

THE FILIPINOS

Written for THE CONSERVATIVE.

Said McKinley: "Send a vessel
Big war vessel, fully manned;
For the islands we must wrestle
We must claim this foreign land.
Those poor natives need good teachers,
To point out the way to Heaven;
Fill the vessel well with preachers,
God to us this work has given;
Missionaries, be not mum!
Filipinos, here they come!"

Then said angry General Otis:
"People! Yellow, brown, and black,
Listen! I will give you notice,
Now we're here, we shan't go back.
Soon you'll see a ship appearing
Soldiers, preachers all on board;
'Twixt the two they'll make a clearing
With the Bible and the sword!
Missionaries, Guns, Suceumb
Filipinos, here they come!"

Said the Liquor trust: "We'll follow;
Here's a chance to make a pile!
In this vessel, big and hollow,
We will store our sirups vile.
Those doomed natives! What with pray-
ing,
Preaching, drinking, sense bereft,
What with wounding and with slaying,
There'll be nothing of them left!
Missionaries, Guns, and Rum—
Filipinos, here they come!"

—ELIZABETH E. EVANS.

NAMED.

The Tampa Her-
ald of Mr. J. D.

Calhoun in a recent issue remarks:

"In reply to Mr. J. Sterling Morton's request to The Herald to name some trusts or corporations that should be exterminated, we will suggest the Standard Oil Company first—because it is the most powerful and best known organization of the kind in the country—because Mr. Morton had it in mind and cited it as governed by enlightened selfishness and possessed of reason. We venture the suggestion that enlightened selfishness is never a good quality, and that the possession of reason is not necessarily a virtue. The Standard Oil Company began its career by some consolidations and some destructions. It used the foulest means to destroy competitors whom it could not swallow or buy. It bribed officials and bought legislators. It crushed out of business the private individual who deals in oils bought from other producers than itself. It took control of producing oil fields and procured favoritism by railroad managers so that other fields controlled or owned by other people could not get their products to market in competition with it. It bought seats in the United States senate for its members and its friends. It has swindled the states out of taxes. In short there is not a commercial crime on the calendar which it has not committed. There is not a director on its long roll who does not deserve and has not earned confinement for life at hard labor behind grated bars. To this day it defies the courts of the country and refuses to obey their orders in even so

simple a thing as to allow its employees and books to be produced in court."

Enlightened selfishness is the stimulant of every successful person or corporation. It is the selfish who do not think that endanger themselves, their neighbors and the country.

The Standard Oil Company reduces the price of oil to every consumer in the United States to a lower figure than coal oil was ever purchased before the Standard Oil Company existed.

It is Mr. Calhoun's duty as an editor and good citizen to name instances of "foulest means" used by the Standard Oil Company to "destroy its competitors" and to specify who was destroyed and where and when. The man who has knowledge of a crime and conceals it is no better than the criminal.

Again, Mr. Calhoun, speaking of the Standard Oil Company, declares that it "bribed officials and bought legislators." But when, where, how, and for what? Please name, specify and describe.

It controlled railroads; when, where and through whom?

"It bought seats in the United States senate;" for whom, when and in what states and why?

What states has it swindled out of taxes? And why did the states permit the swindles? Name any and all such states.

"There is not a commercial crime on the calendar which the Standard Oil Company has not committed." THE CONSERVATIVE calls for the calendar and a specification of times and places where it has been violated by the Standard Oil Company.

"There is not a director on its long roll who does not deserve and has not earned confinement for life at hard labor behind grated bars."

Will Mr. Calhoun kindly furnish THE CONSERVATIVE and the general public with the nomenclature of the gigantic culprits he finds in the Standard Oil directory? We desire to expose and punish such men as he so pungently depicts.

Again Mr. Calhoun remarks of this society of oleaginous pirates:

"That it has enslaved and robbed the people is evident by the immense fortunes its leading magnates have acquired. The possession of the money they have accumulated is a confession of guilt. The five or six hundred million dollars they possess have been taken by the cent and the half cent from millions of people. They have robbed the beggar of a little crumb of his crust, as well as the rich man of a few dollars."

Is the fact that money, wealth or capital is found in a corporation conclusive evidence of guilt? According to Mr. Calhoun all the honest corporations are in the hands of receivers. But the truth that every consumer of kerosene is getting cheaper oil than ever it was purchased prior to the Standard

Oil Company still stands and is unabashed. It is easy to make sweeping statements. Will it be as easy for Colonel Calhoun to make specific ones, to particularize the crimes and name the criminals whom he asserts adhere to the Standard Oil company? Let him file his bill of particulars. Give the American people a perfect presentation of the pirates and the piracies which are so graphically portrayed. Either do this or plead ignorance, malevolence or cowardice for not doing it, and we are confident that Colonel Calhoun can not be justly charged with either. He is always trying to tell the truth, however much impediment may seemingly interfere with his veracity; and his knowledge and courage are proverbial.

LEPROSY.

In a recently reported interview Colonel William Jennings Bryan is made to remark, relative to possible republican recruits and probable democratic prodigals:

"Next year will see more men drawn out of the republican party than ever before in any one year. Not only that, but we will bring back many who left us in '96. Those who knew why they went out and left us when the battle line was drawn up against plutocracy will not and ought not to come back. We do not want them to come back, for they would be as leprosy in the side of the party."

How "more men are to be drawn out of the republican party" and annexed to the expanding-of-the-currency party next year, than were ever drawn out before "in any one year" is not explained. It is only a prophecy. And will be bound in the same volume with the prophecies made by Bryan in 1896.

"We will bring back many who left us in '96."

But those "who knew why they went out" will not and ought not to come back. Those who went out without knowing why Bryan will welcome back. But those who think and act knowingly "would be a leprosy in the side of the party" if they should come back.

THE CONSERVATIVE publishes the above to merely assure Colonel Bryan that he and his household of populism need go to no expense in vaccinating against such "leprosy," nor need they take any antiseptic preventives. There are organisms which a self-respecting disease can never enter. And a party that has been afflicted with sixteen-toneness and anti-government by injunction and doctored by Bryan, Butler, Jones, Watson & Company ought to be immune.

A dental authority declares that it is not uncommon at the present time to find infants with decayed teeth and girls of fourteen or sixteen wearing artificial teeth.