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The revenues of the government have decreased some fifty million dollars in twelve months. For the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1885, the net revenue was \$348,519,000. Secretary McCullough estimated that for the year ending 30th June, 1885, the receipts would be \$360,000,000. But the first nine months gave but \$240,000,000. So the probability is that the three closing months of the fiscal year will not bring the revenues to more than \$300,000,000, which is less than they have been in six years. The surplus will, therefore, be small, and that class of Congressmen (and we always mean in using this term members of both Houses) that are on the anxious seat lest they should not get away with the surplus, need not give themselves much care as to voting it away for educational or other purposes.

Not only is the planting of trees being daily observed by many of the States and "arbor days" are appointed to that end, but the preservation of the forests is also being considered by the Legislature. Last week the Legislature of New York passed what is known as "The Forest Preservation Bill." It is a timely and

useful bill and no doubt will be generally approved throughout that great State. Three commissioners are to be appointed but will receive no pay beyond ordinary expenses. Among other features of the bill is the following: "Every railroad company whose road passes through waste or forest lands liable to be overrun by fire within the State is required twice each year to cut or burn from its right of way all grass or other inflammable material, and must also use some means to prevent the escape of fire from its locomotives."

An able article in the Nineteenth Century, said to be written by a gifted living female novelist of England, deals plainly with George Killot's dangerous and onerous course in the Lewis alliance. The writer says, and with both point and truth: "The idea of her genius had not dawned. That she possessed boundless possibilities of doing good to men and of touching hearts that no divine and no philosopher could reach, was still at 35 a secret to herself. At first she was astonished that anybody who was not superstitious could find fault with her. To deny herself to old friends, to earn with the pen an income for her whose place she took, to pass among strangers by a name which was not her due all this did not seem to her a high price for the happiness of a home. She urged with pathetic gravity that she knew what she was losing. She did not know it. Ostensibly she was resigning a small group of friends and an obscure position in literature. What she really sacrificed was Westminster Abbey, the foremost rank among the women of her time and a tomb in Westminster Abbey."

The United States are large purchasers of foreign wool. In 1884 they imported 66,729,070 pounds, Russia furnishing 13,414,000. So the wool interests are involved in the much talked of war between Russia and England. The British Empire supplied this country with 28,169,000 pounds.

The Wake Forest Student for May contains ten contributions and numerous editorials. Among the contributed articles are "Extracts from a Diary of Dr. Samuel Wait," "Scrapes from Johns Hopkins University," "In the Roanoke Bottoms," "Illustrations of Modern Superstition" and "William Shakespeare." Price \$1.50 a year.

The Floral Cabinet for May has matter that will interest a certain class of readers. It is a magazine of floriculture and domestic art. Price \$1.25 a year. Ladies Floral Cabinet Company, publishers 23 Vesey Street, New York.

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