



SHE "VIEWS WITH ALARM!"

The G. O. P.—O, you wicked bad boy, William Jennings Bryan! tempting my poor little Theodore out into the deep water! Don't you follow him an inch farther, Teddy, or I'll go crazy!

of the three big insurance companies. The most fortunate of them all is John A. McCall, who died after but a few months of intense mental suffering. James W. Alexander is wrecked in mind and body. Richard A. McCurdy no longer dares to mingle with his former associates and friends. He knows that everybody who recognizes him points to him as a violator of trust, a greedy robber of widows and orphans. And Depew? No more public dinners; no more interviews in the press; no more boards of directors listening to his sallies of wit; no more orations in the Senate. Has John D. Rockefeller come through his ordeal unscathed? Let no one imagine it.—New York Evening Post.

## BOOKS

### LABOR LEGISLATION.

**Some Ethical Gains Through Legislation.** By Florence Kelley, General Secretary of the National Consumers' League. Published by Macmillan and Company, New York and London.

In spite of our varying opinions about the real source of our industrial troubles, and in spite of our pet remedies therefor, we would better have a look

at Mrs. Kelley's book. The author is an undoubted authority on her subject—factory and sweat-shop labor of women and children. She tells us many facts about conditions; she relates these local and class facts to the national and universal situation, and she persistently and enthusiastically offers her cure—legislation. The vivid glimpse into the glass-bottle factory with its night-shifts of children, the terrible speed of the machine stitchers who "wear out" so soon, the danger of smallpox in Montana from a Chicago sweat-shop,—these terrible facts it is our duty to know. Over-long working hours and irregular rest-periods are provably the cause of tuberculosis, of the much-cried disruption of the home, and of inert minds ready to fall into the clutches of the nearest corrupt politician. The right of the child to freedom from drudgery, of the adult to regular and sufficient leisure, of woman to the ballot to help her enforce these demands,—of all these Mrs. Kelley convinces us anew.

As to the author's remedy, we may be lukewarm. We may be certain that the only basal reform is the abolition of the tariff, the trusts, the private monopoly, the individual ownership of land, or what not. Detailed legislation against child-labor, or any other industrial evil, may seem like issuing petty orders about how to kill less cruelly, instead of rendering

the murderer powerless to kill at all. We may ask, Why not stop the starving need of the people whom now their necessity makes willing to accept such work, rather than try to compel the factory owners to be good? Why not prevent the getting of power instead of giving commands about what not to do with it when gotten? However that may be, no one denies that knowledge of facts is the first step toward reform; and that legislation attempted or successful, calls widespread attention to conditions. Most assuredly, whatever our views of the ultimate cause and the only real cure, Mrs. Kelley's careful statement of the case, industrially and legally, and her emphatic opinion regarding specific legislative and judicial remedies, attract and demand respectful attention.

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## BOOKS RECEIVED

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—*Metamorphose*. Involving Regeneration of Individual and Race, and also the Solution of the great Problem of Poverty. By Orlando K. Fitzsimmons. Published by the Progress Publishing Company, Chicago and Buffalo; and by C. D. Cazenove, 5 Henrietta St., Covent Garden, London. To be reviewed.

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## PAMPHLETS

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### The Philippine Question.

The Philippine question should not be ignored or forgotten. It will not allow itself to be forgotten, perhaps, but there is danger that the democratic sentiment of this country, confused with many other questions, may ignore it until paternalistic doctrines and greedy land grabbers have added new difficulties to its solution. This danger may be easily avoided by keeping in circulation such pamphlets as Moorfield Storey's (Boston) speech on the subject before the Congressional committee on insular affairs made last April. Interspersed with questions by committeemen and answers by Mr. Storey, this speech is extremely valuable as a brief elucidation of the subject.

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## PERIODICALS

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An exceedingly valuable paper by S. E. Forman receives first place in the "Bulletin of the Bureau of Labor" (Department of Commerce and Labor, Washington) for May. It is a statistical inquiry into "conditions of living among the poor," the statistics having been obtained from 19 intelligent and thrifty families of the working poor in Washington. Mr. Forman infers that "after the rent has been paid and food has been bought the very poor have but little left for anything else," and he justifies his inference. Notable features of the paper are the fact that rent considerably exceeds a 10 per cent. basis of profit on actual capitalized value, and that the property is considerably under-assessed for taxation. Another valuable report in this issue of the Bulletin relates to the benefit features of British trade unions.

THE SENSATION OF THE YEAR

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