

THE MONSTROUS REGIMEN OF VIRTUE.

Sir—An English firm of publishers is offering to English readers a translation of the works of one Friedrich Nietzsche, a modern-day would-be "regenerator of society." His panacea for all woes is unlimited sinfulness, and he employed a powerfully acute reasoning power to establish and recommend his system. His highest man is "the man of his own independent long will." . . . "Wickedness is man's best strength. Man must become better and more wicked, so I teach. The greatest wickedness is necessary to the best of the over-man. It might be good for that preacher of little people that he suffered and bore the sins of man. But I rejoice in great sins as my great consolation. . . . What is bad? All that proceeds from weakness. The weak and ill-constituted shall perish: first principle of our charity. And people shall help them to do so. What is more injurious than any crime? Practical sympathy for all the ill-constituted and weak—Christianity."

Such are a few examples of this writer's teachings. He himself now is very properly, seeing he lives in a land of some order, in a madhouse, but his books are to be let loose to make more fools. It would seem that we have those of this creed in prominent places already among us, and certainly the determined attitude of the purely secular State and School Party seems to show that a considerable section of this community hold with this poor crazy creature that "morality is anti-natural" and Christianity worse than a crime.

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