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## Periodicals.

Harper's Bazar for Aug. 14th, 1896, contains: "Women and Politics;" the usual "Fashions;" interesting articles such as: "A Paradise for Students;" "Women and Men;" "Music;" "Household Furniture and Decoration," etc.; besides a further instalment of "Bound in Shallows," by Eva Wilder Brodhead.

"Hjaltland," the Norse appellation for the Isles of Shetland, by Colonel T. Pilkington White, is the subject of the first article in The Scottish Review, for July, which is followed by Art. II., entitled "Serapis—A Study in Religions," by F. Legge; "Universities of Europe in the Middle Ages," by J. Wells; "The Asiatics in America," by C. R. Conder, LL.D., M.R.A.S., Major R.E.; "Scotland Under the Roundheads," by James Colville; "Christiana, Queen of Sweden," by the Rev. R. S. Mylne, M.A., B.C.L., F.S.A. Summaries of Foreign Reviews and Contemporary Literature. This number well sustains the reputation of this admirable magazine.

Blackwood's for August commences with "A Strange Episode in the Life of Mayor-General Sir James Browne, K.C.S.I., C.B., R.E." related by himself. The titles of other papers in the number are:—"The Cemetery of the Lilies: A tale of the Jesuits," by H. M. Dziewicki; "Robert Burns;" "An Excursion in the Atlas Mountains," by Walter B. Harris; further instalments of "An Uncrowned King: A Romance of High Politics;" "Some German Novels;" "An Admirable Bandit: A Story of Escanilla," by Mrs. J. Gladwyn Jebb; "Through Touraine on Wheels," by Sir Herbert Maxwell, Bart., M.P.; and "England's Duty in South Africa: A Study on the Ground," with map, by A. Michie, who concludes his able article with an opinion that "South Africa requires first of all that the British Government shall definitely assert its authority there. This is the desire of Boer and Kaffir alike. Secondly, efficient machinery to execute the will of the Government, having as its head a competent representative always in evidence in Africa, a real High Commissioner, shielded from every influence save that of the Crown. . . . But the Queen's representative who shall wield this imperial authority in South Africa must have no Downing Street scheme given him to work out, like that which crushed the best man ever sent to Africa—after Sir George Gray—nor must he have a task put upon him which man of woman born could never yet perform—that of serving two masters

A paper of great interest entitled "Mr. Balfour and his Critics," by Professor Seth, appears in the August Contemporary Review. The Professor writes that "the philosophical student can hardly fail to remark the striking resemblance of Mr. Balfour's mode of argument to the transcendental methods of Kant, and the affinity of his conclusions to those of Kant's idealistic successors. In saying this, it is far from my intention to deprecate the freshness and independence of Mr. Balfour's treatment; on the contrary, he has, I think, accomplished a remarkable feat in working his way from a different starting point, and to a large extent by a different route to his fundamental argument." Other articles in the issue are:—"Home Rule and the Irish Party," by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P., who writes from a Nationalist's standpoint; "The Autonomy of Labour," by H. W. Wolff; "The Caliph and his Duties," by Ahmed Riza Bey; "Nitragin: A New Advance in Agriculture," by C. M. Aikman, D.Sc.; "The Orange Society," by Michael MacDonagh; "Passing Through Fire," by Andrew Lang; "Living in Community: A Sketch of Moravian Anabaptism," by Richard Heath; "La Saisiaz in 1895," by Taylor Innes; "The Book of the Dead," by J. Hunt Cooke; "Musical Snap-Shots," by H. R. Haweis, and "Money and Investments," the writer of which appears to be ignorant of the facts that most of the so-called American securities are not based on any real security at all, that the United States, as a whole, are virtually bankrupt, consequently it is utter folly for European investors to hold any bonds or stocks issued in the United States.

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