munroe, will probably awaken more interest and receive more attention than anything else in the number, though the articles on Matthew Arnold and John Richard Green, by J. W. Hunt and J. Loftis, respectively, are exceptionally able and interesting. Altogether the number is a very excellent one, in which the character of the work is well sustained. The Book Notices and record of Current Events add greatly to the value of the work.

Conscience: A Contribution to Christian Ethics, Being the Eighteenth Fernley Lecture, Delivered at Cambridge, August, 1888. By J. W. Davidson, M.A. London: T. Woolmer, 2 Castle Street, City Road.

Believing thoroughly, with the author of this lecture, that "the true battle-ground with modern scepticism lies in a thorough discussion of man's mental, and especially his moral, nature"—with Dorner, that conscience is one of the most important topics in the whole of Christian ethics, and even in the whole of theology, especially evangelical theology—and with Bishop Sanderson, that "the Christian can never find a more faithful adviser, a more active accuser, a severer witness, a more impartial judge, a sweeter comforter, or a more inexorable enemy," than in this somewhat within us which makes for righteousness,—we heartily welcome this able treatment of a subject of such great apologetic, theological, and practical value.

Information for Authors: Hints and Suggestions concerning all Kinds of Literary Work. By ELEANOR KIRK. For sale by the author, 786 La Fayette Avenue, Brooklyn, N.Y. Pp. 166.

Almost everybody writes for the press now-a-days, and almost all who

do, make serious mistakes, which the information contained in this book would have prevented. The author gives valuable hints on the preparation of MSS., on methods and variety of literary work, on the literary quality of MSS., on book-making, the prices paid by the principal publishers, and a thousand other things that would-be authors want to know. Many Canadian writers find remunerative work in writing for the home and foreign press. We know one whose work is in much request, who wrote in a single year over 1,200 pages the size of this MAGAZINE, in addition to his regular office work. To all writers for the press this book will prove very helpful.

The People's Bible. By JOSEPH PARKER, D.D. Vol. XV. in the series; Vol. IX., O.T.; 1 Chron. x.-2 Chron. xx. New York: Funk & Wagnalls. Toronto: William Briggs. 8vo, cloth. Price \$1.50.

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1588-1888: *The Tercentenary of England's Great Victory over Spain and the Invincible Armada.* By the REV. JAMES LITTLE, M.A. Toronto: William Briggs; and Methodist Book Rooms, Montreal and Halifax. Price 75 cents.

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