

Independent School of Political Economy

A BUNCH OF NEW BOOKS.

The Director recently received from Charles H. Kerr & Co., Chicago, a number of books on socialism, which have been listed and are ready to be loaned to members of the school. The deposit in each case is the retail price of the book. Borrower may keep the book thirty days and will then prepay postage on to the next reader, whose name and address will be furnished by The Director; or borrower is then entitled to a refund of 90 per cent of his deposit; or it may be used as deposit for a new book. When the books are fully paid for in this way they become "free" books (the same as donations) and borrowers are required simply to pay postage on to the next reader. The new volumes are:

137. The Ethics of Socialism, by E. Belfort Bax. Cloth, 220 pp.; \$1. The Westminster Review calls Bax "by all odds the ablest of the British exponents of socialism."

138. The French Revolution, by E. Belfort Bax. Cloth, 119 pp.; \$1. Designed primarily as a guide to those who, not having the time to study larger works on the subject, yet wish during these centennial years to have in a small compass a connected description of the main events of the French revolution.

139. Revolution and Counter Revolution, by Karl Marx. Cloth, 148 pp.; \$1. A compilation by the author's daughter, Eleanor Marx Aveling, in 1896, of a series of articles written for the New York Tribune in 1851 and 1852.

140. Overproduction and Crises, by Karl Rodbertus. Cloth, 140 pp.; \$1. Introduction by Prof. John B. Clark of Columbia University. Kerr & Co. say this is "a socialist solution, published in 1851, of a problem which is baffling orthodox economists today." This volume will be of interest to those who read carefully the address of Chancellor Andrews on socialism before the Nebraska State Bar association early last winter.

141. Ferdinand La Salle, by Edward Bernstein. Cloth, \$1. A valuable historical work touching upon La Salle as a social reformer.

142. Work and Wages, by Thorold Rogers. Cloth, 206 pp.; \$1. This is eight chapters taken from Prof. Rogers' larger work entitled "Six Centuries of Work and Wages" and "shows that the real wages of the laborer, as measured by his standard of living, are actually lower now than in the fifteenth century."

143. Condition of the Working Class in England in 1844, by Frederick Engels. Cloth, 300 pp.; \$1.25. A social study of the highest importance. Kerr & Co. say "the reader cannot fail to note the analogy between conditions in England in 1844 and in South Carolina today."

144. The Evolution of Property, by Paul Lafargue. Cloth, 174 pp.; \$1. Covers the evolution of property from savagery to civilization and shows that our present system, "far from being eternal and unchangeable, is really a recent innovation and contains within itself the germs of a better civilization that is to follow."

145. The Student's Marx, by Dr. Edward Aveling. Cloth, 180 pp.; \$1. This is an introduction and an aid to the study of Karl Marx's "Capital."

146. Bismarck and State Socialism, by W. H. Dawson. Cloth, 170 pp.; \$1. An historical work giving an exposition of the social and economic legislation of Germany since 1870.

148. Communist Manifesto, by Karl Marx and Frederick Engels. Cloth, 64 pp.; 50 cents. Written in 1848, and has been translated into every European language. Considered "beyond comparison the most important political document ever issued." For the benefit of our single tax friends it may not be amiss to state that Marx and Engels advocate a number of measures "which appear economically insufficient and untenable, but which, in the course of the movement, outstrip themselves, necessitate further inroads upon the old social order, and are unavoidable as a means of entirely revolutionizing the mode of production," and the first measure mentioned is:

"Abolition of property in land and application of all rents of land to public purposes."

150. Collectivism and Industrial Evolution, by Emile Vandervelde, member of the Belgian chamber of deputies; translated by Charles H. Kerr. Cloth, 199 pp.; 50 cents.

151. Socialism—Utopian and Scientific, by Frederick Engels. Cloth, 87 pp.; 50 cents.

151. The Origin of the Family, by Frederick Engels. Cloth, 217 pp.; 50 cents.

153. Karl Marx; Biographical Me-

moirs, by Wilhelm Liebknecht. Cloth, 181 pp.; 50 cents.

THE WORKINGMAN AND SOCIAL PROBLEMS.

149. This book is by Rev. Charles Steizle, of St. Louis, Mo., and from the press of Fleming H. Revell Co., 62 Washington st., Chicago. Cloth, 166 pp.; 75 cents. The author says in the preface:

"During recent years many earnest men and women have surrendered lives of comparative luxury and given themselves to study and to work in settlement and city mission, in order to see and feel the actual conditions of the toilers in shop and tenement."

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OUR GOVERNMENT—WHAT IS IT?

Dr. W. P. Brooks, Cook, Neb., has The Director's thanks for a copy of this little pamphlet, which was printed nearly ten years ago and before any copies were circulated the entire edition was destroyed by fire. The doctor takes up the federal constitution and devotes considerable good, hard sense to a discussion of the preamble, the powers granted to congress and those retained by the states or the people. Two of the best things in the little book are his "Distribution of Wealth," a reply to Professor Van Buren Denslow, who in the "New York Truth Seeker" referred to the Declaration of Independence as "a lie;" and Dr. Brooks' "Government Can Make Money," a reply to Col. Robert G. Ingersoll, goes to the meat of the money question and makes the great orator-infidel lool like three free silver dimes. Dr. Brooks might well bring this book down to date and republish it—as there are none in existence except the copy now before The Director.

LITERARY NOTE.

One of the new Macmillan importations is a volume on the Rise and Fall of the Anabaptists. Herein Mr. E. Belfort Bax concludes his series of three volumes on the Social Side of the Reformation in Germany. The two former volumes, German Society at the Close of the Middle Ages, and The Peasants' War in Germany, 1525-1526, were favorably received by scholars and students of history, especially the first volume of the series. Anabaptism was essentially a German product and did not take root in the Latin countries. Mr. Bax, who is one of the English authorities on socialism, considers that this tremendous upheaval of the disinherited classes at the close of the middle ages, that is, anabaptism, has not been sufficiently appreciated by the average historian. He here aims to present the subject in a fairly complete outline; he even devotes several chapters to The Anabaptist Movement in England.

A writer in describing the different lines of reform and the various methods proposed to lessen the misery in the world says of one of them: "A system in which there can be no private ownership of the means or implements of production, in which no private enterprise for profit can be conducted, in which the government must make all and distribute all, in which the government must print all newspapers and publish all books, in which the government must say in what calling a person will engage and deprive both young and old of the choice of pursuits, must necessarily be so subversive of nob! ambition and what has always been regarded as the fundamental rights of man, that it can never succeed until a deplorable change has occurred in the very nature of the race."

Every day the Wall street journals announce a new low level for stocks. The London quotation for U. S. Steel, common stock, has sunk to 32. The Wall street idea that inflation of national bank notes to a billion to be based on "assets" will raise the price of their watered stocks, grows as the days go by, but it never will.



DEL MAR'S History Precious Metals, \$3; Hist. Money, \$2; Hist. Monetary Crimes, 75c; Science of Money, \$1; Hist. Money in America, \$1.50; Hist. Money China, 50c; Hist. Money Netherlands, 50c. CAMBRIDGE PRESS, Box 150, M. S., New York.

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