

In the *Quarterly Review*, just received from Mr. Murray, appear four review-articles, viz., the last volumes of Mr. Lecky's "History of England," Döllinger's "Studies in European History," Mr. Reid's "Life of Lord Houghton," and "The Life and Letters of Adam Sedgwick." In reading the last-named our readers will do well to turn back to the article on Professor Sedgwick in a recent *CHURCHMAN*, by Canon Carus, and also to Dr. Plummer's paper in this magazine touching Döllinger's Lectures on Louis XIV. and Madame Maintenon. The *Quarterly* is right, we think, in saying that Döllinger "rates too highly the Stoic pride which made Louis XIV. play with such admirable dignity the part of the King." "Ethics of the Day," "The New Code and Free Education," and "The Elevation of the Working Class," are very readable and helpful.

In *Blackwood* "A Tale of a Secret Mission" is concluded, and "Lord Brabourne on the Parnell Imbrogio" is admirable. "The Problem of the Slums," a well-meaning paper, hardly up to *Blackwood's* standard, rather too readily endorses General Booth's figures.

In *The Church Sunday School Magazine* appears the paper in a recent *CHURCHMAN*, "Reminiscences of a Country Parson." The *Guardian*, in noticing the *Sunday School Magazine*, remarks: "The 'Reminiscences' are not only entertaining, but afford food for thought."

The Prayer Book, with Plain Song and appropriate Music, edited by Dr. Monk (W. Clowes and Sons), a very interesting work, will be noticed in our next number.



THE MONTH.

THE death of Archbishop Thomson has left a great blank; and those who knew best the strength and nobility of his character, and who, moreover, perceive the perils of the Church just now, most deeply lament his loss, and the sermons of Bishop Thorold and Archdeacon Blakeney will, we hope, be published.

The *Record* says:

Dr. Thomson's death robs the Church of a leader it can ill spare. For the Archbishop, despite his decided Protestantism, was no party man. He ruled his diocese with vigour and with vigilance, and if he seemed to ignore the claims of any, it may be taken for granted that he did not stay his hand without inquiry and full knowledge.

The Archbishop's hold over the rugged and often impracticable natures of the Yorkshire working-men was really remarkable. It is very doubtful whether any other prelate has ever been so popular with artisans. Yet he never wheedled or flattered them, and he never spared their vices. The Working-men's Meetings at the Church Congress were the Archbishop's idea, and no speaker was more popular at them.

With very general approval Dr. Magee, Bishop of Peterborough, succeeds to York. Sheffield, we hope, will become a city.