

is pitifully weak. He would abolish poverty through "efficiently organized and intelligently directed trade-unionism," minimum wage legislation and "a comprehensive system of social insurance." He must learn better than that before he may reasonably hope to bring the quality of economic teaching at Johns Hopkins up to the standard of the average soapbox orator. But even many well posted soapbox orators had to pass through the stage at which Professor Hollander has arrived. So it is not unreasonable to look for further progress by him. s. d.

### THE SAVING QUALITY OF LIBERTY.

**War's Aftermath.** By David Starr Jordan and Harvey Ernest Jordan. Published by Houghton, Mifflin Company, Boston. 1914. Price, 75 cents net.

In this little volume of 103 pages an attempt is made to prove from actual conditions in our Southern States Professor Jordan's contention that war takes the best, and leaves the inferior to breed the next generation. The gathering of data has been done with every evidence of fairness, and the deductions seem to be free from specious reasoning; yet the thought occurs to one familiar with conditions in the South that the authors have chosen an unfortunate example, in that Civil War conditions were not typical.

To sustain his contention—and there is no intention here of questioning it in the slightest degree—Professor Jordan should have gathered his data from fields that remained after the war substantially the same as they were before the war. That is to say, countries should have been selected where other influences as great or greater than the war were not at work. The Civil War was to the South all that it has been pictured; but the social and economic upheaval that followed was greater and more far-reaching in its effects than the war itself.

The war did take the best, just as Professor Jordan says, but it was the best of a class; and while robbing this class of its best it liberated another class, the "poor whites." Prior to the war the "poor white" class had no opportunity. It was not wanted for labor, because of slavery; it was not wanted in the professions, for the slave-owners monopolized them; and it was not wanted socially. Hence, it existed, a sturdy but undeveloped stock, on the outskirts of civilization. The same war that freed the black people freed these poor whites. They pressed forward into the places made vacant by the upper class, entering the professions, taking charge of the business, and even marrying into the old families. All this had its effect upon the present generation. The children undoubtedly are different, but it would be a bold man who should conclude that because of that

difference the young men and the young women of the South today are one whit inferior to those of sixty years ago. There may be a little less reverence for old family names, a little less superficial polish, and a little less of the grandiloquence of ante-bellum days; but for downright worth of manhood and womanhood they surpass the preceding generation.

If Professor Jordan has been unfortunate in selecting an example to prove that war works to the detriment of the race, he has unwittingly demonstrated the importance of liberty and opportunity. If the stimulus incident to a partial restoration of normal social and industrial conditions is sufficient to overcome the blighting effects of war, what will not full liberty and full opportunity do for all society? s. c.

### POLITICAL NURSERY RHYMES.

**Swollen-Headed William.** Painful Stories and Funny Pictures After the German. Text Adopted by E. V. Lucas. Published by E. P. Dutton & Co., New York. Price, 50 cents net.

One familiar with the German nursery rhymes of which the first is Shock-Headed Peter (Struvel Peter) may enjoy adaptations of them as satires on the Kaiser in English verse—provided his pro-German sympathies do not make him sensitive. The quaint drawings of the original are made over into cartoons in which the Kaiser appears as Swollen-Headed William in place of Shock-Headed Peter, Cruel Frederick, Pauline who played with matches, the Inky Boys, the Wild Huntsman, Conrad Suck-His-Thumb, Augustus who would not eat soup, Fidgety Philip and Johnny Head in Air. But it does not seem probable that the book can be fully appreciated, even by those not favorably inclined toward the Kaiser's cause, unless they are acquainted with the original. s. d.

"Why is he so bitter at the girl he was only recently engaged to?"

"Because when she sent the ring back she labeled the box, 'Glass—with care!'"—Lippincott's Magazine.

First he bought a bale of cotton, to help out the starving farmers of the South.

Then he bought a bale of poetry, to help out the starving poets.

Finally he bought a bale of securities, to help out the starving brokers of Wall street.

That ended it, however.

"I know when I've got enough!" he exclaimed, with a baleful look.—Life.

When Professor Wendell of Harvard entered upon his sabbatical year he remained in Cambridge some weeks after his leave of absence began and persisted